

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, August 13, 2015
Administration Building Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:29 PM:

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Michael Sobol

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience Members Present: Antonia Conti, BOE Candidate

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 reviewed happenings taking place over the summer.
A discussion ensued about the SATs now being mandatory and in what direction that process will be moving.

MOTION: To add to the agenda, under the Fiscal Committee report, a discussion and vote for a 1% request related to unexpected facility costs this summer

By: D. Ryan

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. VOTE: Consent Agenda

V.A. Accept the resignation of Karen Canale-Norris, CHS teacher

V.B. Accept the resignation of Dennis Stanavage, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: D. Ryan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil said she had the opportunity to see the preschool project progress in person and noted how pleased she is with what she saw.

J. Beausoleil reminded committee members of the custodian negotiations that will be taking place next Wednesday evening.

She continued noting that the Board of Education candidates for the fall elections would be receiving meeting packets and are encouraged to attend the meetings.

J. Beausoleil added that the new bus routes were approved and parents are receiving letters with specific information about their student's transportation.

She talked about the staff activities happening with the start of school and how excited and happy everyone in the school system is to start the new school year. She said she is always so pleased to be able to address the new teachers and also the entire staff at convocation.

VII. VOTE: Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2015

MOTION: Approve the BOE Minutes of July 9, 2015

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: W. Oros

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Information: Select a subcommittee to name preschool component of middle/high school complex

J. Beausoleil said a committee will be needed to discuss the official name of the preschool. Mr. Petrone talked about the process and that the Preschool AdHoc Committee can serve as the committee, with the inclusion of J. Beausoleil. The Board agreed.

VIII.B. Information: Preschool Project Update

Mr. Petrone reviewed items such as the solar panel carports, the paving, and the certificate of occupancy. He noted the Ribbon Cutting which is taking place on Thursday, August 20 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII.C. Information: ADA/OCR Compliance Work/Project Update

Mr. Petrone reviewed the work the DPW has completed and what they believe still needs to be done. He noted some items were not under their original plans and there are cost concerns there.

IX. New Business

IX.A. Information: Internship Agreement with Eastern Connecticut State University

Mr. Petrone said this item is on the agenda in an effort to keep the Board informed that he would be entering into an agreement with ESCU, unless the Board had concerns. He noted that the district's attorney has reviewed and made adjustments to the MOU. He added that the payment would be the same as a regular substitute's daily rate. The Board discussed details of the MOU, but agreed it was a good program to pursue.

IX.B. Information: Assign a Board of Education Representative to the Town's Insurance Advisory Committee

J. Beausoleil explained there is a vacancy for a Board representative on this committee and asked for a volunteer to serve. It was decided that Robert Carroll would fill in until the new Facilities Director was hired.

