

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of Thursday, November 13, 2014  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 7:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Allan Andrews, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent  
Robert Carroll, Business Manager

Audience Members Present: Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Halley Welz and Courtney Strekel, GHR Teachers; Dennis Stanavage, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; several students and one parent; and the Chronicle Newspaper was represented.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 noted conferences and meetings he has attended. In addition, he talked about different happenings in the district. An item of special note was the Veterans Day Assembly, which was conducted and organized by Coventry's middle school students. Both Mr. Petrone and J. Beausoleil spoke positively about the event. J. Beausoleil said it was special this year as Coventry was recognized as a Purple Heart Community.

#### **IV.A. Information: Student Board of Education Representative - Allan Andrews**

Mr. Andrews noted that homecoming had the largest attendance in recent history. In addition, he noted the great run that falls sports have had and that winter sports are ready to begin.

#### **IV.B. Information: Staff Recognition - Halley Welz and Courtney Strekel for their presentation of "iPads in the Elementary Classroom" at the CECA CASL conference**

Mr. Petrone talked about making teachers and staff feel valued. He said the Board is always saying how appreciative they are of the work staff is doing and that having staff recognized at a Board meeting is a way to show that. He introduced Ms. Welz and Ms. Strekel, GHR teachers. Ms. Strekel talked about how much they appreciate using the iPads in third grade. Ms. Welz talked about the conference they were able to present at. She said they felt they had a wealth of knowledge to share and it helped them as teachers to look at things differently. Mr. Petrone added that they are always testing new things and then sharing with other teachers. Dr. Giller said these are two teachers are shining stars and added how they are always giving to the learning community at GHR.

D. Ryan asked if they would benefit from more iPads in the schools. The teachers said, absolutely. They added that a mobile iPad cart for each grade level would be very beneficial. J. Beausoleil asked about the conference and what grade levels the technology was focused in. Ms. Welz said it did seem to be mixed and included all grade levels. M. Kortmann asked if the students adapt quickly to the technology. The teachers answered they adapt very quickly. They added that maybe 90% of the students are already using the technology.

#### **V. Report of Chairman**

J. Beausoleil, again, noted the success of the Veterans Day Assembly.

#### **VI. VOTE: Approval of Minutes of October 30, 2014**

**MOTION: Approve the minutes of October 30, 2014**

**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes 5-0-2 (J. Beausoleil and D. Ryan abstain)**

#### **VII. Old Business**

##### **VII.A. Information: Solar Panel Installation Update**

Mr. Stanavage talked about each site and gave an update to the Board.

M. Kortmann asked about some of the other issues surrounding the roofs. Mr. Stanavage said he was finally able to connect with the warranty company and that they will come out and take a look.

##### **VII.B. Possible VOTE: Approve the CIP for submission to the Town Manager**

M. Kortmann asked that the Board vote to approve what is being presented to the Town. She asked if there were any questions.

**MOTION: Approve the CIP as presented for submission to the Town Manager**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: D. Ryan**

Mr. Carroll said there were small wording changes made this evening during Fiscal. J. Beausoleil said the Fiscal Committee and Town Finance Committee will meet jointly in December and the CIP will be an item of focus. The Board discussed the town's Building



The Board left Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:00 a.m.

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

Approved: December 4, 2014