

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Special Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member Absent:

Peter DePaola

Administrators Present:

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

Audience: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 reviewed a few district-related items.

**IV.A. Information: Curriculum Update**

Ms. Mullaly shared a Teaching and Learning update presentation, which is available on the district's website through the BoardBook portal.

E. Marchand asked about the High Dosage Tutoring grant and what our chances were to be awarded. Dr. Petrone and Ms. Mullaly talked about the requirements and what needs to be submitted. Ms. Mullaly said this work will focus on math in grades 6-8. Dr. Petrone said he believes we have a good chance of being awarded. The Board discussed this program.

C. Williams asked about summer use of Eureka Math to prevent additional learning loss. Ms. Mullaly said it is more a hands-on program, than digital; it has to be reviewed more.

M. Kortmann talked about looking at summer accessibility for students for these programs at all levels. Dr. Petrone said, many times it is a licensing issue.

C. Rossignol asked if Eureka Squared was an additional cost. Dr. Petrone said it has been budgeted for. C. Rossignol asked why it wasn't brought into the middle school earlier. Ms. Mullaly explained the process and how it evolved based on student and staff needs.

C. Rossignol mentioned the new Finance Course requirement. Ms. Mullaly talked about the process of leveling staff, since we only have one business teacher at the high school. She said she is hopeful that a math certification endorsement will be approved by the State. The Board talked about using the University of Bridgeport and other institutes for dual enrollment courses.

The Board discussed the new age requirement to attend kindergarten and how it will affect both HEEC and CGS. Dr. Petrone said he will be providing additional information to the Board.

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

J. Beausoleil noted that the Town Council approved the request to move \$41,000 of end of year FY23 funds into the 2% non-lapsing account. She said the Town Council appointed a new Town Manager.

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

##### **VII.A. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of June 29, 2023 (6:00 p.m.)**

**MOTION: To approve the special meeting minutes of June 29, 2023**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: C. Williams**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

##### **VII.B. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 29, 2023 (7:00 p.m.)**

**MOTION: To approve the regular meeting minutes from June 29, 2023**

**By: C. Rossignol**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **VIII. Report of Board Members**

##### **VIII.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of July 12, 2023**

E. Marchand reviewed the meeting of July 12, the minutes of which were available to the Board. He said the next meeting is scheduled for August 2. C. Williams asked if there was consideration for the number of riders on buses and equal distribution. E. Marchand said we will have a better idea next week when the final routes are reviewed. J. Beausoleil said, based on the information they had on July 12, there seemed to be a count balance. The Board discussed this subject further.

C. Williams reviewed the bus routes and rider numbers and said there is not even distribution. She talked about safety concerns. E. Marchand said there are many variables including different sized buses and geographical issues. C. Williams continued to review her concerns. C. Rossignol asked if there would be a combining of stops. E. Marchand said this is an ongoing consideration.

The Board discussed K-5 bus runs and addressing parent complaints.

### **VIII.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of July 26, 2023**

M. Kortmann said we ended the year with \$41,376 and of that \$41,000 went to the 2% non-lapsing account and the rest went back to the town. She reviewed the other items discussed at the meeting.

#### **VIII.B.1. VOTE: Approve Budget Transfers**

**MOTION: To approve budget transfers of \$30,000 from 200 Benefits and \$15,000 from 300 Purchased Services distributed as follows: \$6,500 to 100 Salaries \$38,500 to 700 Property**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

### **IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: C. Williams**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted:

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: August 31, 2023