

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 11, 2023  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chairperson  
Gene Marchand, Board Vice-Chairperson  
Mary Kortmann, Secretary  
Peter DePaola (arrived 7:08 p.m.)  
Emma Eaton  
Courtney Rossignol  
Christina Williams

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: CNH Teachers being recognized - Elizabeth Chatis, Amy Couch, Kevin Mazzarella; students for civics class; Ross Sward, CNH Principal; and Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 activities and meetings taking place in-district, regionally, and state-wide.

**IV.A. Recognition: Staff Presenters - Elizabeth Chatis, Amy Couch, Laura Hipp, Kevin Mazzarella**

Dr. Petrone reviewed the guidelines for being recognized at the Board level. He said we have so many staff who are presenting now at conferences, those who are brought forward to the Board are ones who have not been recognized before for presenting or are those who have presented at a national conference.

Dr. Petrone recognized each staff member who was in attendance who had presented at a conference this year - Liz Chatis, Amy Couch, and Kevin Mazzarella. Each staff member said a few words about their experience. (P. DePaola arrived.)

The Board expressed their appreciation for this work.

## **V. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil noted the budget passed and how beneficial that is to the system. She thanked those who voted. She continued and talked about kindergarten parent information night, grade 3 orientation night, end of the year events, and the work the PTO officers do throughout the year.

## **VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes**

### **VII.A. Approve Minutes of April 27, 2023**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 27, 2023**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes 6-0-1 (C. Williams abstained)**

## **VIII. New Business**

### **VIII.A. Information and VOTE: Approve the 2023-24 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,118**

J. Beausoleil noted this is done annually. Dr. Petrone said this is calculated the same way every year. Mr. Carroll said this is just the cost of regular education and confirmed that HEEC students are not included.

**MOTION: To approve the 2023-24 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,118**

**By: P. DePaola**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **IX. Report of Board Members**

### **IX.A. Information: Wellness Committee Liaison Report**

C. Rossignol talked about the Wellness Committee meeting that took place earlier that evening. She continued about the work they are doing through UCONN on the recertification of the Wellness Committee.

### **IX.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of May 11, 2023**

M. Kortmann said the bottom line of the Management Report is down by \$40,000. She said it is a very tight budget. She added that we should finish in the black. She reported that the Committee voted to move this year's Food Service Pension cost into the cafeteria fund and out of the operational budget, which will help the bottom line. She reported on the excess cost, which is now fixed at 76%, not the 80% that was expected.

