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.
J. Beausoleil reminded everyone that the goal is to decrease the operating cost of the Board of Education.

IX.A.3. Information: ENCON Proposal, ZREC Application

Tim Sadler from ENCON addressed the Board, explaining electricity usage at various sites in the district and the savings involved with the solar program. He noted that the first year savings with this project is $17,000 and $723,000 avoided cost over 20 years.

J. Beausoleil confirmed these savings are independent of the Microgrid project.

IX.A.4. Possible VOTE: ENCON Proposal, ZREC Application

MOTION: To approve entering into the appropriate number of ENCON ZRECs and appropriate number of applications for virtual net metering and to enter into a letter of intent to proceed with a PPA of 12 cents per kilowatt hour  
By: W. Oros  Seconded: E. Marchand  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX.B. Information and Possible VOTE: CHS Walls Code Compliance Committee

J. Beausoleil said there is testing that needs to be completed on the CHS walls. She said the Council has sent a request to the Board to fund the testing, which equals $43,200.

John Elsesser said the discussion at the Town Council meeting surrounded other unexpected expenses the Town had coming.

J. Beausoleil said the request, in writing, from the Town Council Chairman is that the Board pay half the expense. She said Fiscal is recommending that the Board cover 50% of the testing fees out of the maintenance contracted services line item. She said this would keep the spirit of the use of the 1% account intact.

MOTION: To enter into an agreement with the Town Council to pay 50% of the service cost for the wall testing  
By: E. Marchand  Seconded: K. Sobol  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of July 25, 2019

R. Carroll reviewed the end of year balances and activity, which was discussed in detail at the Fiscal Committee meeting.

X.A.1. VOTE: Approve Budget Transfer

J. Beausoleil explained the reason for the end of year transfer.

MOTION: To approve the final FY19 transfer of $25,000 from account 300-500 Purchase Services to account 100 salaries  
By: W. Oros  Seconded: S. Gallagher  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

X.A.2. VOTE: Approve the 2019-20 HEEC Budget

MOTION: Approve the 2019-20 HEEC Budget as presented
XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.
By: E. Marchand       Seconded: W. Oros
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Follert
Central Office Secretary

Approved: August 29, 2019