



Thursday, July 27, 2023
School Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Coventry Town Hall 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, Rhode Island 02816
Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcm2TB52qZajUDvyz-76vQ>

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Pierson 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:	James Pierson, Chairperson	<u>Aye</u>
	Ana Isabel dos Reis-Couto, Vice-Chairperson	<u>Aye</u>
	David Florio, Member	<u>Aye</u>
	John Cambio, Jr., Member	<u>Aye</u>
	Bradford Mayer, Member	<u>Aye</u>
	Don Cowart	<u>Aye</u>
	Christopher DeVerna	<u> </u>

Vote to Go Into Executive Session

Motion No. 23-13-1 by Member Florio, seconded by Member dos Reis-Couto that the Committee recess into Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. to consider matter(s) relating specifically to:

- Student Matters: R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(8) (Homeschool Requests)
- Approval of Executive Session Minutes 6/22/2023, the following items were discussed: 1.) Student Matters: R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(8) (Homeschool Requests), 2.) Approval of Executive Session Minutes 6/8/2023, Job Performance of an Individual: R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(1)(Superintendent of Schools)
- Potential Litigation: R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2)(Employee Matter)

Roll Call Vote:	James Pierson, Chairperson	<u>Aye</u>
	Ana Isabel dos Reis-Couto, Vice-Chairperson	<u>Aye</u>
	David Florio, Member	<u>Aye</u>
	John Cambio, Jr., Member	<u>Aye</u>

Bradford Mayer, Member

Aye

Motion passed 5/0.

Reconvene Open Session

The Open Meeting reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Safety Notification/Reading of Mission Statement

Executive Session Report

In executive session two votes were taken, the first to approve homeschool requests and the second to approve executive session minutes of 6/22/2023. Both motions passed. Potential litigation of an employee matter was also discussed.

Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

Motion No. 23-13-2 Member dos Reis-Couto, seconded by Member Mayer, that the records of the Executive Session be kept closed pursuant to Sections §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Motion passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes 6/22/2023

Motion No. 23-13-3 by Member dos Reis-Couto, seconded by Member Mayer, to approve the minutes of 6/22/2023 as presented. Motion passed 5/0.

Stage II Update and Presentation: Discussion

Mr Cowart said the bond was reduced to 25 million. The District has been working with Phil Conte on revising the work to be included in the bond. Mr. Cowart introduced Mr. Conte to update the committee on the Stage 2 Application. Mr. Conte reviewed the proposed scope of work and said the bond would focus on a Healthy School Learning Environment. He reviewed projects at the individual schools and the amounts of funds to be used at each school. He also reviewed the timeline of approvals and when the application needs to be submitted (9/15/2023). Chairperson Pierson opened for comments. Question and answer session followed. No public comment.

Superintendent Professional/Personal Goals: Discussion

Mr. Cowart shared a handout with the committee of his goal for the 2023-2024 school year. He then spoke to the committee about said goals. Mr. Cowart said he would refine his goals and bring them to the next meeting. Chairperson Pierson opened for comments. Question and answer session followed. No public comment.

Approval of Coventry High School Handbook: Discussion and Vote

Mr. Cowart stated that Mr. Levis had worked hard on completing the handbook before he retired. Chairperson Pierson opened for questions. Question and answer session followed. No public comment.

Motion No. 23-13-4 Member Mayer, seconded by Member dos Reis-Couto, to approve the Coventry High School Handbook as presented. Motion passed 5/0.

Approval of Coventry High School Code of Conduct: Discussion and Vote

Chairperson Pierson opened for comments. There were no questions or comments. No public comment.

Motion No. 23-13-5 Member Florio, seconded by Member Mayer, to approve the Coventry High School Code of Conduct as presented. Motion passed 5/0.

Approval of Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Handbook: Discussion and Vote

Chairperson Pierson opened for comments. There were no questions or comments. No public comment

Motion No. 23-13-6 Member dos Reis-Couto, seconded by Member Mayer, to approve the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Handbook.

Approval of Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Code of Conduct: Discussion and Vote

Chairperson Pierson opened for comments. There were no questions or comments. No public comment

Motion No. 23-13-7 Member Florio, seconded by Member dos Reis-Couto, to approve the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Code of Conduct.

Superintendent Report:

1.) CTA Contract Update: Mr. Cowart said the town had questions around pension and Medicare. Mr. DeVerna and Ms. Mangerelli have reviewed the numbers and will share them with the town. The vote is scheduled for 8/15/2023. Mr. Cowart met with the Town Manager and expressed that the town and school department need to work together collaboratively. Questions and answer session followed.

2.) Navy Letter: Mr. Cowart stated we are on probation for low enrollment and that the probation has been extended for 1 year.

3.) CHS-Wastewater Treatment Update: Mr. Cowart updated the committee on the different options that they have been reviewing to fix the septic issue at the high school. Questions and answer session followed.

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Scheduling of the Next Meeting

Motion No. 23-13-8 by Member Mayer, and seconded by Member dos Reis-Couto, to schedule the next meeting for August 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 23-13-9 by Member dos Reis-Couto, and seconded by Member Florio, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed 5/0.