

COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting

Due to COVID-19, the School Committee meeting was conducted virtually.

Thursday, July 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patenaude at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Katherine Patenaude, Vice-Chairperson David Florio, Member Donna Kalunian, Member Luke Murray, Member James Pierson, Superintendent Levis, Assistant Superintendent Cowart and Director of Finance Harold Sands.

ROLL CALL:	Katherine M. Patenaude, Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	David Florio, Vice-Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	Donna Kalunian	<u>AYE</u>
	Luke Murray	<u>AYE</u>
	James P. Pierson, Member	<u>AYE</u>

Recording Secretary: Patty Martin

BUSINESS AGENDA

- No Pledge of Allegiance due to Zoom Format
- Moment of Silence to consider the work before the Committee this evening
- Vice Chairperson Florio reads the Mission Statement: *The mission of Coventry Public Schools is to inspire, support, and challenge all students in an inclusive community to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, reflective learners, responsible individuals, and global citizens.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Member Florio, seconded by Member Kalunian, to approve the minutes of 6/24/2021 as presented/amended.

No discussion from the Committee or the Public.

Roll Call:

Vote 4/1

Katherine M. Patenaude, Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
David Florio, Vice-Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
Donna Kalunian	<u>AYE</u>
Luke Murray	<u>Abstain</u>
James P. Pierson, Member	<u>AYE</u>

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PUBLIC AGENDA

Chairperson Patenaude informs public that this section of the agenda allows for public comment on topics on the agenda.

CELEBRATION: COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONS

This item was tabled.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECALLS: DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Motion by Member Florio, seconded by Member Kalunian to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent that the following personnel be recalled from layoff for the 2021-2022 school year. Vote 5/0

Member Florio reads the name. Chairperson Patenaude asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

No Public Comment

ROLL CALL:	Katherine M. Patenaude, Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	David Florio, Vice-Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	Donna Kalunian	<u>AYE</u>
	Luke Murray	<u>AYE</u>
	James P. Pierson, Member	<u>AYE</u>

REVISED 2021-2022 CALENDAR:DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL:

Assistant Superintendent Cowart speaks to the changes.

Motion by Member Florio, seconded by Member Kalunian, to approve the revised 2021-2022 school calendar. Vote 5/0

No discussion from the Committee or the Public.

ROLL CALL:	Katherine M. Patenaude, Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	David Florio, Vice-Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
	Donna Kalunian	<u>AYE</u>
	Luke Murray	<u>AYE</u>
	James P. Pierson, Member	<u>AYE</u>

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SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:DISCUSSION

Member Murray gives a brief update on the Building Committee and talks about scheduling a meeting.

No discussion from the Committee or the Public.

RI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH(RIDOH) AND RI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION(RIDE) PK-12 GUIDANCE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR YEAR DISCUSSION

Superintendent Levis speaks to the guidance.

Chairperson Patenaude opens to comments from the Committee. No comments from the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Levis speaks to the Administrator Compensation for 2021-2022. He states that he shared these documents with the School Committee.

Chairperson Patenaude opens for comments from the Committee. No comments from the Public.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

David Florio – Princeton Avenue – Comments about returning to in-person meetings.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Levis speaks to making the next meeting to August 12, 2021 and do we return to the Council Chambers with a zoom for the public. We can schedule the next meeting and then we can discuss how we proceed.

The Committee votes on the moving of the meeting to August 12, 2021. Vote 5/0.

The Committee has a discussion as to returning to in-person meetings and they all are in agreement to return to in-person meetings.

Motion by Member Florio, supported by Member Kalunian, that the next meeting of the School Committee be scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: 5/0

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	Donna Kalunian	<u>AYE</u>
	Lucas Murray	<u>AYE</u>
	James P. Pierson, Member	<u>AYE</u>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Florio, supported by Member Kalunian, the meeting be adjourned at 6:31 p.m. Vote 5/0

VOTE: 5/0

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