

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Special Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 19, 2022  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson  
Eugene Marchand, Vice-Chairperson  
Mary Kortmann, Secretary  
Peter DePaola  
Emma Eaton  
Christina Williams

Board Member Absent:

Courtney Rossignol

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Beth Giller, Director of PSSS; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; and Ross Sward, CHS Assistant Principal.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There were none.

**IV. Old Business**

**IV.A. Discussion and Possible VOTE: FY2023 Budget**

J. Beausoleil reviewed the budget timeline, since the referendum failed. She said the Town Council reduced the Board's operational budget by \$75,000, which the Board now has to decide where that will come from.

Dr. Petrone reviewed the suggested scenarios in play to account for the \$75,000 reduction.

The Board discussed the possible elimination of the ECE/AP fee subsidy for families. Dr. Petrone stressed that if a family has a need, there is always assistance available.

The Board discussed the program Study Island at CNH, which is proposed to be eliminated in scenario one. Ms. DeJulius spoke to that program.

The Board discussed different options within the scenarios. C. Williams suggested eliminating Raz Kids, or funding it through unexpended FY22 funds. Dr. Petrone shared an executive summary on Raz Kids.

E. Marchand said Raz Kids is not on the list and if the Administrators have reviewed this information, and did not add it to the reduction list, he trusts their professional judgement. R. Carrie said every student in the entire school uses Raz Kids and she went on to review the benefits.

The Board continued to discuss their own scenario of possible budget reductions and decided on the following:

<b>Loca</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Reduction</b>
CNH	430.1115 Contracted Services (Study Island)	\$1,145.00
CNH	810.2210 Dues and Fees (Piano Accompanist)	\$500.00
CNH	642.2200 Library Books, Educational Media	\$1,500.00
CGS	430.1115 Raz Kids	\$4,665.00
CHS	611-1100 Common Core NGSS Supplies	\$2,000.00
CHS	810-1100 ECE/AP Exam Test Fees (\$28-32 - per student average)	\$782.00
CHS	642-2220 LMC Books	\$800.00
CHS	611-3200 Uniforms	\$10,150.00
PSSS	Special Education Tuition/Excess Cost Adjustment	\$41,458.00
WH	430.2600 Contracted Services	\$12,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>

**MOTION: To modify the operating budget by the items agreed upon on the spreadsheet**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: C. Williams**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**V. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.**

**By: C. Williams**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

Respectfully submitted:

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: May 26, 2022