

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 9, 2024
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Christina Williams

Administrators Present:

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

Also Present:

Audience: Mr. Sward, CNH Principal; Mr. Blake, CHS 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 stated the NEASC organization reached out to Mr. Blake to push out our visit for an additional year as we are in good shape. The Annual town meeting related to referendum took place. The meet and greet for the Director of Pupil Services was conducted. Dr. Petrone gave an update on the Leadership for Learning group that met with early superintendents. Spring music concert at the high school was a great event.

J. Beausoleil recognized the high school concert, she was excited to see the song written by Tony Susi for Coventry. E. Marchand said it was impressive on the number of students on the stage.

IV.A. Student Recognition: CAFE Student Leadership Awards – for CNH Natalie Entwistle, Leon Hart-Brewton and for CHS – Anaka Eaton and Kai Mitchell

Dr. Petrone presented the CAFE Student Leadership Awards to students. He reviewed the criteria to receive this award. Mr. Sward read a bio on each CNH award recipient. Mr. Blake read a bio on each CHS award recipient.

IV.B. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report - Mya Ransford

No report

V. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil reported that the budget referendum failed. Town Council meeting on Monday to discuss cuts. Late May town meeting with June referendum. Shared the first-grade countdown to school. Thanked parents for their patience regarding the bus situation. New bus contractor will start in September. All schools are available for early drop off and late pick up until the end of the school year.

VI. Communications

There were none.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VII.A. Approve Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of April 25, 2024 (6:00 p.m.)

MOTION: To approve the SPECIAL meeting minutes of April 25, 2024

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII.B. Approve Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of April 25, 2024 (7:30 p.m.)

E. Eaton asked to correct name spelling on page 2, item IV.D, Kara should be spelled with K not C.

MOTION: To approve the REGULAR meeting minutes of April 25, 2024, as amended

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Discussion and VOTE: Review Last Day of School (23-24) for GHR Students

Proposal for one day for GHR to be waived. Dr. Petrone explained that one school due to power outage closed. Forgive day 6/12/24 for GHR students. Teachers will be here on that day, as it's contractual. It will be a teacher development day. The district still is in line with 180 school days.

MOTION: To approve waiving one day, 6/12/24, for GHR students

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: J. Cleary

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII.B. VOTE: Approve the Following Policies

1. NEW 5112 Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five

M. Kortmann question on verbiage. Dr. Petrone noted every year a family can apply for a waiver. This is the only year that it will be automatically granted. E. Eaton noted the change is in the description, the attachment posted is incorrect.

2. Revision: 5127 Graduation Requirements

3. Revision: 5146 Recess and Play-Based Learning – Formally titled Physical Activity, Undirected Play, and Student Discipline

MOTION: To approve policy 5112, 5127, and 5146 as presented

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion passes unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information and VOTE: Approve the 2024-25 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,387

We do this every year. Our tuition rate is in line with other districts.

MOTION: To approve the 2024-25 Tuition Rate for Regular Education Non-Resident Students at \$16,387

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of May 9, 2024 – Mary Kortmann

M. Kortmann gave an update on the meeting held on May 9, 2024. Updated numbers on current deficit, waiting on town council for 2% transfer approval, and grants are on track.

1. Information and Possible VOTE: CGS Septic Challenge

TABLED until June due to end of year numbers pending.

XI. Possible VOTE: Executive Session [Terms of Condition of Employment for Non-Union Employees]

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussion related to Terms of Condition of Employment for Non-Union Employees, with the superintendent present at 7:37 p.m.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion carries unanimously

XII. Open Session

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:20 p.m.

XII.A. Possible VOTE on the Terms of Conditions of Employment for Non-Union Employees

MOTION: To approve the terms of conditions of employment for the following non-union positions: Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Certified Nursing Assistant, Superintendent of Schools, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, Data Management Specialist, Registered Behavior Technician, Student Care Assistant

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: May 30, 2024