

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, October 13, 2022
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Maya Waterhouse, Student BOE Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: Beth Pratt, Director of Food Service; Beth Giller, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Ross Sward, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; and one other observer. Arriving at 7:18 p.m., from Earthlight, Tim Sadler and Eric Virkler.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 events and meetings that took place in-district, regionally, and state-wide.

IV.A. Recognition: Beth Pratt, Food Service Director for her Outstanding Work

Dr. Petrone reviewed the outstanding work that Ms. Pratt and her team have done since the pandemic began. Ms. Pratt was presented with a plaque. There were congratulations from the Board.

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

Miss Waterhouse talked about items happening at CHS, including Rachel's Challenge, PSAT day, senior events, and progress being made on the courtyard.

IV.C. Information: Administrator Goal Presentations 2022-23

IV.C.1. Capt. Nathan Hale School

Mr. Sward shared the CNH goals for the 2022-23 school year, which are available on the district's website.

E. Marchand asked about the after-school learning and the number of students attending. Mr. Sward said there is a good number staying after school.

C. Williams talked about a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) goal and having some number to reach for. Mr. Sward talked about work being done and comparing the numbers of discipline referrals. Dr. Petrone said there are clinical team meetings that focus on working with students and families. Dr. Petrone continued to review what is already taking place in the area of SEL.

The Board discussed the character development goal; the goal to recover the math scores; promoting the trades at CNH; SEL professional development the staff has been involved in; the IAB vs SBAC results; and our alumni survey.

J. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Sward for his work, just one month in as Principal.

IV.C.2. Coventry High School

Mr. Blake shared the CHS goals for the 2022-23 school year, which are available on the district's website.

The Board talked about the process of obtaining the final graduation rate from the state; virtual high school options; math improvement smart goals; SAT scores; and the Seal of Biliteracy.

IV.C.3. Pupil and Staff Support Services

Dr. Giller shared the PSSS goals for the 2022-23 school year, which are available on the district's website.

The Board discussed the CT-SEDS challenges; possible parent surveys on services provided and the other measures that are already in place; the impact on staff due to the hours spent on CT-SEDS; the attendance goal; measuring the CASEL growth; and there were thanks given to Dr. Giller for her hard work.

P. DePaola asked that on page 4, under New Business, eighth paragraph, the sentence read, "P. DePaola said he wanted to be sure all students are protected, and no one group is protected over another group."

Result: Motion to approve the minutes as amended passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the CABE Board of Distinction Award Application 2022

Dr. Petrone said he is proud to nominate the Board for this award again.

C. Williams asked about sponsoring legislative events. Dr. Petrone talked about the legislative breakfast that is supported by Coventry as well as the communication that goes out to the legislative bodies.

MOTION: To approve the CABE Board of Distinction Award Application 2022 as presented

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: C. Williams

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: School Building Energy Efficiency Committee Report

M. Kortmann reviewed the SBEEC meeting that was held on October 6 [the agenda was attached for the Board's review]. She noted the focus of the meeting was the HVAC grant.

X.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of October 13, 2022

M. Kortmann summarized the Fiscal Committee meeting that took place earlier in the evening. The Board discussed the scheduling for the weight room and other long-term items that will need to be addressed. M. Kortmann reviewed the plan for Food Service to spend down their extra federal funds.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

By: C. Williams

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 27, 2022