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
and Energy Efficiency Committee and how more members are needed before business can be completed.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously

### VIII. New Business: VOTE - Approve the Board of Education meeting dates for 2015

J. Beausoleil reviewed the meeting dates with the Board.

**MOTION:** Approve the Board of Education meeting dates for 2015 as submitted  
By: M. Sobol  
Seconded: D. Ryan  
**Result:** Motion passes unanimously

### IX. Report of Board Members

#### IX.A. Policy Committee Report - Meeting of 10/30/14 - Discussion of the following policies (To be warned for a VOTE of Revision/Adoption at a future regular Board meeting)

- IX.A.1. 1241 - Volunteers - NEW
- IX.A.2. 1251 - Prohibition Against Smoking - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.3. 1350 - School Security and Safety Plan - NEW
- IX.A.4. 4116.34 Abuse or Neglect of Disabled Adults - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.5. 4116.35 - Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.6. 4151.2 - Family and Medical Leave - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.7. 4216.2 - Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.8. 5125 - Confidentiality and Access to Education Records (FERPA) - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.9. 5131.6 Drug and Alcohol Use by Students - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.10. 5131.7 Bullying Prevention and Intervention - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.11. 5131.71 Safe School Climate Plan - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.12. 5141.21 Administration of Student Medication in the Schools - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.13. 5146 Physical Activity and Student Discipline - DRAFT Revision
- IX.A.14. 9368.2 - Minutes - DRAFT Revision

J. Beausoleil reviewed the procedures for policy discussion before an actual vote. E. Marchand said the policy changes made were minor in nature and all from legal counsel. Mr. Petrone noted the two new policies. He also said the word “teen” was removed from two policies, so that all students, no matter their age, would be covered.

J. Beausoleil asked if there were any policies that Board members wanted to discuss separately.

W. Oros noted the new volunteer policy and asked about town programs or other organizations that might interact with students and if those situations will be covered through this policy. Mr. Petrone explained each situation is analyzed and students are protected at all levels. The Board discussed different volunteer situations, how those people would be vetted and how students are protected.

J. Beausoleil said the policies will be on an upcoming Board agenda for a VOTE.

### X. VOTE: Executive Session - 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 Bargaining Unit Negotiations with the Superintendent and Business Manager in attendance at 8:16 p.m.  
By: M. Kortmann  
Seconded: W. Oros  
**Result:** Motion passes unanimously
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

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: December 4, 2014