

Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes of Thursday, March 26, 2026
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairperson
Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairperson
Megan Boshuyzen
Joshua Clark
Mark Larson
Courtney Rossignol

Board Members Absent:

Emma Eaton, Secretary

Administrators Present:

Dr. David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill, Director of Finance and Operations

Student Representative:

Maggie Coffey

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. VOTE: Consent Agenda

IV.A. Approve the GHR May 2026 Field Experience to Sturbridge, MA

IV.B. Accept the Retirement of Reginald Hutchins, CHS Custodian

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Petrone reported that the George Hersey Robertson school was named the 2026 Elementary School of the Year by the CT Association of Schools. He also noted that professional development recently took place, along with his attendance at a CAPSS

Legislative Committee meeting. Additionally, the senior portfolio presentations were completed, and the UConn job fair took place.

V.A. Recognition: CHS Girls Basketball Team – CIAC Division III State Champions

Dr. Petrone recognized the 2026 CHS girls' basketball team for winning the state championship.

V.B. Information: Board of Education Student Representative Report – Maggie Coffey

Miss Coffey reported that it is Spirit Week at the high school. She shared that All-State music activities are underway and that the Connecticut Tri-Union Leadership Conference will take place tomorrow. She also noted that the spring sports season began this week and that the East Region Middle School Festival recently took place. Additionally, she recognized the girls' basketball team for winning the state championship and mentioned that a bingo night will be held at the church.

V.C. Information: Superintendent Initiative Achievement Presentation 2025-2026

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

Ms. Drury presented on integrating AI into teaching and learning, which is available on the district's website via the BoardBook portal.

J. Beausoleil stated that this reflects a strong team effort and highlights the accomplishments of both students and staff. She thanked the district for its work in reaching this point.

M. Kortmann enjoyed the AI presentation and found the demonstration helpful in understanding how students would use the tool and how it is managed. She also expressed interest in seeing how teachers could utilize it to support their work.

C. Rossignol noted that the dual enrollment data were impressive and highlighted the significant cost savings realized by students.

VI. Information: Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil reported that both meetings scheduled for April 6 have been cancelled and rescheduled for April 20. She noted that March 30 and April 6 are the final opportunities for public input from citizens regarding appropriations. She also shared updates from CAFE webinars. She commented that Senior Portfolio Night was impressive and recognized the talented Coventry student who performed the national anthem at Mohegan.

VII. Communications

There was none.

VIII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes

VIII.A. Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 9, 2026

MOTION: To approve minutes of March 9, 2026

By: M. Larson

Seconded: C. Rossignol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

By: C. Rossignol

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion carries unanimously

Respectfully Submitted:

Tricia Dean
Board Clerk

Approved: _____