

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 30, 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

Also Present:

Maya Ransford, Student Board of Education Representative

Audience: Mr. Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dr. Lois Hasty, Preschool and Early Childhood Education Coordinator

**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 that there are many events going on. Annual tabletop exercise for security conducted, district wide art show, CGS family fun night, National Honor Society induction ceremony, band and chorus concerts, special town meeting, senior awards night, and graduates walked through Robertson school and the grammar school.

#### **IV.A. Information: Presentation by Coventry Youth Basketball Coventry Parks and Recreation**

Leslie Munshower from Park and Recreation and Mike Wheeler from Coventry Youth Basketball presented a gift to the Board on behalf of the program. They donated \$1,000 for a great partnership with Coventry Public Schools.

J. Beausoleil thanked both for their partnership and donation.

#### **IV.B. Recognition: Staff Presenter – Emily LeBlanc, NEAG 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference**

Dr. Petrone introduced Emily LeBlanc. This was her first time presenting at NEAG.

Ms. LeBlanc, math teacher, shared her presentation at the conference.

Miss Ransford stated the program is a huge help for students.

#### **IV.C. Recognition of Staff: Rookie of the Year – Outstanding First Year Teachers – Leah Slawinowski, HEEC Teacher; Lindsey Dore, Kindergarten Teacher; Shirley Holloway, CHS Social Worker; Jacob Paciotti, CHS Science Teacher; Kyle Ferreira van Leer, PK-12 Math Specialist**

Dr. Petrone stated these staff members are first year staff.

Ms. Hasty introduced and recognized Ms. Slawinowski and her accomplishments.

Dr. Petrone introduced and recognized Ms. Dore and her accomplishments.

Mr. Blake introduced and recognized Ms. Holloway and her accomplishments.

Mr. Blake introduced and recognized Mr. Paciotti and his accomplishments.

Ms. Mullaly introduced and recognized Mr. Ferreira van Leer and his accomplishments.

J. Beausoleil stated this is a good way to validate our new employees and have great community spirit.

#### **IV.D. Information: GPA at Coventry High School**

Mr. Blake introduced staff members Korrie Fetta, Heather Casale, and Jamie Johnston. They shared a presentation on how GPA is calculated, how GPA is communicated to students, and how GPA is used for post-secondary plans, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

M. Kortmann asked if the National Honor Society makes the rule that you can't use weighted GPA. Ms. Casale stated yes.

Mr. Blake explained why the GPA is locked in January.

#### **IV.E. Information: Coventry Academy Presentation (Goal 2.1)**

Dr. Petrone introduced the Coventry Academy teachers Courtney Barker, Chris Sheehan, and Jonathan Stanizzi who shared a presentation on Coventry Academy, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

Michele Powers, parent of student Jaka Powers, shared how the program has benefited her child.

E. Eaton stated the work they due is remarkable. The service they provide families is life altering.

**IV.F. Recognition/Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report (Last Meeting) – Mya Ransford**

Miss Ransford thanked the Board for being so welcoming and accepting of her ideas.

Dr. Petrone thanked Miss Ransford for her work as Student Representative, as well as her commitment.

E. Marchand stated Miss Ransford has maintained and enhanced this position.

J. Beausoleil stated Miss Ransford’s perspective has been very valuable and she has set the bar very high for her successor.

C. Rossignol left the meeting.

**V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

Item V.C. removed from the Consent Agenda

**V.A. Approve the CHS April 2025 Field Experience to Williamsburg, VA**

**V.B. Accept the Retirement of Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations**

**MOTION: To approve the consent agenda**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: J. Cleary**

**Result: Motion passes 5-0**

**V.C. Accept the Retirement of Nora Jones, GHR Teacher**

E. Eaton shared her sentiments of Ms. Jones wonderful work during her tenure.

**MOTION: To accept the retirement of Nora Jones, GHR Teacher**

**By: E. Eaton**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes 5-0**

C. Rossignol returned to the meeting.

**VI. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil reported the budget will be up again at referendum on June 4. Thanked Dr. Petrone for his presentation at the Town Meeting. Updates to the summary of history of cuts posted. Band and chorus concerts, athletic competitions, and art show took place. The amount of expertise and commitment to our children by our teachers is outstanding. She thanked Kimberlee Delorme for her 25<sup>th</sup> year of service as executive assistant. Senior awards night took place, along with dollars for scholars. \$95,800 was given out for scholarships. E. Eaton stated that the amount of the scholarships are raised by the classes, she explained how the program works

**VII. Communications**

There were none.



**XII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 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: June 13, 2024