

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 25, 2025
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Emma Eaton

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

Also Present:

Maggie Coffey, Student Board of Education Representative

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There was none.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reported that he recently attended the CAPSS Legislative Committee meeting as well as the Early Childhood Advisory meeting and provided updates from both. He noted that open houses were held at the middle school and Hale, student focus groups have begun, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the fitness center. He also met with a high school group to discuss the summer book read and shared students' feedback on the cell phone policy.

IV.A. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report – Maggie Coffey

Miss Coffey provided several updates: sports are going well; the fitness center has officially opened; the first advisory session and student book talk were held; and the first Best Buddies event was a success. Student elections are currently underway. She also reported that the band will be traveling to Washington, D.C., in May to march in the parade, and that she will be attending the CABE Conference in November.

IV.B. Information: District 2025-2026 Major Initiatives Presentation

Dr. Petrone presented the 2025-2026 Major Initiatives Update, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

C. Williams asked about the structure of the finance office, specifically the shift from general roles to skill-based positions and the long-term impact of that change. Dr Petrone responded that the district will conduct a market analysis, identify the types of ongoing training that may be required, and ensure pay is appropriately aligned. J. Beausoleil shared her perspective on the importance of more clearly defining roles and responsibilities while remaining competitive in the market. J. Cleary inquired about the NEASC reaccreditation process.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

Item V.A. was removed from the consent agenda

V.A. Approve the October CNH Field Experience to Springfield, MA (NELMS Conference)

MOTION: To approve the CNH field experience to Springfield, MA (NELMS conference)

By: J. Cleary

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Discussion: C. Williams asked for clarification on the purpose of the field trip.

Result: Motion carries unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil reported that the recent open houses were a great success and that Board professional development took place earlier in the evening. She expressed appreciation for the creative work on the new fitness center and highlighted the GHR garden, made possible through the Coventry Grows partnership, as a wonderful addition. She noted that the Cell Phone Task Force is making progress. J. Beausoleil also shared that she attended a CABE webinar on State Department of Education funding changes and mentioned upcoming CABE webinars on legislative updates and civil discourse. Looking ahead, she noted the GHR and CGS open houses as well as Wit and Wisdom sessions at the GHR open house. E. Marchand asked that students be included in other committees going forward.

VII. Communications

There was none.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of September 11, 2025

MOTION: To approve the minutes of September 11, 2025

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion carries unanimously

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information and Possible VOTE: Approve the CABE Board of Distinction Award

Application 2025

Dr. Petrone stated that the board has consistently done a good job. The application has been completed and now only requires Board approval before being submitted to CABE.

MOTION: To approve the CABE Board of Distinction Award Application 2025

By: C. Williams

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion carries unanimously

X. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: October 9, 2025