

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, March 9, 2023
Coventry High School Lecture Hall
78 Ripley Hill Road

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Christina Williams

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: None

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 8:25 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 reported on various meetings taking place locally, regionally, and state-wide.

V. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil mentioned the passing of long-time administrator Paul Noel. She noted the Read Across America event; the Town Budget Hearing and the remaining budget process; and the search for a new Town Manager.

VI. Communications

J. Beausoleil noted the letters attached, which were sent on behalf of the Town Council and BOE to the state legislators on the formula for ECS funding.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VII.A. Approve Minutes of February 23, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 23, 2023

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. VOTE: Approve Policy Revisions

VIII.A.1. 5141.21 Administration of Medications in Schools

MOTION: To approve updates to policy 5141.21 Administration of Medications in Schools

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Discussion: P. DePaola reiterated his concerns with the lack of clarity in the language that could cause liability to the district. J. Beausoleil reminded the group that the attorneys had reviewed the information.

Result: Motion passes 5-1 (P. DePaola against)

VIII.A.2. 9111.2 Code of Conduct for Board Members

MOTION: To approve modifications to policy 9111.2 Code of Conduct for Board Members

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Discussion: P. DePaola reiterated his opinion that the language included is an overbearing approach and could impact Board members' ability to speak freely.

Result: Motion passes 5-1 (P. DePaola against)

VIII.B. Information: MicroGrid Update

Dr. Petrone said there was no real update to provide at this time.

VIII.C. Information: HVAC Grant Update

Dr. Petrone said the grant approval committee asked for additional information, which was provided. He said this was a positive interaction, because it was not a lot of information.

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information and Possible VOTE: New Solar Program - NRES and Termination of ZREC

