

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Joint Town Finance Committee / BOE Fiscal Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes of Thursday, June 10, 2021
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BOE Fiscal Committee Members Present:

William Oros, Fiscal Chair
Mary Kortmann
Michael Sobol
Jennifer Beausoleil

Town Finance Committee Members Present:

Matthew O'Brien, Finance Committee Chair
Lisa Thomas
Richard Williams
Julie Blanchard, Town Council Chair

Administrators Present:

John Elsesser, Town Manager
Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Information: Robert Carroll, Recipient of the 2021 Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) Best Practices Award

Dr. Petrone recognized Mr. Carroll for receiving this award. There were congratulations by all.

Mr. Elsesser reviewed the project and what was involved in placing the underground internet connections and money saved.

III. Information/Update: Microgrid

Mr. Elsesser said we are at a stage where the project looks real and doable. He continued and said they are looking at the contracts that need to be processed. He reviewed additional upcoming steps and the companies Coventry is working with. He added that they have stated they would like to begin construction this summer.

J. Beausoleil addressed concerns related to timing and the Board being able to review and approve final plans and rates. She also said she wanted it known that she does not approve of the Microgrid attorney continuing to represent Coventry. Mr. Elsesser said there would

be time for the Board's review and approval and restated that a separate lawyer would be obtained.

Mr. Elsesser said we expect when the rates come in, the cost will be less.

The Committees discussed building availability and location of construction.

M. Sobol said there are a lot of questions to be answered in what seems like very little time.

M. Kortmann reviewed her concerns with the contract. Mr. Elsesser said our attorney has not reviewed the contract and those items will be addressed.

Mr. Elsesser said we have to be comfortable before anything moves forward.

IV. Information: ECS Levels for Towns

Dr. Petrone stated the new information forwarded by the State is good for the town, as additional reductions are not expected for the next two years.

V. Discussion: End of Fiscal Year Update

W. Oros said the Fiscal Committee will discuss end of year items at their meeting on June 24.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn the Fiscal Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Results: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: June 24, 2021