

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, June 13, 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:

Audience: Mr. Blake, CHS Principal; Mr. Sward CNH 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 reported that Track and Field had their year-end banquet, recognized Coach V for 25 year of coaching. The boys and girls high school teams being recognized for baseball and softball. Graduation ceremony completed. 5th and 8th grade ceremonies were great. Last day of school is done.

IV.A. Recognition: CNH Girls Softball and Boys Baseball – Northeast Middle School Athletic Conference Champions

Dr. Petrone recognized the CNH Girls Softball team who are the Northeast Middle School Athletic Conference Champions. Mr. Sward & the coach gave an overview of the girl's accomplishments. The Board presented a gift to the team.

Dr. Petrone recognized the CNH Boys Baseball team who are the Northeast Middle School Athletic Conference Champions. Mr. Sward gave an overview of the boy's accomplishments. The Board presented a gift to the team.

IV.B. Information and VOTE: CPS Educator and Leader Evaluation Plan 2024-25

Dr. Petrone introduced world language teacher Ms. Page, grade 5 teacher Ms. Woodin, science teacher Ms. Couch, and physical education teacher Ms. Kessler who shared a presentation on the CPS Educator and Leadership Evaluation Plan, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

Informal and formal observations, along with years of service discussed. Whole school and parent feedback goal was discussed. State requirements have changed as far as feedback requirements. Student growth and well-being goals were discussed.

Mr. Blake reviewed the administrator evaluation portion of the plan.

MOTION: To approve the CPS Educator and Leader Evaluation Plan 2024-2025

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carries unanimously

IV.C. Information: Farm to Table Presentation – Ms. Pratt

Dr. Petrone introduced Ms. Pratt and Ms. Dubois who shared a presentation on the Farm to Table program, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

Discussion on food offerings and local sourcing.

Discussion on new point of sale system.

IV.D. Information: District Technology Plan Update – Ms. Drury

Ms. Drury shared a presentation on the District Technology Plan Update, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

Ms. Drury gave more specifics on AI training.

C. Williams gave a parent's perspective on the parent communications. She feels it is overwhelming in regard to the amount and different platforms of communication avenues.

E. Eaton shared the same sentiments. Ms. Drury stated that is something that the technology committee is working on.

V. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil reported many promotion and step up ceremonies took place, along with graduation. She highlighted that there was 100 percent walk rate at graduation. Thanked

Dr. Giller for helping out at CGS by delaying her retirement. Thanked all staff, volunteers, and the community for their support throughout the year.

VI. Communications

C. Rossignol asked when they would be receiving results of the remote learning survey.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VII.A. Approve Minutes of May 30, 2024

MOTION: To approve the minutes of May 30, 2024

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carries, with one abstention by C. Williams

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Information and Possible VOTE: FY2025 Budget

J. Beausoleil stated the budget passed, therefore they do not need to vote on any changes or reductions.

IX. Report of Board Members

IX.A. Information: Athletic Advisory Committee Report – E. Marchand

E. Marchand gave an update on the Athletic Advisory Committee meeting. New boys' soccer coach for the high school. Discussed advertising in regard to signage on jerseys. There is a policy that allows advertising posting on the fields. Discussion on new rules for off-season practice.

IX.B. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of June 13, 2024 – E. Marchand

E. Marchand reported the DATTCO managers met with the committee to discuss drivers, routes and did a presentation on mapping the routes. Also discussed safety and drivability. Committee will then review the draft lease. Parents will see bus stop routes in August.

IX.C. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of June 13, 2024 – M. Kortmann and Mr. Carroll

M. Kortmann reported we are back in the black by \$51k. Grants have all been spent down. What funding is left will be moved into the 2% account.

Transfer needed to cover special education outplacement cost.

1. Possible VOTE: Approve Budget Transfer from

MOTION: To approve the budget transfer of \$20,000 from 100 salaries and \$85,000 from 200 benefits a total of \$105,000 to 500 tuition, to cover deficit in special education tuition due to unbudgeted outplacement savings realized in salaries and benefits due to staffing shortage.

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: C. Williams

Result: Motion carries unanimously

X. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: J. Cleary

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: June 27, 2024