

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Wednesday, October 30, 2024
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson
Eugene Marchand, Vice Chairperson
Mary Kortmann, Secretary
Courtney Rossignol
Christina Williams

Board Members Absent:

Joseph Cleary
Emma Eaton

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

Also Present:

Lillian O'Neil, Student Board of Education Representative

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

Courtney Rossignol, Brenda Lane – Courtney, president of Coventry Lake Community Rowing, shared that the team recently represented the community at a Regatta. She wanted to highlight the rowers' continued success, as they have competed in some of the largest and most challenging rowing events. The athletes consistently showcase skill, dedication, and sportsmanship. These events not only highlight the growth of the rowing program but also reflect the strong support from the community.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reported that staff development was held on October 11th, and he attended the CAPSS Early Childhood Advisory Committee meeting, where they plan to seek clarification on funding at the next meeting. He also conducted the first round of student focus groups. Dr. Petrone provided an update on the recent football game, noting that although the team lost, they fought hard. He toured the updated Dimock Library and participated in a meeting

of the CAPSS Legislative Committee. In Dr. Giller's absence, he served as the acting principal of Coventry Grammar School. He attended the boys' soccer game, sharing that both the boys' and girls' soccer teams will advance to the finals.

C. Williams highlighted that the girls' middle school cross country team took 1st place in their conference.

IV.A. Student Recognition: CAPSS Superintendent Student Awards – CNH Students Adilyn Reed and Caleb Longo; CHS Students Katherine Tindal and Braden Kearney (Driver: Collective & Individual Identity)

Dr. Petrone announced that nominations are awarded to one male and one female student from both the high school and middle school. These awards recognize outstanding contributions in community service, service to others, leadership service to the school community, and academic prowess.

Middle School Assistant Principal Ms. Marcinczyk highlighted the achievements of winners Adilyn and Caleb, while High School Principal Mr. Blake highlighted the accomplishments of winners Braden and Katherine.

J. Beausoleil expressed gratitude to the parents for their investment in their children's success.

IV.B. Staff Recognition: Staff Presenters at the SDE Performance Matters Forum – Stella Demand, Korrie Fetta, Kyle Macsuga, and Sean Parker (Driver: Collective & Individual Identity)

Dr. Petrone shared the exceptional representation of Coventry by staff members and their contributions to the school system. They recently attended the State Performance Matters Forum.

Korrie and Stella shared with the Board their presentation at the forum, which focused on the dual enrollment program. Student representatives also contributed by demonstrating engineering and investigative activities.

Dr. Petrone noted that while Kyle and Sean were unable to attend tonight's meeting, they both performed exceptionally well.

J. Beausoleil expressed appreciation for the staff members showcasing the district's achievements and commended the decision to involve students in the presentation.

IV.C. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report – Lillian O'Neil

Miss O'Neil announced that fall sports are coming to a close. All teams held senior nights, and the cross country team performed exceptionally well at their state championships. Volleyball and both soccer teams are hopeful about competing in the state championships. Although the football team didn't do well at their last game, they have another game scheduled for this Friday. The Best Buddy's group recently had their first Halloween event. On October 29th, Joe Courtney spoke to the senior class about the upcoming election. A

mock election for the CI class is taking place. This week is Spirit Week, with the first pep rally scheduled for Friday and Homecoming set for Saturday.

J. Beausoleil shared that she heard Representative Courtney on the WTIC program during their candidate presentations. Courtney mentioned Coventry's CI class, noting how they asked insightful questions.

Dr. Petrone announced that student representative Lilly will be attending the student portion of the CABA conference in November.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Michelle Craddock, District Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

MOTION: To accept the retirement of Michelle Craddock, District Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carried unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil shared that GHR hosted a fun run, which she participated in. The volley ball "Dig Pink" game at the high school also took place, raising great awareness for cancer. The event was well attended and was a wonderful event for the community. Earlier tonight, the Board held a professional development session featuring a legislative overview presented by the Board attorney. Election Day is on November 5th, and there will be no school, with no after-school activities scheduled at the high school. Additionally, there will be teachers' conferences that week for grades K-5.

VII. Communications

The DATTCO Deliverables Checklist submitted.

J. Beausoleil expressed her intention to include this as a reference for the Board. With the new contract in place, she encouraged the Board to review the checklist to assess performance results, noting that DATTCO is meeting most requirements. DATTCO hosted a breakfast for all employees, with managers doing the cooking and a food truck on-site. The Transportation Committee was also invited, making it a great engagement activity.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of October 10, 2024

Edit by J. Beausoleil to amend page 3, first sentence from '*She noted that this practice reflects*' to '*These results reflect*'

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of October 10, 2024, as amended

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: C. Williams

Result: Motion carries with one abstention by E. Marchand

