

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 25, 2023  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Board Chairperson  
Eugene Marchand, Board Vice-Chairperson  
Mary Kortmann, Secretary  
Peter DePaola  
Emma Eaton  
Courtney Rossignol  
Christina Williams

Also Present: Maya Waterhouse, Student BOE Representative (arrived 7:05 p.m.)

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: CGS Teachers Megan Babcock, Jennifer DuBois; Debby Page, CNH Teacher; Ronda Carrie, CGS Principal; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Ross Sward, CNH Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Rookie of the Year - Outstanding First Year Teachers - Kelly Carini, CGS; Christina Ouellette, GHR; Kaitlyn Timreck, GHR; Amy Couch, CNH; Korrie Fetta, CHS; Stephen Pawlak, CHS; family members; additional observers; and CGS Principal candidates.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 taking place in-district, regionally, and state-wide.

#### **IV.A. Recognition of Staff Presenters: CGS Teachers Megan Babcock, Jennifer DuBois, and Matt Kyer**

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Babcock and Ms. DuBois, who were being recognized this evening for being chosen to present at the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in New England conference. They said a few words about the event. Dr. Petrone also recognized Mr. Kyer, a recent staff presenter, but was not able to be present this evening.

#### **IV.B. Recognition of Staff: Rookie of the Year - Outstanding First Year Teachers - Kelly Carini, CGS Grade 1; Christina Ouellette, GHR Grade 3; Kaitlyn Timreck, GHR Grade 4; Amy Couch, CNH Science; Korrie Fetta, CHS Guidance; and Stephen Pawlak, CHS Math**

Dr. Petrone talked about the Rookie of the Year program. He introduced each principal who recognized their Outstanding First Year Teachers: Ms. Carrie for Kelly Carini, CGS Grade 1; Ms. DeRagon for Christina Ouellette, GHR Grade 3 and Kaitlyn Timreck, GHR Grade 4; Mr. Sward for Amy Couch, CNH Science; and Mr. Blake for Korrie Fetta, CHS Guidance and Stephen Pawlak, CHS Math.

J. Beausoleil noted the Board's appreciation of those beginning their teaching career. There were congratulations from everyone.

#### **IV.C. Recognition and Information: CABA Leadership Award and Board of Education Student Representative Report**

Mr. Blake recognized Ms. Waterhouse for being selected as a winner of the CABA Student Leadership Award.

#### **IV.D. Information: Administrative Goal Achievement Reports 2022-2023**

##### **IV.D.1. Capt. Nathan Hale School**

Mr. Sward shared his presentation on the CNH Goal Achievement for the 2022-23 school year. The report is available on the district's website.

C. Williams talked about decreasing 6th grade test scores. Mr. Sward said they will be disaggregating the data and will be looking at all avenues.

C. Williams discussed the climate of the school. Mr. Sward spoke about caring, positive students and also students who have challenges. He said he looks forward to the continued work in this area.

E. Eaton said she was impressed with the focus on differentiation.

The Board discussed test scores, learning loss due to the pandemic, and the process of moving forward.

##### **IV.D.2. Coventry High School**

Mr. Blake shared his presentation on the CHS Goal Achievement for the 2022-23 school year. The report is available on the district's website.

C. Williams asked that a 5-year look back at the RIT growth be included in the next goal achievement presentation.

**V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

**V.A. Approve the April 2024 CHS Field Experience to Spain**

**V.B. Approve the May 2024 CNH Field Experience to Washington DC**

**MOTION: To approve Consent Agenda as Presented**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: C. Rossignol**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**VI. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil noted it is a busy month as we get closer to the end of the year with students showcasing their work. She noted that June 1 is the last day for parents to register their children for the summer enrichment programs.

**VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes**

**VIII.A. Approve Minutes of May 11, 2023**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 11, 2023**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**IX. Report of Board Members**

**IX.A. Information: Scholarship Committee Report, Meeting of May 17, 2023**

E. Marchand said the committee met and interviewed five outstanding students. C. Rossignol said the students had amazing self-reflections. E. Eaton agreed and said, how well they understand themselves, is what stood out.

**X. Possible VOTE: Executive Session [Administrative Level Interviews]**

**MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to administrative level interviews with the Superintendent and candidates present at 8:09 p.m.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: C. Rossignol**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XI. Open Session**

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 10:22 p.m.

**XI.A. Possible VOTE: Authorize the Superintendent to enter Into Employment Negotiations with a new principal for the Coventry Grammar School**

**MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to enter into Employment Negotiations for a new principal for the Coventry Grammar School**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: C. Rossignol**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**XII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: June 8, 2023