

Coventry Public Schools
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of July 25, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairman
William Oros, Secretary
Sean Gallagher
Kelly Sobol

Absent Board Members:

Frank Infante
Mary Kortmann

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Joan Lewis, Town Council Chair; Town Council Members, Carolyn Arabolos and Jon Hand; John Elsesser, Town Manager; Tim Sadler from ENCON; Coventry Microgrid LLC Representatives; Mark Ballou from World Energy; other citizens.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

Christina Williams, 436 Ripley Hill Road, was present to discuss her request to have her daughter bypass preschool and go on to Kindergarten.

Richard Williams, Wrights Mill Road, was present to request a vote take place regarding Christina William's daughter bypassing preschool.

J. Beausoleil reviewed what has taken place so far regarding evaluating this student and that the recommendation for the early entrance has been denied. She said no Board members have requested the addition of this item to an agenda.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed various projects happening in the district.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept resignation of Elizabeth Carroll, CNH Teacher

V.B. Accept resignation of Yolanda Ortiz, Custodian

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: K. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil discussed upcoming summer events in the district.

VII. Communications

J. Beausoleil noted the attached letter, a response to Mrs. Williams denying her request that the Board vote to let her daughter start kindergarten a year early.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of June 27, 2019

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 27, 2019

By: S. Gallagher

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Old Business

IX.A. Information: Facilities Projects Update

IX.A.1. Information and Possible VOTE: World Energy LED Lighting Project

Mr. Carroll gave a brief description of the project, noting we have an opportunity to convert many of our items for efficiency. Mark Ballou from World Energy addressed the Board. He informed them everything has been approved by Eversource and that there is an estimated savings of \$65,000 per year for the complex alone.

J. Beausoleil recognized the Town Manager, John Elsesser.

Mr. Elsesser said it is critical that we take advantage of this program now, as it won't be available in the future. He also noted there is no penalty to prepay.

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent or his designee to sign contracts to enter into the program

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: K. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.A.2. Information: Microgrid Project

Representatives from the Coventry Microgrid LLC project provided an update to the Board. The representatives discussed the adjusted timeline due to a delayed start and a pending response from DEEP.

J. Beausoleil recognized the Council members who were present to be involved in the conversation.

J. Elsesser said there was a green light from the Housing Authority to move forward for their part.

The Board continued to discuss timelines.

Microgrid representatives continued to review the details of the project.

E. Marchand said this presentation was very helpful.

