Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 26, 2019
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:
Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairman
Sean Gallagher
Frank Infante (arrived 7:33 p.m.)
Mary Kortmann

Board Members Absent:
William Oros, Secretary
Kelly Sobol

Also present:
Nick Cabral, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrator Present:
Dr. David J. Petrone, Ed.D.

Audience Members Present: Sergeant Walter Opdenbrouw; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, Assistant Principal at CNH; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, PSSS Director; and two citizens.

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
There were none.

IV. Report of Superintendent
Dr. Petrone reviewed various happenings taking place around the district, region, and state.
(F. Infante arrived at 7:33 p.m.)
Dr. Petrone noted the Open Houses. E. Marchand said the Open Houses were great.
Dr. Petrone talked about the condenser that went over the weekend on the CNH Walk In Freezer. He said the alarm worked and all product was saved. The Board reviewed the district's freezer inventory, which included the age of each item.

A. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report
Nick Cabral reviewed events that have and are taking place at the high school.
B. Information: School Safety
Dr. Petrone introduced Sergeant Opdenbrouw, who has been assigned as a school liaison for the police department.

Sgt. Opdenbrouw shared a presentation on the work that the Police Department has done with the schools over the past two years. [That presentation is available through the district's website.]

Dr. Petrone thanked Sgt. Opdenbrouw for the work that is being done.

J. Beausoleil said she likes the idea of the officers being present at the schools regularly, so they don’t seem so "scary." She said it is good to know there are familiar faces that can be trusted.

J. Beausoleil said she is thankful for the training that is happening with staff annually.

C. CABE Board of Distinction Award
Dr. Petrone reviewed this year’s Level II Board of Distinction Award nomination packet. He noted all of the work that the Board does to qualify for this award.

There was consensus to move the application forward.

D. Information: 2019 Assessment Results Summary
Ms. DeJulius shared this year’s Assessment Results Summary presentation. [This presentation is available on CABE-meeting, which is available through the district's website.]

Ms. Carrie, Ms. DeRagon, and Mr. Blake also participated as presenters, sharing assessments results across all grades.

The Board discussed the numbers in grade 8 math. They reviewed the cohort figures and talked about what interventions and practices are being put in place to get the scores up. Dr. Petrone said the whole state is struggling.

Dr. Petrone said that Coventry is out performing other districts that you think we would not be.

The presenters reviewed Coventry's outstanding rankings.

F. Infante said he is so impressed with Coventry's students. He said they really enjoy going to school. He said this town is different.

E. Administrator 2019-2020 Goal Presentations

1. Coventry Grammar School
Ms. Carrie shared the Coventry Grammar School goals for the 2019-20 school year. [Those are available on the district's website.]

E. Marchand said he appreciates the diversity work that is being done at CGS.

M. Kortmann asked about the test that is used to assess the second grade. Dr. Petrone said it is a foundation skills test.

The Board talked about interventions happening at CGS and the benefit of students going through the HEEC preschool program.

Ms. Carrie said there is differentiated instruction happening to make sure all students end at the same place.

2. G. H. Robertson School
Ms. DeRagon shared the G. H. Robertson School goals for the 2019-20 school year. [Those goals are available on the district’s website.]

3. Capt. Nathan Hale School

Ms. DeJulius shared the Capt. Nathan Hale School goals for the 2019-20 school year. [Those are available on the district’s website.]

E. Marchand asked about the percent of parents attending Student Led Conferences. Ms. DeJulius talked about parent participation and said that every student presents, even if it is to a staff member, if the parent is unable to attend.

J. Beausoleil said she appreciates the work that is put into these goal presentations.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

J. Beausoleil asked that the J. Miner resignation be removed.

A. Approve CHS February 2020 Field Experience to New York NY
B. Approve the CHS April 2020 Field Experience to Orlando FL
C. Approve CHS Spring 2020 Field Experience to Hershey PA
D. Accept the Resignation of Nicole McQueeney, CGS Para-educator

MOTION: Approve the remaining items on the consent agenda
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: E. Marchand
Result: Motion passes unanimously

E. Accept the Resignation of Jillian Miner, HEEC Program Coordinator

MOTION: To accept the resignation of Jillian Miner
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: E. Marchand
Discussion: J. Beausoleil talked about Jillian Miner's history with the preschool program.
Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil thanked Board members for attending the Open Houses.

VII. Communications

A. Transportation Committee 09/10/19 Unapproved Minutes

J. Beausoleil noted that, at the last meeting, the Board discussed the September 10 Transportation meeting, but she wanted to be sure the minutes were noted on an agenda.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Special BOE Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special meeting of September 12, 2019
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: S. Gallagher
Result: Motion passes unanimously

B. Approve Regular BOE Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019

MOTION: To Approve the Regular BOE Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019
By: E. Marchand Seconded: M. Kortmann
IX. Report of Board Members

A. Information: Policy Committee Report, Meeting of September 26, 2019

E. Marchand noted that the policies for this round have been reviewed. He mentioned the policies and said they would be brought forward to the full Board for review and then a vote.

X. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (School Security)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to School Security with the Superintendent Present at 10:02 p.m.  
By: Mr. Eugene Marchand and a second by Ms. Mary Kortmann.  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Open Session

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 10:25 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.  
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: S. Gallagher  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: October 10, 2019