

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education SPECIAL Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, July 18, 2024
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairperson
Mary Kortmann, Secretary
Emma Eaton

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Cleary
Courtney Rossignol
Christina Williams

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

IV. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Administrative Level Interviews)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for Administrative Level Interviews, with the Superintendent present at 7:10 p.m.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion carries unanimously

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:43 p.m.

V. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reported the school buildings are getting cleaned. Summer programming is ongoing. The HVAC project is underway. He is crafting the welcome back email and getting ready for Convocation. Summer preschool is at 40 students, this is enough to support the program. All programs are in airconditioned rooms.

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil thanked everyone for their patience with the technology issues that they are working through during the meeting.

VII. Communications

There were none.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of June 27, 2024

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 27, 2024

Board members were not able to review the minutes due to BoardBook not being accessible.

Result: Tabled

VIII.B. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 27, 2024

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 27, 2024

Board members were not able to review the minutes due to BoardBook not being accessible.

Result: Tabled

IX. Report of Board Members

IX.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report, Meeting of July 18, 2024

E. Marchand gave an update on the DATTCO presentation of the routes they developed. The committee was impressed with the work they did. Voted to approve routes with modifications. Next step is staff will communicate with parents.

IX.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of July 18, 2024

M. Kortmann reported they have finished in a positive position, and all the funds will go to the 2% fund. Much better position than originally thought. Received income that they weren't expecting.

Dr. Petrone reviewed the items that impacted the result of the positive position. Money saved in contract negotiations, resolved case that saved money on legal expense, bus savings due to many buses not running, and took out associated expenses with before and after care. Open Choice revenue also came in later than expected, but in time for before the fiscal year closed.

X. Possible VOTE: Executive Session (Administrative Level Candidate Review and Bargaining Unit Discussions)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussion related to Administrative Level Candidate Review and Bargaining Unit Discussions, with the superintendent present at 7:50p.m.

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion carries unanimously

XI. Open Session – Possible VOTE: Authorize the Superintendent to enter into Employment Negotiations with a new Director of Finance and Operations

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to enter into employment negotiations with a new Director of Finance and Operations

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion carries unanimously

XII. Open Session – Possible VOTE: Approve the Agreement between the Coventry Board of Education and the Custodians 2024-2027

MOTION: To approve the agreement between the Coventry Board of Education and the Custodians 2024-2027

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion carries unanimously

XIII. Adjournment

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

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: August 29, 2024