

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 12, 2022
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present: Celia Delvecchio, Student BOE Representative

Administrators:

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

Audience: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michelle Trani, CHS Teacher, and students and parents.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reviewed activities and events taking place locally, regionally, and around the state.

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

Miss Delvecchio noted the senior prom is scheduled for Saturday evening. She talked about other senior activities that are scheduled and noted that the spring sports are wrapping up.

IV.B. Recognition: CABA Student Leadership Awards - CNH Students Jianna Foran and Jackson Hastillo; CHS Students Celia Delvecchio and Brandon Aberle.

Dr. Petrone talked about the CABA Student Leadership Awards and introduced Ms. DeJulius and Mr. Blake who spoke about the student award recipients: for CNH, Jianna Foran and Jackson Hastillo; and for CHS Celia Delvecchio and Brandon Aberle. There were congratulations from the Board.

IV.C. Information: CHS Courtyard Project

Dr. Petrone reviewed the ARP/ESSER program that allowed the courtyard project to happen and introduced Mr. Blake. Mr. Blake introduced Ms. Trani and the students who were present - Sophia Gagnon, Aris Flores, Kaitlyn LaRose, Evan Dailey, and Cassandra Hierl. The students shared the presentation with the Board.

C. Williams asked about the plants that would be picked. The students responded with their ideas, which included perennials.

M. Kortmann asked about the timeline. The students said maybe they may be able to begin this spring or the fall.

E. Marchand asked if area businesses would be contributing. The students said they will attempt that when it is time to purchase.

The Board talked about various details related to the project.

Before the close of the Superintendent's report, C. Williams asked about the student meetings Dr. Petrone held at the middle school. Dr. Petrone talked about the topics related to school climate that he discussed with the students.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

E. Eaton asked that the retirement be removed from the Consent Agenda.

V.A. Accept the retirement of Nan Kandolin, GHR Para-educator

MOTION: To accept the retirement of Nan Kandolin.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: E Eaton thanked Ms. Kandolin for her years of service.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil talked about the career day at CGS and all of the upcoming spring activities in the schools. She thanked the PTO officers who served this year. She also congratulated Dr. Petrone for being asked to serve as a mentor for the 093 program at CCSU.

VII. Communications

J. Beausoleil noted the list of upcoming dates attached for the Board's information.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of April 28, 2022

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 28, 2022

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: P. DePaola

Result: Motion passes 5-0-2 (M. Kortmann and C. Rossignol abstain)

IX. Old Business

IX.A. Information: FY23 Budget

J. Beausoleil reviewed the timeline moving forward, now that the first referendum has failed. She noted the Board would meet next week to vote on the cut amount that would be provided by the Town Council.

X. New Business

X.A. Information: "Renovate as New" Update

J. Beausoleil noted the agenda item is just for information and said the project is being delayed due to the current economic climate. Dr. Petrone said the information that was requested previously from Mr. Malik will be provided at the next school building committee meeting.

X.B. Information and VOTE: Accept School Building Projects

J. Beausoleil said, according to the State, the Board must vote to accept the closure of the projects to process payment.

X.B.1. VOTE: Accept as complete, the Coventry High School the oil tank removal project #032-0062CV phase 1 of 3

MOTION: To accept as complete the Coventry High School, the oil tank removal project #032-0062CV phase 1 of 3

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X.B.2. VOTE: Accept as complete the Coventry High School the asbestos abatement project #032-0062CV, phase 2 of 3

MOTION: To accept as complete the Coventry High School, the asbestos abatement project #032-0062CV, phase 2 of 3

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: C. Williams

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X.B.3. VOTE: Accept as complete the Coventry High School the fire wall code improvements project #032-0062CV phase 3 of 3

MOTION: To accept as complete the Coventry High School, the fire wall code improvements project #032-0062CV phase 3 of 3

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X.C. Information and VOTE: Approve the 2022-23 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,123

J. Beausoleil reviewed the procedure for approving this annual tuition. C. Williams talked about the enrollment calculation and asked if it included preschool students. Mr. Carrol said it does not include preschool students. C. Rossignol asked for examples of how we get in tuition-paid students. Dr. Petrone said we have two general education students this year and we also have students enrolled through other programs we offer (e.g., Coventry Academy).

MOTION: To approve the 2022-23 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,123

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Report of Board Members

XI.A. Information: Policy Committee Report, Meeting of May 10, 2022

E. Eaton reviewed the Policy Committee meeting that took place this week. She said policies needing deletion or revision will come to the Board for review and approval at a future meeting.

XI.B. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of May 12, 2022

E. Marchand talked about the Transportation Committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. He noted that an agreement has been made with M&J regarding invoicing for this year.

XI.C. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of May 12, 2022

M. Kortmann reviewed the Fiscal Committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. She noted that the unexpended funds has jumped by \$100,000 for the end of the year. Mr. Carroll talked about the items that contributed to that: the agreement with M&J accounts for \$60,000; the E-Rate check has been received for the Chromebooks in the amount of \$35,230; and a Medicaid reimbursement of \$12,600. Dr. Petrone said suggestions on how to handle those unexpended funds will come forward to Fiscal Committee at their next meeting.

M. Kortmann reviewed the remaining items from the meeting.

XII. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Superintendent's Evaluation and Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to the Superintendent's Evaluation and Non-Union Employment Agreements with the Superintendent present at 8:15 p.m.

By: C. Williams

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIII. Open Session

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 8:56 p.m.

XIII.A. Possible VOTE on the Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees

MOTION: To approve the terms of conditions of employment for the following non-union positions Director of Finance and Operations, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Director of Teaching and Learning, Director of Education Technology, Superintendent of Schools, Food Service Director, Physical Plant and Facilities Director, Network Administrator/Systems Specialist, Preschool and Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Athletic Director, District Security Specialist, Educational Technology Assistant, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, Physical Therapist, Board Certified Behavior Analysts, and Certified Nurse Assistants

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: C. Williams

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: May 26, 2022