

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Joint Town Finance/BOE Fiscal Committees Meeting**

Approved Minutes of July 14, 2022  
Administration Building Conference Room

BOE Fiscal Committee Members Present:

Mary Kortmann, Chair  
Peter DePaola  
Emma Eaton

Town Finance Committee Members Present:

Robyn Gallagher, Chair  
Marty Milkovic  
Lisa Thomas, Town Council Chairperson

Also Present:

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

Audience Member Present: Eugene Marchand, Board Member

**I. Call to Order**

M. Kortmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Discussion: Capital Improvement Plan**

M. Kortmann reviewed items on the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) list: *Project by Funding Source FY23 - FY27*. She verified which items could be spent, or what needed additional clarification.

There was a review of what was spent out of the FY22 general operating budget.

**III. Discussion: FY22 Year End Summary**

**III.A. 21-22 General Fund Status**

Mr. Carroll noted the amount being returned to the Town would be \$3,773.16. Dr. Petrone said the year ended with \$40,000 being transferred to the 2% non-lapsing account.

**IV. Update: Coventry Academy Addition**

Mr. Carroll explained that there will be an addition completed at the Academy. Dr. Petrone said there was a delay in construction, but they still expect to finish before the end of the summer. Mr. Elsesser noted this project is being funded by a grant. Dr. Petrone reviewed

the program at the Academy. Robyn Gallagher said she appreciates the growth of programs and that we can draw in tuition students from other districts.

**V. Update: Microgrid Project**

Mr. Elsesser said, currently, there is a new firm attempting to complete the project. He said there is a need to look at resetting the pricing due to the increase in electrical costs. He added that they are looking at who will do the work on that. He said he is not anticipating that the project will move forward in the end, but he hopes we will know within the next two months.

**VI. Update: CHS and GHR Roof Replacement Project**

Mr. Elsesser noted the bids are due Wednesday next week, and the building committee meets the next day. He said we hope to have times set directly following that. He reviewed the process to date.

Mr. Elsesser also talked about the HVAC project that Coventry could qualify for; Dr. Petrone noted we are waiting for information to be released.

Mr. Carroll said the state was very critical of the projected cost of the roof projects provided by the architect. Mr. Elsesser said that Mr. Malik was using current bids.

Mr. Elsesser provided a brief update on the CHS Walls Project, which may actually be completed by the end of this year.

**VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To Adjourn the Joint Town Finance/BOE Fiscal Meeting at 6:43 p.m.**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion carries unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: August 25, 2022