

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, April 30, 2015
Administration Building Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 6:23 PM:

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Mary Minor, Secretary

Administrator Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. VOTE: Executive Session

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session to conduct Administrative Level Interviews with the Superintendent present at 6:32 p.m.

By: W. Oros

Seconded: D. Ryan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

III. Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Others Present:

Allan Andrews, Student Board of Education Representative

Administration Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Business Manager (7:30 p.m.)

7:30 p.m. Audience Members Present: John Elsesser, Town Manager; James Galey, Fuss & O'Neill; Mary Sposito, CECC; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Jeff Spivey, CEP Teacher; parents; students; and community members.

IV. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil asked if one of the students in the audience wanted to lead the salute. Student, Jacob Shor volunteered and led the salute to the flag.

V. Audience of Citizens

Kimberley Davey of 397 Mark Drive said she was present as a parent who strongly supports the new preschool endeavor. She said having access to an accredited preschool is important for our students and community.

VI. Report of the Superintendent

J. Beausoleil asked Mr. Petrone if he could adjust the order of the items in his report. Mr. Petrone was happy to do so.

Mr. Petrone thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He reviewed events happening around the district and in town.

VI.C. Information: Student Recognition - Future Problem Solvers Program w/Jeff Spivey

Mr. Petrone introduced Mr. Spivey who reviewed the recent activities of the Future Problem Solvers group. He noted the teams and how far they have come and how they are traveling to Iowa for the international competition. He continued talking about the fundraising that is happening to assist in getting the students to Iowa. He thanked the parents for their involvement.

J. Beausoleil said this is a year-long process and it is a phenomenal program and much of the success is due to Mr. Spivey's leadership.

Discussion ensued about the program and expanding it to the high school.

Mr. Spivey introduced the students of the different teams who were in attendance.

There were commendations and rounds of applause.

VI.B. Information: Recognition of the Board of Education

Mr. Petrone said March was Board Appreciation month and due to various schedules there was a need to postpone the recognition to April. One by one students from CGS, GHR, and CNH presented tokens of appreciation to each Board member. Mr. Petrone thanked the Board members for their service and for giving back to the community.

VI.C. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report - Allan Andrews

Mr. Andrews reviewed events and sports activities happening at this time of the year.

VII. Consent Agenda - VOTE to Approve the Resignation of Barbara Trinks, PSSS Director

MOTION: Approve the Resignation of Barbara Trinks, PSSS Director

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: M. Sobol

Discussion: J. Beausoleil thanked Ms. Trinks for her service to Coventry. She said this is a special role and that Ms. Trinks has been a valuable part of the program.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil said it is referendum time and asked that citizens exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 5. She also thanked people for coming out to the Town Meeting on Saturday. She thanked the parents and community volunteers for working the bottle and can drive event to benefit Project Graduation.

IX. Approval of Minutes - VOTE: Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2015

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2015

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes 4-2 (J. Beausoleil and E. Marchand abstained)

X. Old Business

X.A. Information: Solar Panel Update

Mr. Petrone reviewed the most recent information surrounding the Solar Panel Project. He went over the items that have been accomplished and reviewed the punch list of items that need attention. Mr. Petrone commended Dennis Stanavage for all of his extra work and attention.

X.B. Information and Possible VOTE: Preschool AdHoc Committee

Mr. Petrone recognized Mr. Elsesser and Jim Galey from Fuss & O'Neill who were present for the presentation.

Mr. Galey reviewed the design process that has happened so far. He continued to do a quick overview of the preschool project, showing floor plans, artists drawings, and an aerial picture of the location.

The Board asked various questions about the design and discussed the reasons for different spaces and their sizes.

Mr. Elsesser reviewed locations of the solar panel carports. He said, due to the timing, these will be installed during the project. The Board discussed this item and parking and where the snow would fall.

The Board discussed what the cost would be if this project was "stick built" from scratch. It was said it would be significantly more.

Mr. Petrone reviewed the budget of the project in detail.

The Board discussed motions and contingencies with input from Mr. Petrone, Mr. Galey, and Mr. Elsesser.

D. Ryan said this was a good cooperative effort.

MOTION: To request the Town Council put \$40,000 towards the preschool project

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to use \$75,000 of the current fiscal year surplus funds and to enter into a contract to begin the next phase of the preschool project, contingent on the approval of the Town Council's \$40,000 input and the paving bond

By: M. Sobol

Seconded: D. Ryan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Report of Board Members: Information - Fiscal Committee Report of the Meeting of April 9, 2015 - M. Kortmann and Mr. Carroll

Mr. Carroll reviewed the latest ECHIP information.

Mr. Carroll reviewed the Management Report. The Board discussed the bottom line and how that has changed.

