

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, August 14, 2014  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 7:31 PM:**

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Mary Kortmann, Vice Chairman  
Mary Minor, Secretary  
Eugene Marchand  
Denise Ryan  
Michael Sobol

Board Members Absent:

William Oros

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Dennis Stanavage, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Paul Noel, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities (Ret); The Chronicle newspaper was represented.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 what a busy summer it has been and the staff has been working on plans for the 2014-15 school year. He continued to review items with the Board, including that the CMT results and CAPT science testing results have been received in from the State. He noted the positive increases on those results. Mr. Petrone said there are a lot of good things happening in the district and he is looking forward to sharing those with the Board at the upcoming meetings.

**V. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

V.A. Accept Resignation of Karen Bartolomeo, CHS Teacher  
V.B. Accept Resignation of Jennifer Blodgett, CEIS Para-educator  
V.C. Accept Resignation of Lynn Obomalayat, CHS Social Worker

**MOTION: Accept the Consent Agenda as presented**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: D. Ryan**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **VI. Report of Chairman**

### **VI.A. Appoint a BOE Representative to the Town Council's "Building and Energy Efficiency Committee"**

M. Kortmann volunteered to serve on the Committee.

### **VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2014**

**MOTION: Approve the minutes of July 10, 2014**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **VIII.A. Information: Solar Panel AdHoc Committee Update**

Mr. Noel reviewed the timeline of the project. He noted the company is not moving along as quickly as they had hoped. He reviewed locations of the panels. The Board talked about snow loads and removal. They continued to discuss the installation of the project.

Mr. Noel said the company needs 3-4 weeks per building for installation, and they are hopeful to be done by mid-November.

### **VIII.B. Discussion and Possible VOTE: Approve the new Coventry Public Schools Logo Design**

J. Beausoleil suggested picking the image first. She began to narrow down the list by removing the images with consensus from Board members. The consensus was number image 3 would be the choice. The Board continued to discuss the tag line. Learn. Grown. Succeed. was the choice. They had consensus on the font and colors as well.

## **IX. New Business**

### **IX.A. Discussion: Policy 5144 Student Discipline - DRAFT Revision (To be warned for a VOTE of Revision at a future Board meeting)**

J. Beausoleil noted Policy 5144 Discipline was warned for revision, to be voted on at the next meeting. E. Marchand reviewed the Policy Committee discussion and noted the changes to the policy were legal and "cut and dry." Mr. Petrone further noted issues related to student records and when discipline items could be expunged.

J. Beausoleil asked if there were any objections to moving the policy forward. There were none.

## **X. Report of Board Members**

### **X.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report - Meeting of August 5, 2014**

E. Marchand, Transportation Committee member, reviewed the meeting of the Transportation Committee meeting. The Board talked about the routing software.

### **X.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report - Meeting of July 10, 2014**

M. Kortmann asked Mr. Carroll about the end of the year figures. Mr. Carroll talked about tuition money that was unexpectedly returned to the district. The Board talked about the situation and how un-cashed checks could be handled in the future.

## **XI. VOTE: Executive Session - Pending Litigation; Bargaining Unit Negotiations; Security Audit Review**

**MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to Pending Litigation; Bargaining Unit Negotiations; Security Strategy with the Superintendent and Business Manager Present at 8:56 p.m.**

**By: M. Kortmann**

**Seconded: M. Minor**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **XII. Open Session**

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:42 p.m.

**MOTION: To add a VOTE regarding the Secretarial Agreement to the Agenda**  
**By: M. Kortmann    Seconded: M. Sobol**  
**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

**MOTION: To Approve the Agreement between the Coventry Board of Education and the Coventry Educational Secretaries Union 2014 – 2017**  
**By: M. Kortmann    Seconded: M. Sobol**  
**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

## **XIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.**  
**By: M. Kortmann    Seconded: M. Sobol**  
**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Michaud  
Board Clerk

**Approved: August 28, 2014**