

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, October 26, 2023
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member Absent:

Christina Williams

Also Present:

Mya Ransford, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators present:

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

Audience: Dr. Beth Giller, PSSS Director; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Jennifer DeRagon, GHR Principal; and GHR Teachers Nora Jones, Karen Drexler, and Sarah Woodin.

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 referenced the Board Recognition that happened at 6:45 p.m., as this is the last meeting of the term. Dr. Petrone continued and reported on various activities taking place in-district, regionally, and state-wide.

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

Miss Ransford reported on a field trip that took place for middle school students; spirit week and homecoming at CHS; and an after-school meeting for juniors.

IV.B. Recognition and Information: Staff Presenters at the SDE Performance Matters Forum - GHR Teachers Nora Jones, Karen Drexler, and Sarah Woodin and Related Goal Highlight - Perspectives for Improving Achievement with NGSS (Goals 1.1 and 3.3)

Dr. Petrone recognized Ms. Jones, Ms. Drexler, and Ms. Woodin who presented at the SDE Performance Matters Conference. The team then shared their presentation with the Board on the Perspectives for Improving Achievement with NGSS.

J. Beausoleil said we are really hitting the engineering practices. She said she is very excited about this.

C. Rossignol said this is great preparation for college labs.

E. Eaton said, as a parent, the conversations students are having at home are detailed and intricate. She said these are invaluable skills they are learning.

Ms. Ransford said this sounds like fun as a student.

V. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil also noted this is the last regular meeting for this Board this term. She thanked everyone for their time and dedication.

P. DePaola [who is not running again] thanked the Board as well and said he appreciates the work that everyone does.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VII.A. Approve Minutes of October 12, 2023

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 12, 2023

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Marchand

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked that the figure *\$150.000* on page 2 be corrected to \$150,000.

Result: Motion to approve the minutes with noted change passes unanimously

VIII. New Business

VIII.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the 2024 BOE Meeting Dates

J. Beausoleil said the draft of meeting dates for 2024 are available. J. Beausoleil asked if the Board would accept a change to the October 31 date to October 30. There was agreement.

MOTION: To approve the 2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates with the modification of October 30 instead of October 31.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. Report of Board Members

IX.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Special Meeting of October 26, 2023

M. Kortmann reviewed the meeting and how the Committee decided to reprioritize items. She said she believes the final number is still way higher than what will be approved. She said the money is needed for these important projects.

X. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

By: P. DePaola

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: November 9, 2023