

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, February 3, 2022  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson  
Mary Kortmann, Secretary (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)  
Peter DePaola  
Emma Eaton  
Courtney Rossignol  
Christina Williams

Board Members Absent:

Gene Marchand, Vice Chairperson

Administrators Present:

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

Audience members: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Beth Giller, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; and one visitor.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There were none.

**IV. VOTE: Approve Minutes**

**IV.A. Approve the minutes of the special 5:30 p.m. meeting of January 27, 2022**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the special 5:30 p.m. meeting of January 27, 2022.**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion carries unanimously**

#### **IV.B. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2022**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 27, 2022.**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **V. Old Business**

##### **V.A. Discussion and Possible VOTE: FY2023 Budget**

M. Kortmann arrived.

J. Beausoleil reviewed the business of the evening.

Dr. Petrone explained the page changes that were being distributed since the last meeting and the most recent attachments.

C. Williams noted the technology department application listing attachment and asked if the cost could be added to the chart. Dr. Petrone said yes.

##### **V.A.1. G.H. Robertson School**

J. Beausoleil asked for questions related to the G. H. Robertson School (GHR).

E. Eaton asked when the parking lot was being done. Mr. Trudelle said it is on the CIP and it is a few years out.

The Board discussed the CIP priorities and how that report is sorted - specifically items at GHR that need attention.

C. Rossignol asked about the Todo Math licensing. Dr. Petrone said the licensing cost is by students, which was more cost effective.

##### **V.A.2. Coventry Grammar School**

There were no questions.

##### **V.A.3. Capt. Nathan Hale School**

There were no questions.

##### **V.A.4. Coventry High School**

J. Beausoleil asked if Virtual High School was still used. Mr. Blake said yes.

##### **V.A.5. Pupil and Staff Support Services**

There were none.

##### **V.A.6. Warehouse/Facilities**

There were none.

##### **V.A.7. Central Office**

There were none.

##### **V.A.8. General**

The Board discussed the ARP/ESSER funds and how they work into the different budget years before they fade out or how those programs are phased into the operating budget.

C. Williams asked how much time students are spending on computers. Dr. Petrone said we could not say how much time specifically as the devices are used as a tool within the classroom to support instruction. C. Williams asked if there is data to back the use of online textbooks. Dr. Petrone replied, yes, that we want to be in line with formats that students will be familiar with when they leave Coventry.

E. Eaton commented on the remarkable work that was put into developing the budget. She said it was well written and leaves the Board in a good position. She thanked the administrative team for their work.

There were no further questions.

### **V.I. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion carries unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: February 10, 2022