

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of June 27, 2019  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman  
Sean Gallagher  
Mary Kortmann  
Kelly Sobol

Board Members Absent:

William Oros, Secretary  
Frank Infante

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience members present: Stephen Merlino, CHS Assistant Principal; Melissa Rood, CHS Chorus Teacher; Matt Maynes, CHS Track Assistant Coach; Ryan Giberson, CHS Baseball coach; members of the baseball team; members of the CHS chorus; parents; and children.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

Christina Williams, Ripley Hill Road, said she was present to ask the Board to take a vote to admit her daughter, Juliet, to kindergarten a year early. She reviewed the law and also her daughter's history, and the assessments that were given by the Coventry Grammar School.

Cindy Prescott, of Babcock Hill, was present to speak on behalf of her granddaughter asking that she be allowed to start kindergarten early.

Two of the Williams children spoke.

Ann Gilnack of 85 Margaret Lane in Glastonbury, she said she runs a preschool as part of her daycare program, which Juliet Williams has attended. She spoke on behalf of Juliet beginning kindergarten a year early.

Dana Williams of Ripley Hill Road, spoke on behalf of his granddaughter, Juliet Williams to attend kindergarten a year early.

Annette Mitchell, was present to speak on behalf of her granddaughter, Juliet Williams, to attend kindergarten a year early.

Mr. Vinkels said he was present to say that we have great staff at the schools and a great Superintendent. He commended the Board of Education for the work they are doing.

#### **IV. Report of Superintendent**

Dr. Petrone talked events and happenings taking place around the district.

##### **IV.A. Recognition: CHS Chorus Participation in the Music Festival/Adjudication with Melissa Rood, CHS Chorus Teacher**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Rood, who was present with some of her chorus students who were recognized at a festival they attended in Pennsylvania. Ms. Rood talked about the group and their amazing talent.

J. Beausoleil noted the great job they did at graduation as well.

##### **IV.B. Recognition: CT High School Coaches Association Assistant Track Coach of the Year - Matt Maynes**

Dr. Petrone recognized Matt Maynes, as the Assistant Track Coach of the Year.

E. Marchand congratulated Mr. Maynes for his hard work.

Mr. Maynes said a few words about his experience as a coach in Coventry.

J. Beausoleil said you represent the phenomenal coaching staff that we have in Coventry.

##### **IV.C. Recognition: CHS Baseball Team Class S State Championship and Coach Ryan Giberson as the NCCC Coach of the Year**

Dr. Petrone noted that the team captured the Class S State Championship and also that Coach Giberson was named the NCCC Coach of the Year.

Coach Giberson said a few words, thanking the other coaches, parents, and students.

E. Marchand said he really enjoyed watching the baseball team this year. He commended Coach Giberson on his coaching. He said the influence these coaches have on the players will go far beyond high school.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

**V.A. Accept the Resignation of Courtney Haskell, CGS Teacher**

**V.B. Accept the Resignation of Kurt Johnson, CHS Teacher**

**MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **VI. Report of Chairman**

J. Beausoleil gave great accolades to the staff for an outstanding year. She noted how wonderful graduation was.

#### **VII. Communications**

J. Beausoleil mentioned the Spring Facilities Project document that was attached and was provided to the Town Finance Committee.

## **VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes**

### **VIII.A. Approve Minutes of June 13, 2019**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 13, 2019**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **IX. Old Business**

### **IX.A. Information: Spring Facilities Project Update**

Dr. Petrone reviewed the projects that are currently taking place.

### **IX.B. VOTE: To Adopt the Final FY2019-2020 Budget**

J. Beausoleil said this is a final adoption of the budget that was passed at referendum.

M. Kortmann said the numbers have been tried up; for example non-union employee contracts have been finalized and entered since the budget went to referendum.

J. Beausoleil said this does not affect the bottom line.

**MOTION: To adopt the final FY2020 budget that was passed at referendum**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: K. Sobol**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **X. Report of Board Members**

### **X.A. Information: Student BOE Representative Interviews**

E. Marchand said the four students interviewed were amazing. He said he and Mr. Oros were so impressed with the group. He added any one of these students would have been an outstanding representative.

He announced that Nicholas Cabral would be the 19-20 representative.

### **X.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report of June 27, 2019 Meeting**

Mr. Carroll said there is one more payroll to process. He added we are poised to finish the year with roughly \$72,000. He said they would earmark \$10,921 to address the shortfall the Town will experience as a result in the reduction in expected ECS funds. He said there will be a request for the remaining \$60,000 to be transferred to the 1% non-lapsing account.

#### **X.B.1. Possible VOTE: Transfer to the 1% Non-Lapsing Account**

J. Beausoleil reviewed the guidelines of the 1% of the non-lapsing account.

M. Kortmann asked that the reason for the \$10,921 shortfall the Town will experience be noted. Dr. Petrone said he would add, "This reduction is due to an overpayment of excess cost reimbursement funds from the State of Connecticut."

**MOTION: To give authorization to the Superintendent to send a letter of request to the Town Council to move \$60,000 of FY19 unexpended funds into the Board's 1% non-lapsing account; if the actual funds are more or less than \$60,000, the amount transferred should be adjusted accordingly.**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: July 25, 2019