

COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Committee Meeting
Coventry High School, 40 Reservoir Road, Coventry, RI 02816
Thursday, August 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patenaude at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Katherine Patenaude, Vice-Chairperson David Florio, Member Donna Kalunian, Member Luke Murray, Member James Pierson, Assistant Superintendent Cowart, 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

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray that the Committee recess into executive session.

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>

BUSINESS AGENDA

Reconvene Open Session at 7:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence, Safety Notification, and Member Kalunian reads the Mission Statement.

Chairperson Patenaude reports that in Executive Session the Committee discussed matters related to the Superintendent's Contract. No Votes were taken.

Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray that the records of the Executive Session be kept closed pursuant to Sections §42-46-4 and 42-46-5. Vote 5/0

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	David Florio, Vice-Chairperson	<u>AYE</u>
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PUBLIC AGENDA

DRAFT COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RE-ENTRY PLAN:PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION :

Superintendent does a presentation on the draft Re-Entry Plan.

Chairperson Patenaude opens it to comments and questions from the Committee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Adam Senna – 80 Leuba Road – Speaks to the Executive Order

Rachel Mulligan – 2 Huckleberry Road – Speaks with regards to mask mandates.

Adam Senna – 80 Leuba Road – Gives the Committee reports around data of mask wearing.

Josh Clements – 10 Gentry Farm Road – Thanks the Committee and speaks to the mask mandate, air quality and spacing.

Richard Vieira 78 Chaplin Drive – Has questions about how things will be handled at the school with regards to hallways and class changing, want things to be more normal. Superintendent Levis speaks to his questions. Stating that we will be starting with much moral normalcy.

Gail Steffin 12 Lane 3 – Speaks with regards to vaccines (mandated) and mask wearing. The Committee speaks to the comment that we are mandating vaccinations.

Ken Fogal – Coventry RI – Speaks to the mask mandate. The Committee thanks Mr. Fogal for his comments.

Sara Vieira – 78 Chaplin Drive – Speaks with regards to mask mandate and that it is not a law. The Committee speaks to her concerns.

Bethany Chatterly – 1763 Victory Highway – She expresses some of her concerns from last year. Mr. Levis speaks to her concerns.

Richard Vieira – 78 Chaplin Drive – Asks about children suffers from allergies. Superintendent Levis said that he will be meeting with the nurses on Monday.

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SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING:

Motion made by Member Florio supported by Member Kalunian to schedule the next meeting of School Committee for Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 6:00 at a meeting place to be determined. VOTE: 5/0

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>

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Florio, supported by Member Murray, the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Vote 5/0

VOTE: 5/0

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