

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, September 11, 2014
Administration Building Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:28 p.m.:

Board Members Present:

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

Absent Board Members:

William Oros

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Barbara Trinks, PSSS Director; Steve Merlino, CHS Assistant Principal; Paul Noel, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities (Ret); Dennis Stanavage, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; several CHS students; citizens; John Elsesser, Town Manager; Craig J. Patla, P.E., Vice President of Service Delivery CT Water. The Chronicle Newspaper was represented.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:34 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 Superintendent

Mr. Petrone mentioned upcoming events at the schools, including the Sandy Hook Elementary Memorial Tree and Plaque dedication, scheduled for Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. at CHS.

He noted the CNH open house, held last evening and what a great job the staff did and other great things happening throughout the district.

E. Marchand asked about the status of Student BOE Representative applicants. Mr. Petrone said there were two candidates and they are hoping for a third within the next two weeks or so.

IV.A. Information: Superintendent's 2014-2015 Goal Presentation

Mr. Petrone shared the Superintendent's Goals for the 2014-15 school year, which will be posted on the district website. He noted that each of his objectives are related to the Board's three main goals, adopted in February 2012.

The Board discussed security items related to the Superintendent's goals.

Mr. Petrone continued the presentation on the goals.

IV.B. Information: 2014 Student Test Results Summary

Mr. Petrone introduced the principals, who presented the testing information, via a PowerPoint presentation.

Each principal reviewed student testing data from their schools.

The Board asked for specific DRG comparisons and discussed trends and what to look forward to.

Mr. Petrone said the district has had a great year. He thanked the staff for their hard work and the Board's support.

J. Beausoleil noted the importance of assessing student cohorts and that it is a necessary way to find out how the district is doing.

The Board thanked the administrators for their presentations.

V. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil noted that the Town is still looking for volunteers to serve on committees.

She also noted she attended the CGS PTO meeting recently and how excited parents are. She said there are fundraisers and many events going on at that level. She continued and talked about the success of the CNH Open House.

VI. VOTE: Approval of the Minutes of August 28, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 28, 2014

By: M. Minor

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII. Old Business: Presentation and possible VOTE: Town Water Tower/Well Project - Craig Patla, Vice President of Service Delivery CT Water and John Elsesser, Town Manager

J. Beausoleil introduced Mr. Elsesser and Craig J. Patla from CT Water.

Mr. Elsesser began by giving a brief overview of the history of the project and the current situation. He said they have been working and talking with CT Water to look at water options, including a possible water tower. He noted that this proposal would mean Coventry would have public water and many of the responsibilities would belong to CT Water, not Coventry. He continued to review how there would be a positive effect on economic development.

Mr. Elsesser introduced Mr. Patla from CT Water, who noted their involvement and relationship with Coventry. He explained the benefits to having a water tower in Coventry.

M. Kortmann asked about the school wells. Mr. Patla said CT Water would take the wells. She continued asking about hookup charges and specifics related to that. Mr. Patla said CT Water would take care of those items. The Board continued to ask questions related to the wells, who would release them to CT Water, any leaks left on the wells, and if the other schools could be picked up. It was explained that long-term, it might be possible that the G. H. Robertson School could be included.

Mr. Elsesser talked about a possible grant to fund 50% of the cost of the project, with CT Water paying the second 50%.

The Board continued to talk about possibly adding GHR to the master plan.

D. Ryan said she was 100% on board in doing this.

