

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of July 10, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Administration Building Conference Room

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil
Mary Kortmann
Eugene Marchand
Mary Minor
William Oros
Denise Ryan
Michael Sobol

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools

Audience Members Present: Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Barbara Trinks, PSSS Director; Paul Noel, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Carla Kennedy, Director of Education Technology; Chris Fainer, Network Administrator Systems Specialist Agreement; Maria Tata, Educational Technology Project Manager; Employee Candidate; and one citizen.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil welcomed everyone back to the Administration Building conference room and noted that the Board meetings are now being broadcasted on channel 17. She also made everyone aware of the microphones in the room and noted how sensitive they are.

III. Audience of Citizens

Linda Dettore of 27 Berry Avenue said she was here on behalf of Vernon Regional Adult Based Education (VRABE). She asked the Board to join her in congratulating the students who graduated from the various programs at VRABE in June. She noted the Coventry graduate in particular. In addition, she asked those interested to look into the programs available at VRABE and she asked the Board and Coventry Administrators for their support.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Petrone noted the summer as a very busy time in the district. He said the administrators are already working on plans for 2014-15 and he noted the excitement about the direction the district is headed.

Mr. Petrone also shared the promotional invitation being sent to incoming freshman at CHS.

IV.A. Information: Technology 2013-14 Goal Achievement Update

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. Kennedy, who presented the Technology Department's Goal Achievements for the 2013-14 school year. Her summary document is available on the district website. Ms. Kennedy shared a PowerPoint presentation related to the journey the technology initiatives have taken over the past school year.

The Board asked questions and discussed the technology fiber that is in place throughout the district and system and how Charter is involved.

The Board continued to ask questions throughout the presentation regarding age of equipment, why certain hardware items were chosen as replacements, redundancy plans, life expectancy of equipment, and locations that need more attention than others.

Ms. Kennedy wrapped up her presentation with a video of students using the iPads and voicing their thoughts and opinions about this initiative.

J. Beausoleil thanked the team for the level of information and for the work they put into the year. The Board as a whole agreed.

M. Kortmann suggested that the iPad baseline include the purchase year.

M. Kortmann asked about the e-waste plan. Ms. Kennedy discussed the refurbishing of machines and what the long term plan is. She continued to explain how the physical disposal process works for hardware.

M. Minor talked about the difference of inventory at CGS vs GHR. Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Petrone talked about the district history related to that.

M. Kortmann noted the inventory of the CAD lab. C. Kennedy agreed it needed to be addressed.

The Board thanked the Technology Team for their efforts.

IV.B. Information: FY14 Status Report

Mr. Petrone talked about the end of the year figures. He added that the Board plans to put \$20,000 into the 1% non-lapsing account, recently approved by the Town Council.

IV.C. Information: Solar Panel AdHoc Committee Update

Mr. Petrone introduced Mr. Noel who updated the Board on the Solar Panel project. He noted that committee members have voiced their positive opinion in moving forward. Mr. Noel reviewed where the process was in the timeline, saying they are hoping the panels will be installed in August. He reviewed some of the details. He noted that the committee would like to see someone with expertise oversee the project. J. Beausoleil said it was discussed during budget deliberations that there would be some funds in contracted services for this purpose. Mr. Petrone asked if there would be consensus on this item. M. Kortmann discussed her experience, in the residential market, and noted it might relate to this project. The Board discussed these details.

The consensus was the administration could use their judgment in the area of hiring someone to oversee the project or a "clerk of the works."

Mr. Noel talked about the snow melt and how they are confident those details will be worked out.

Mr. Noel said there will be no carports; all panels will be on the roofs.

J. Beausoleil said there was consensus for Mr. Petrone to sign the work orders to move forward.

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda (one VOTE for all items)

V.A. Accept the resignation of Sara Spak, Preschool Special Education Teacher

V.B. Accept the resignation of Misty Fogel, CNH Secretary

MOTION: To accept the consent agenda as presented

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman

J. Beausoleil said there is a possibility the July 31 meeting will be cancelled and for the Board to look for an email notice on that. She also noted that the Town Human Services department is conducting the annual backpack collection and the distribution dates are in August.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes - Approve the minutes of June 26, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 26, 2014

By: W. Oros

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes 6-0-1 (M. Kortmann abstained)

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Approve the new Coventry Public Schools Logo Design

J. Beausoleil asked if there was agreement to table the Logo Design discussion due to the late hour.

MOTION: To table the Logo Design discussion

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: M. Minor

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. VOTE: Executive Session - Interviews; 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 Interviews for the Director of Physical Plant and Facilities and Bargaining Unit Negotiations at 9:52 p.m. with the Superintendent present.

By: M. Minor

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Open Session - The Board will Return to Open Session for a possible Vote to Authorize the Superintendent to enter into Employment Negotiations with a new Director of Physical Plant and Facilities

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 10:59 p.m.

MOTION: To Authorize the Superintendent to enter into Employment Negotiations with a new Director of Physical Plant and Facilities

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To Adjourn the Meeting at 11:00 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Michaud
Board Clerk

Approved: August 14, 2014