

**Coventry Board of Education  
Coventry, Connecticut**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, January 29, 2015  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 7:30 p.m.:**

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Mary Kortmann, Vice Chairman  
Eugene Marchand  
William Oros  
Denise Ryan  
Michael Sobol

Board Members Absent:

Mary Minor, Secretary

Also Present:

Allan Andrews, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools  
Robert Carroll, Business Manager

Audience Members Present: Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Carla Kennedy, Director of Educational Technology; Barbara Trinks, PSSS Director; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dennis Stanavage, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Tony Susi, CNH Band Director; Karyn Deptula and Jennifer Trueman, CNH Math Teachers; Victoria Fox, CNH Reading/LA Teacher; and several students and parents.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the Salute to the Flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There was none.

J. Beausoleil asked if any Board member wanted to adjust the order of the agenda based on the incoming inclement weather. There were no adjustments.

**IV. Report of the Superintendent**

Mr. Petrone thanked staff for the work done this week in relation to the snow storm that took place earlier in the week.

Mr. Petrone further discussed and relayed information regarding meetings attended and happenings in the district.

#### **IV.A. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report – Allan Andrews**

Mr. Andrews noted that students are half way through the year. He added that many seniors are getting notifications regarding to which colleges they've been accepted.

#### **IV.B. Information: Staff and Student Recognition**

##### **IV.B.1. CHS Student Recognition: Amanda Cabral, Editor of Tech Trends**

Mr. Petrone introduced Amanda Cabral and asked her to say a few words about the publication and her involvement. Ms. Cabral talked about her ambitions to be a journalism student in college.

J. Beausoleil said it is awesome to see students involved at this level. M. Kortmann said she did an outstanding job.

##### **IV.B.2. CNH Staff Recognition**

###### **IV.B.2.a. Tony Susi, CNH Band Director for his "The Last Rose of Summer" Composition**

Mr. Petrone recognized Mr. Susi for his efforts and accomplishments. Mr. Susi talked about the process of writing the musical piece. Ms. DeJulius said how great it was working with Mr. Susi and that he was a model for staff.

J. Beausoleil said what a great role model Mr. Susi was for students as well.

###### **IV.B.2.b. Karyn Deptula and Jennifer Trueman, CNH Math Teachers - ATOMIC conference presentation**

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. Deptula and Ms. Trueman. He asked them to say a few words about the conference presentation. Ms. Trueman talked about the experience. Ms. DeJulius said that she was able to attend the conference and they did wonderful job presenting.

###### **IV.B.2.c. Victoria Fox, CNH Reading/LA Teacher - LearnZillion's Teachfest Facilitator**

Mr. Petrone recognized Ms. Fox for her work facilitating at the LearnZillion's Teachfest. Ms. Fox talked about her experience as a facilitator and working specifically with Close Reading. Ms. DeJulius said Ms. Fox is one of the leaders in the LA department and she is appreciates having her on the team.

#### **V. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil also gave thanks to the facilities staff for their work on snow removal this week.

#### **VI. Approval of Minutes**

##### **VI.A. VOTE: Approve the minutes of January 8, 2015**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 8, 2015**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked for two changes:

Page 3, second paragraph under the District Improvement Plan item, Nr. should be Mr.

Page 3, last paragraph, the word "rays" should be "panels."

**Result: Motion to approve the minutes with noted changes passes unanimously**

##### **VI.B. VOTE: Approve the minutes of January 15, 2015**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 15, 2015**

**By: M. Sobol**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **VII. Old Business**

##### **VII.A. Information: Solar Panel Update**

Mr. Stanavage reviewed the current status of the installation and the very final items needed.

M. Kortmann asked about the meters that are needed. Mr. Stanavage responded to those questions.

#### **VII.B. Information: Coventry Recreation Department's Rec Daze January 2015 Update**

J. Beausoleil noted that personnel from the Recreation Department could not attend. She tabled the item to the next meeting, hoping representatives could attend on February 12.

#### **VII.C. Discussion: Formation of a Preschool AdHoc Committee**

Mr. Petrone said he has spoken to Mr. Elsesser and they have agreed the next step is to put together an AdHoc Committee regarding the future of the preschool program. Mr. Petrone asked for a representative from the Board.

W. Oros said he would like to participate as a committee member. J. Beausoleil said she agreed that would be appropriate, as Mr. Oros has extensive experience. The Board was in agreement that one Board member representative was enough.

#### **VII.D. Discussion and Possible VOTE: FY16 Budget**

J. Beausoleil noted that updated color coded budget pages from Mr. Carroll are available. Mr. Carroll reviewed what changes had been made.

J. Beausoleil asked if there were any specific questions from the Board.

M. Kortmann asked about the hazardous materials disposal, which is a new item. Mr. Petrone and Mr. Stanavage talked to that point, saying it is a cost every year that has not previously been accounted for specifically in the budget.

M. Kortmann also asked questions about the NEASC funds, and the rental costs for the preschool program.

J. Beausoleil said she would like to wait until February to actually vote on the budget to be sure the public has had the opportunity to have input.

J. Beausoleil said she heard from a parent who is very appreciative of the CEP program at CNH. J. Beausoleil said there might be some interest in increasing the CEP program.

J. Beausoleil asked that the administration bring financial information to the next meeting, if the program is increased. She continued to talk about the importance of the program.

Mr. Petrone said in addition to the financial impact, they would bring information on how the additional services would most benefit the district. Mr. Petrone added that he hopes Mrs. Landry will come and share a presentation on the K-2 STEM CEP program with the Board on February 12.

#### **VIII. New Business - Assign Custodians Negotiations Committee Members (3)**

J. Beausoleil asked for volunteers for the committee. M. Kortmann, D. Ryan agreed to serve and J. Beausoleil said she would serve if M. Minor could not.

#### **IX. Report of Board Members: Information - Fiscal Committee, Meeting of January 8, 2015 Report**

M. Kortmann noted the special education costs and the negative impact that took place in one month's time. Mr. Carroll added to those comments, noting it is ever changing and additional expenses are coming in every day. The Board discussed outplacements and how they are accounted for in the next year's budget.

M. Kortmann asked Mr. Carroll talked about ECHIP and the renewal figures expected from them and by when. Mr. Carroll reviewed what's been happening with ECHIP.

