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.
X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Transportation Committee Report of August 3, 2015 Meeting - W. Oros

W. Oros said it was a productive meeting. He noted that one bus route was eliminated by restructuring bus routes. He said he continued to ask question at the meeting about the data transfer so that the specific family letters could be sent out. He said a Transportation Committee meeting would be scheduled this fall to keep things moving in the right direction. He said the bus routes looked good and the letters went out last week to families.

Mr. Carroll said there have been about 20 parent concerns received with the elimination of the cul-de-sac stops for the 6-12 students. He encouraged those people to write to the Transportation Committee or to attend a meeting. He said he physically went out looking at a couple of the addresses to assess the situations and has not determined a need for changes at this time.

The Board discussed needs for the 15-16 year, and how that might be related to the FY17 budget and operations in general.

J. Beausoleil said it is very important to note that any issues or concerns that have come up have absolutely nothing to do with the drivers. She added how important and valued the Coventry drivers are.

W. Oros said there is more work to be done, but much has been accomplished.

X.B. Information: Fiscal Committee Report of August 13, 2015 Meeting - M. Kortmann and Mr. Carroll

Mr. Carroll said that the district is right on target with the new fiscal year. He said it is early and there will be many adjustments. Mr. Petrone noted there will, most likely, be vacancy savings due to three late summer resignations. He noted a quick review was done during the meeting regarding the ADA issues, and the Student Activity Accounts. He also talked about the unexpected expenses the facilities department has experienced this summer, including a CGS boiler issue and CGS catch basin repairs. M. Kortmann talked about the beginning discussions regarding the CIP and asked BOE members for input over the next few months.

MOTION: That the Board Chair write a letter asking the Town Council for permission to spend money from the 1% non-lapsing account on two unexpected expenditures: the catch basins at CGS and the CGS boiler repair

By: M. Kortmann Seconded: E. Marchand
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann Seconded: D. Ryan
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: August 27, 2015