

**Coventry Board of Education  
Coventry, Connecticut**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, May 28, 2015  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 7:27 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

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent  
Robert Carroll, Business Manager

Audience Members Present: Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Steve Merlino, CHS Assistant Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Brian Maltese, Athletic Director; Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS English Teacher; Lisa Andosca, CHS Special Education Teacher; Lisa Dutton, CGS Physical Education Teacher; students and community members.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

There were none.

**IV. Report of the Superintendent**

Mr. Petrone noted how busy the month of May is and he reviewed the different activities happening throughout the district.

**IV.B. Recognition: Brain Dance Awards - Meredith Kirkpatrick, CHS English Teacher and CHS Seniors Gina Wiese, Hannah Vignone, Yasmine Forte**

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. Kirkpatrick who talked about the Brain Dance Awards and recognized the three CHS Students who wrote and submitted research papers and won awards - Gina Wiese, Hannah

Vignone, and Yasmine Forte. All three students got up and said a few words about working with Ms. Kirkpatrick and the Brain Dance Awards. Mr. Petrone presented Ms. Kirkpatrick and the students with a token of appreciation.

E. Marchand said this makes us proud to be Board members in Coventry.

#### **IV.C. Recognition: Best Buddies Program - Lisa Andosca, ABLE Room CHS Special Education Teacher and CHS 10th grade students Justine Winarski and Dale Beaulieu**

Mr. Petrone noted that Ms. Andosca has been recognized for her work in the Best Buddies program. Ms. Andosca gave credit to the two students, Dale Beaulieu and Justine Winarski, who work the program and also staff members who are helpers. Mr. Petrone presented Ms. Andosca with tokens of appreciation for her and the students.

#### **IV.D. Recognition: Jump Rope for Heart - Lisa Dutton, CGS Physical Education Teacher**

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. Dutton, who explained the Jump Rope for Heart program and the successes of the fundraiser at CGS. Mr. Petrone presented Ms. Dutton with a token of the Board's appreciation.

#### **IV.E. Information: 2014-2015 Administrators' Goal Achievement Update**

Mr. Petrone explained the new format of the Goal Achievement presentations. He said, while the Board will be given the achievement documents in their entirety, the actual presentations by the Administrators will focus on selected goals. He invited the Board to ask questions or for more information as they felt the need.

##### **IV.E.1. Athletics - Mr. Maltese**

Mr. Maltese presented the goal achievements of the Athletic Department for the 2014-15 school year. A copy will be placed on the district's website.

M. Kortmann asked about the concussion protocol, the Captain's Council, the monies coming in and going out, and the Athletic Safety Plan. Mr. Maltese talked to those points and added that the Athletic Safety Plan is in development mode, with implementation planned for 2015-16.

J. Beausoleil noted how valuable that type of training is, because not all coaches are employees, who would have the training already. She noted how pleased she was with the different items mentioned.

##### **IV.E.2. Coventry High School - Mr. Blake**

Mr. Blake shared his goal achievement presentation for Coventry High School for the 2014-15 school year. The full Goal Achievement document will be placed on the district's website.

W. Oros asked about the college students involved in the ECSU partnership. Mr. Merlino talked to those points and talked about the program in general. M. Kortmann asked about the different students involved and their participation. Mr. Blake talked about that.

E. Marchand asked about the scheduling process at the high school. Mr. Blake explained the process of tracking and different scenarios. J. Beausoleil said how great it is that the paper process is no longer necessary and that energy can be focused on the students instead.

M. Kortmann asked for a breakdown of the students taking the AP courses.

M. Sobol said it is encouraging to see the schools using technology to the maximum.

J. Beausoleil noted the NEASC challenges and talked about the successes seen this year, and how impressive this is.

#### **IV.E.3. Teaching and Learning - Ms. Mullaly**

Ms. Mullaly shared her achievement presentation for Teaching and Learning for the 2014-15 school year. The full document will be available on the district's website.

M. Kortmann asked about the Person Inform product. Mr. Petrone said it is going to be a thoughtful roll out process, with a full presentation to the Board in late fall 2015.

M. Kortmann asked about the music curriculum and if there was any differentiation of instruction. Ms. Mullaly talked to that and how the district will look at assessment data and see where the students are and what they might need.

J. Beausoleil said it was an impressive first year for Ms. Mullaly in her new role. She said there would not be the successes noted without the leadership.

#### **V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

**V.A. Accept the resignation of Patrick Leighton, CHS Science Teacher**

**V.B. Accept the resignation of Theresa Labbe, CHS Para-educator**

**V.C. Approve the Educational Technology Plan for July 1, 2015 June 30, 2018**

**V.D. Approve the 2015-16 Increase in the School Meal Prices**

**MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: D. Ryan**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **VI. Report of the Chairman**

J. Beausoleil noted that June 10 was the senior awards night at CHS. In addition, she reminded everyone that the second referendum is scheduled for June 2. She also talked about the preschool groundbreaking happening on Friday, May 29 at 4:00 p.m. She noted the Scholarship Committee meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 30.

M. Kortmann said that she had the annual report from EASTCONN and she passed it around for Board members' review.

#### **VII. VOTE: Approval of the Minutes of May 14, 2015**

**MOTION: Approve the Minutes of May 14, 2015**

**By: D. Ryan**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes 5-0-1 (M. Sobol abstains)**

#### **VIII. New Business: Board Recognition of the District's receipt of the Ossen Family Foundation Grant**

J. Beausoleil said this was an outstanding grant to receive. She asked for consensus from the Board for the Superintendent to send a letter of appreciation. There was a consensus.

