

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 28, 2023
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Also present: Mya Ransford

Administrators present:

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

Audience: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; Ross Sward, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Christian Marcinczyk, CNH Assistant Principal; and Jennifer Trueman, CHS Assistant Principal.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 meetings and events taking place in-district, regionally, and state-wide.

IV.A. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report

Ms. Ransford reported on activities taking place at the high school, including PSATs, athletics, and social events such as Home Coming.

IV.B. Information: Goal Highlight - 2023 Assessment Results Summary (Goals 1.1 and 1.3)

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. DeRagon, Mr. Sward, and Mr. Blake who shared the 2023 Assessment Results Summary presentation.

The Board discussed attendance and teacher absence fill rate; the math assessment results and the associated improvement plan specifically for grades 6 and 7; the outstanding results in science; SAT and AP scores; and dual enrollment opportunities for students.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Steve Tomlinson

E. Marchand asked that this item be voted on by itself.

MOTION: To approve the accept the retirement of Steve Tomlinson

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: E. Eaton

Discussion: E. Marchand noted Steve Tomlinson's dedication and commitment over his years of work.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil reviewed the Open Houses, the differences between Texas schools and Coventry and noted that Coventry has much of the same opportunities as the bigger state of Texas.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of September 14, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 14, 2023

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: M. Kortman

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the CABA Board of Distinction Award Application 2023

Dr. Petrone said the application has been completed and hopefully the Board will be designated once again this year for their hard work.

MOTION: To approve Coventry's CABA Board of Distinction Award Submission for 2023 as provided

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Joint Town Finance/BOE Fiscal Meeting of September 18, 2023

M. Kortmann reported on the joint meeting. [The minutes were available to the Board.]

X.B. Information: Transportation Committee Meeting of September 19, 2023

E. Marchand reported on the Transportation Committee meeting held. He said parents came and expressed concerns about uneven bus times and associated delays. He added that there is not good news on the horizon for transportation in general and stated this is not unique to Coventry. He reviewed the changes that were made to bus route 2.

The Board reviewed the continued transportation challenges, including the delay in obtaining qualified drivers, revamping the routes completely, possibly opening schools early for early drop-off, route optimization, and the end of the current contract.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: October 12, 2023