

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, April 27, 2023  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Christina Williams

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: Leonard Lockhart, Vice President of CABA's Board of Directors; Students Grace Kelton and Chase Weber being recognized from CNH and Elijah DeJulius from CHS; parents of students; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Ross Sward, CNH Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal; and several observers.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:03 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**

**IV.A. Recognition: Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications - presented by Leonard Lockhart, Vice President of CABA's Board of Directors**

Dr. Petrone introduced Mr. Lockhart, who said a few words about the award and congratulated the Board.



**will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

Discussion: Mr. Carroll said we get 10 cents per meal for participating.

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

### **IX.C. Information and VOTE: Allow for Combined Food and Beverage Exemptions**

**MOTION: The Coventry Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **X. Report of Board Members**

### **X.A. Information: Technology Committee Liaison Report**

E. Eaton reported on the District Technology Committee's work for the year. She said the Acceptable Use Policy has been the main focus. The Board discussed how the policy will be provided to different student ages.

### **X.B. Information: Athletic Advisory Committee Liaison Report**

E. Marchand said the committee met today and members were provided with a winter update. He said it was a successful winter sports season. He talked about how important sports are for student-athletes who may be struggling academically. He spoke about the current spring season. He added that a senior soccer player was offered a scholarship to a D-1 college. Finally, he reviewed some of the maintenance items related to athletics.

### **X.C. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of April 27, 2023**

M. Kortmann reported on the Fiscal Committee meeting, held earlier in the evening. She highlighted the excess cost reimbursement came in lower than expected, which is an \$18,000 hit. She said the other line items are doing fine. She added that the Use of Facilities account is growing slowly, and it will pay for some lights that are needed. She talked about the used special education van that was found and will be purchased. She noted that used playground equipment that is in excellent condition is being looked at and the administration was given authorization to purchase if it could be done for no more than \$50,000, which would come out of the tuition account.

**X.C.1. Information: HVAC Indoor Air Quality Grants Program for Public Schools**

The receipt of the HVAC Grant was noted by Dr. Petrone. M. Kortmann talked about the timing of the work that needs to be done.

**XI. Possible VOTE: Executive Session [Superintendent's Evaluation]**

**MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to the Superintendent's Evaluation at 7:56 p.m.**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XII. Open Session**

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

**XIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: May 11, 2023