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 halfway 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

VIIA. 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 servee 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.
X. VOTE: Executive Session (Bargaining Unit Negotiations)

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to Bargaining Unit negotiations

By: E. Marchand    Seconded: D. Ryan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Open Session - The Board will return to Open Session for a possible vote on the Administrator's Agreement 2015-2018

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION: To approve the Administrator's Agreement 2015-2018

By: M. Sobol    Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann    Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: February 12, 2015