

Coventry Board of Education

Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Special Meeting

Approved Minutes of Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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
Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, Director of Finance and Operations

Also Present:

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Audience of Citizens

Emma Fillmore, student – spoke in support of reinstating the Challenge and Enrichment Program.

Sara Reed, Coventry -spoke in support of reinstating the Challenge and Enrichment Program.

Kate Clark, 104 Leslie Lane – spoke in support of reinstating the Challenge and Enrichment Program.

A statement was read on behalf of Kelly Ahern of Coventry in support of reinstating the Challenge and Enrichment Program.

Megan Boshuyzen, 41 Margaret Dr – spoke in support of reinstating the Challenge and Enrichment Program.

III. VOTE: Approve Minutes of June 12, 2025

Edits: IV.C. correct Mrs. to Ms. Drury throughout all sentences.

IV.D. correct CHA to CHS.

IX.A. under amended motion, correct Hill to Hale.

X.A.3. remove extra space between 'requested' and 'Board authorization' in the second sentence.

VII.A. remove the word regatta in the edit for XI.C.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 12, 2025, as amended

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion carries unanimously

IV. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Consider the Reinstatement of the Challenge and Enrichment Teaching Position (K-5)

J. Beausoleil shared that an extremely unprecedented event has occurred: a community member has come forward with an anonymous donation of \$25,000 to support the reinstatement of the Challenge and Enrichment Program. She noted that an additional \$26,000 is still needed to fully fund the program. J. Beausoleil also addressed a misconception regarding a position believed to have been cut. She clarified that the principal secretary position at GHR was not eliminated; rather, staffing changes were made based on union seniority requirements. The position remained in the budget and was never removed or reinstated.

J. Beausoleil reviewed the steps the district is taking to secure the remaining \$26,000 needed to fully fund the Challenge and Enrichment Program. By switching to an alternate vendor for phone and fax services, the district achieved a savings of \$21,000 this year. The remaining funds are expected to come from vacancy savings. She also provided an overview of the recall process for union employees.

MOTION: To approve the reinstatement of the challenge and enrichment teaching position for K-5

By: E. Eaton

Seconded: J. Cleary

There was a discussion regarding the remaining \$26,000 needed to fully fund the Challenge and Enrichment Program. E. Marchand emphasized the importance of recognizing the effort required to pass a budget and encouraged residents to participate in the voting process. The use of vacancy savings as a potential funding source was also discussed.

Result: Motion carries unanimously

V. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: E. Eaton

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: August 28, 2025