

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, August 29, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairman
William Oros, Secretary
Frank Infante
Sean Gallagher
Mary Kortmann
Kelly Sobol

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present:

William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; and several parents.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

J. Beausoleil requested a moment of silence for Sue Comella, CHS Guidance Secretary, and Bill Hoffman, retired teacher, who recently passed away.

J. Beausoleil reviewed the Audience of Citizen process as well as the process for the reporting of transportation concerns.

Christina Williams, 436 Ripley Hill Road, addressed her concerns regarding various topics in the district, including staff turnover, student safety, transportation, and technology.

Angela Rejman, 122 Judd Road, stated her concerns regarding her child's bus stop. Her son, Parker, also shared with the Board that he would like his stop change.

Kathleen Breitenwischer, 61 Barbara Drive, thanked Dr. Petrone and J. Beausoleil for their prompt responses to her email regarding the change in bus routes.

Cassandra Slossar, 485 Daly Road, requested information from the Board in regard to specific student demographics, PowerSchool, and grants.

Nikki McLaughlin, 42 Flanders River Road, addressed the Board with bus stop concerns.

David Broderick, 139 Geraldine Drive, expressed concerns over how the decisions were made in regard to the change in bus routes and the lack of communication.

Josh Kuzenka, 257 Pucker Street, expressed concerns regarding his children's new bus stop.

Laura Dittrich, 530 South Street, expressed her concerns regarding her kids new bus stops.

IV. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed the start of school as well as other happenings in the district.

IV.A. Welcome and Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report

Nicholas Cabral, the new Student Board of Education Representative, thanked the Board for selecting him to participate and reported on the first day of school.

IV.B. Information: Opening of School 2019-2020

Dr. Petrone shared a video of convocation and opening day.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

J. Beausoleil asked that Jeanne LaHouse's retirement be removed from the consent agenda. M. Kortmann asked that the field experience to Orlando be removed.

V.A. Accept the Resignation of Kristin Fortier, CGS Para-educator

V.B. Accept the Resignation of Kristin Fowler, GHR Teacher

V.C. Accept the Resignation of Christina Hanks, CNH Psychologist

V.D. Accept the Resignation of Matthew Leitao, CNH Teacher

V.E. Accept the Resignation of Brittany Miner, Para-educator at CGS

MOTION: Approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V.F. Approve CHS April 2020 Field Experience to Orlando, FL

MOTION: To approve the CHS April 2020 Field Experience to Orlando, FL

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked if the students were flying. Dr. Petrone said yes. M. Kortmann said this is a great trip.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V.G. Accept the Retirement of Jeanne LaHouse, GHR Para-educator

MOTION: To accept the retirement of Jeanne LaHouse with regret

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Discussion: J. Beausoleil noted what a great presence Jeanne LaHouse has been at GHR. She said she is happy for her retirement, but sad to see her leave.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Meeting Report, August 29, 2019

M. Kortmann noted there is little to report at this time as the school year has just begun. R. Carroll updated the board on the fiber optic cable project.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: S. Gallagher

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Follert
Central Office Secretary

Approved: September 12, 2019