

COVENTRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
School Committee Meeting  
Coventry Resource and Senior Center, 50 Wood Street, Coventry, RI 02816  
Thursday, October 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patenaude at 6: 30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Katherine Patenaude, Vice-Chairperson David Florio, Member Luke Murray , Member James Pierson, Superintendent Craig Levis, Assistant Superintendent Don 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>          </u>
	Luke Murray	<u>AYE</u>
	James Pierson	<u>AYE</u>
	Craig Levis, Superintendent	<u>AYE</u>
	Don Cowart, Assistant Superintendent	<u>AYE</u>
	Harold Sands, Director of Finance	<u>AYE</u>

Recording Secretary: Patty Martin

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray that the Committee recess into executive session.  
(Vote4/0)

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

BUSINESS AGENDA

Reconvene Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

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

Chairperson Patenaude reports that in Executive Session the Committee discussed matters related to approval of Executive Session Minutes 10/14/2021 (Vote 4/0) and there was a discussion about School Safety Plans.

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 4/0

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Approval of Minutes

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray to approve the minutes of 10/14/2021 as presented/amended. Motion passes Vote 4/0

PUBLIC AGENDA

Celebration of Alan Shawn Feinstein Boy and Girls Cross Country Team:

Superintendent Levis presents Coach Grace Gregory an award. Mr. Levis introduces the students and gives them awards. The team were division champions and placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the state. Chairperson Patenaude opens it to the Committee for questions and comments. The Committee offers its congratulations to the Cross Country Boys and Girls Team. Chairperson Patenaude open to public comment.

Joe Lucian – Principal ASFMS – Mr. Lucian speaks to the parents, coach and team. He states that he is super proud of having these children as students and athletes.

Mr. Alves – 54 Crompton Avenue, West Warwick, RI – He states that it takes a village to raise these children and congratulations.

Contract Signing Authority Policy DHA: Second Reading and Approval

Motion to dispense with the second reading of the Contract Signing Authority Policy DHA by Member Florio and second by Member Murray. Motion passes 4/0

No other Public Comment.

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray to approve the Contract Signing Authority Policy DHA as presented/amended. Vote 4/0

Discussion and Approval of Senior Accountant Position (Job Description and Salary Range)

Superintendent Levis does a presentation on the Senior Account Position. Mr. Levis does a history of the finance department in the presentation. Mr. Levis talks about the new job description. Chairperson Patenaude opens this to a discussion with the Committee. Mr. Sands and Mrs. Card answer the questions. The Committee suggests some revisions to the job description.

Motion by Member Florio and seconded by Member Murray to approve the Senior Accountant Position (Job Description and Salary Range) Vote 4/0

No Public Comment

Presentation on Coventry Public Schools High Quality Curriculum Development, Adoption, Implementation and Revision Process: Discussion

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Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Amy Anzalone along with Assistant Superintendent Cowart, Mr. Branchaud and Ms. Lachance do a presentation. Mr. Cowart begins with the work that he started and then Mrs. Anzalone speaks to her continuation of the work. Mr. Branchaud presents on the high school and Ms. Lachance does the elementary presentation. The middle school was not available to present this evening. Chairperson asks the Committee for comments and questions. There is no public comment.

School Building Committee Update

Mr. Murray begins by thanking the School Committee for adopting the time extension. There was a Building Committee meeting this past Tuesday. On November 8<sup>th</sup> the School Building Committee will be making a presentation. No questions from the Committee or public.

Coventry School Committee Resolution to Issue a Formal Response to Recent Activity of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees: Discussion and Vote

Chairperson Patenaude has to recusal herself from this part of the meeting and turns it over to Superintendent Levis and Vice Chairperson Florio. Mr. Levis asks the Committee do you want to send this forward as a School Committee. Mr. Pierson, Mr. Murray and Mr. Florio have a discussion around the resolution.

Motion by Member Florio, seconded by James Pierson, to approve the Coventry School Committee to issue a formal response to recent activity of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

ROLL CALL:	David Florio, Vice Chairperson	<u>NO</u>
	Luke Murray	<u>NO</u>
	James Pierson	<u>YES</u>

Superintendent's Update:

Superintendent Levis does a Covid update. He thanks the staff that helped out with the vaccine clinic. There were over 300 people who received either their first, second or third vaccine. He goes on to state that they are working on a clinic for 5 to 12 years old. When that time comes we will be reaching out to the elementary staff for assistance with the clinic. We are looking at getting our high school students back in school on a regular schedule. We have hired a Covid Nurse. Next Mr. Levis talks about the Performance Audit. Mr. Levis has meet with the Town Manager. The Town Manager is looking to put together a Steering Committee. Chairperson Patenaude opens it to the Committee for questions and comments. There is no public comment.

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Citizens Comments:

There are no citizens comments

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING:

Motion made by Member Florio supported by Member Murray to schedule the next meeting of School Committee for Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 at Coventry Resource and Senior Center, 50 Wood Street, Coventry, RI 02816.

VOTE: 4/0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Member Florio, supported by Member Murray, the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Vote 4/0

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