

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, March 28, 2024  
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

Administrators Present:

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

Also Present:

Mya Ransford, Student Board of Education Representative

Audience: Mr. Sward, CNH Principal; Mr. Blake, CHS Principal; Ms. DeRagon, GHR Principal;  
Ms. Davis, CGS Principal

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 attended the boys HS basketball championship game, he was impressed on the turnout from staff and town employees. Senior portfolio night was successful. On Tuesday, the students participated with their sister school in China on a zoom meeting. The paper screening process has started for the PSSS Director. Steam night was a great event. Solar eclipse coming up, more information will be sent out from the schools.

G. Marchand commended the students on a great job at senior portfolio night.

#### **IV.A. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report – Mya Ransford**

Miss Ransford reported the high school SAT's are coming up, the quarter is coming to an end, spring sports are starting, prom tickets going on sale soon, and senior portfolio night was huge success.

#### **IV.B. Information: Superintendent Goal Achievement Report 2023-2024**

Dr. Petrone presented his 2023-2024 superintendent goal achievement report, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

Ms. Davis, CGS principal, introduced 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers Ms. Carr and Ms. McConnell. Their students George, Alayna, and Adelyn presented their passage presentations.

J. Beausoleil stated they gave a wonderful presentation.

Ms. DeRagon, GHR principal, introduced 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Ms. Jones and Ms. Woodin. Their students Megan, Alayna, Katie and Kennedy presented their passage presentations.

Mr. Sward, CNH principal, introduced library media specialist Ms. Murdoch and 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher Ms. Grout. Their students Alex and Sciarra presented their passage presentations.

J. Beausoleil shared her sentiments on the outstanding work done by all students.

Discussion on the fitness center.

C. Williams inquired about the first goal being comprehensive toward a vision plan for the student aspect. Dr. Petrone explained that the student segment is in the portrait of the graduate. This part of the goal is driven to adults. She asked is there was a criteria to measure success. Dr. Petrone explained that that is demonstrated through examples of student work.

Discussion on data collection for students that have graduated. Dr. Petrone stated that the date for profile is on the website.

J. Beausoleil stated Dr. Petrone created strong goals. He has developed an incredible team.

#### **V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

##### **V.A. Approve the GHR June 2024 Field Experience to Sturbridge, MA**

**MOTION: To approve the GHR June 2024 Field Experience to Sturbridge, MA**

**By: G. Marchand**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **VI. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil reported that portfolio night, the talent show, and steam night were all wonderful events. Union negotiations are upcoming.

#### **VII. Communications**

There were none.

## **VIII. Vote: Approval of Minutes**

### **VIII.A. Approve Minutes of March 14, 2024**

#### **MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 14, 2024**

J. Beausoleil stated there were some issues with point of orders not being indicated and some inconsistencies with consensus for policies. Will need to go back to the video for updates.

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## **IX. Old Business**

### **IX.A. Information and Possible VOTE: FY2025 Budget**

Dr. Petrone indicated a few items were adjusted. Mr. Carroll stated on page 23 under pension they restored the food service contribution; page 93 the non-certified section spelled out the descriptions, and the miscellaneous tab (orange page) they adjusted language to 'award system'. May be more changes upcoming.

JB: council met tonight. Anticipate April 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> for decisions from council. Board asked to send comments in advance of the April 11<sup>th</sup> discussion. The referendum will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

E. Eaton asked if the special education expenses will continue into next year. Dr. Petrone stated that yes, the expenses are projected for the rest of the year.

C. Williams asked that they look at cost increases for software and technology.

### **IX.B. Discussion and Possible VOTE(s): Approve Policy Revisions**

- 1. 1330 Use of School Facilities**
- 2. 4110 Employment and Student Teacher Checks**
- 3. 4151.2 Family and Medical Leave**
- 4. 1231 Non-Discrimination – Community**
- 5. 4116.1 Non-Discrimination – Personnel**
- 6. 5122.2 Non-Discrimination – Students**
- 7. 5141.4 Management Plan and Guidelines for Students with Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease**
- 8. 4116.35 Child Abuse Neglect and Sexual Assault Reporting**
- 9. 5142.2 Suicide Prevention and Intervention**
- 10. 5127.1 Improve Completion Rates of FAFSA**
- 11. ~~6146.1 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages~~**
- 12. 6160.1 Parental Access to Instructional Material**

**13. 5131.7 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy**

**14. 5131.71 Safe School Climate Plan**

**15. 5144 Student Discipline**

**16. 7100 New Construction Planning**

**17. 9360 Construction and Posting of Agenda**

**MOTION: To approve policy revisions or new policies listed as a group, except for policy 6146.1**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: C. Williams**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**11. 6146.1 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages**

**MOTION: To approve policy 6146.1 Weighted Grading and Calculation of Grade Point Averages**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

Discussion: C. Williams asked if there was any movement on getting students ongoing access to their GPA's. Dr. Petrone explained the concern is that the GPA would change every time a grade was entered. It may not reflect the students GPA accurately. IT would also affect the class ranking. Students may also get their GPA's from guidance on a quarterly basis.

M. Kortman asked if an excel spreadsheet could be created to be used as a template to calculate the GPA. This could be something the student could do on their own. Dr. Petrone will look into it.

Discussion on grading requirements. This policy went back to committee. Discussion on middle school GPA calculations and advanced courses.

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**X. Report of Board Members**

**X.A. Information: District Technology Committee Liaison Report – E. Eaton**

E. Eaton reported they have been meeting monthly via hybrid. This committee was largely involved with steam night. Gave an update on steam night. There are currently two main focuses of the committee; 1. Completion of the student acceptable use policy and 2. Strategic goals for the technology plan in place. AI impact in schools is also a focus. This work is ongoing.

**X.B. Information: District Curriculum Committee Liaison – E. Marchand**

E. Marchand reported the team completed the rubric for portrait of the graduate. Engaging in curriculum work and refinements for dual enrollment.

**XI. Possible VOTE: Executive Session [Superintendent's Evaluation]**

**MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussion related to Superintendent's evaluation at 9:49 p.m.**

**By: C. Rossignol**

**Seconded: E. Eaton**

**Result: Motion carries unanimously**

## **XII. Open Session**

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:30 p.m.

## **XIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Tricia Dean  
Board Clerk

Approved: April 11, 2024