

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut
Transportation Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 23, 2021
Administration Building Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

Michael Sobol, Committee Chair
Eugene Marchand

Committee Members Absent:

Robert Williams

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations
Christian Marcinczyk, Transportation Liaison
Patrick Cox, Athletic Director

Others Present:

Nicole Irvine, M&J Dispatcher

I. Call to Order

M. Sobol called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

III. VOTE: Approve Minutes of September 16, 2021

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 16, 2021

By: E. Marchand

Second: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV. Information and Possible VOTE: CNH Athletics - Alternate Mode of Transportation

Dr. Petrone explained that he authorized the temporary use of a private bus company for transportation needs related to CNH sports. He reviewed the cost of this new transportation, which was about \$250 per run above the normal costs.

M Sobol said having middle school sports functioning to the best of our ability is very important, especially after last year. E. Marchand agreed. M. Sobol said he believes the savings we will find in being down a bus will make up for this additional cost.

MOTION: To authorize the temporary reallocation of funds and resources to contract out through the private bus company to transport students for middle school sports

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. Information: Parent Concerns To Date

Dr. Petrone reviewed what constitutes a complaint or just an inquiry/question. He said he asked Ms. Marcinczyk to review the complaints she had logged. Ms. Marcinczyk shared the seven concerns received.

M. Sobol and E. Marchand agreed that this is being handled appropriately, and that the administration should have a chance to work it out with the parents and the bus company. The Committee discussed the communication chain and agreed it is working well as it is right now.

The Committee discussed the vaccination requirements and how that might affect Coventry runs early next week.

The Committee discussed the bus routes and making sure they are up to date on the website as any changes are made.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 26, 2021