

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of September 10, 2015
Administration Building Conference Room**

Attendance Taken at 7:33 p.m.:

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil
Mary Kortmann
Mary Minor
Eugene Marchand

Board Members Absent:

William Oros
Denise Ryan
Michael Sobol

Also Present: Emily Oliver, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Antonia Conti, Board of Education Candidate; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Cathy Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Maria Tata, Educational Technology Project Manager; Christine Murphy, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Ned Smith, Music Director; CHS students; and one community member.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

MOTION: To move the Consent Agenda to before the Report of the Superintendent
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: M. Kortmann**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

IV. VOTE: Consent Agenda

IV.A. Accept the resignation of Michaela Gorham, CHS Special Education Teacher
IV.B. Approve the CHS April 2016 Field Experience to Nashville, TN

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented
By: E. Marchand **Seconded: M. Kortmann**
Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. Report of Superintendent

Mr. Petrone talked about different happenings taking place around the district over the past couple of weeks.

V.A. Information: Student Board of Education Representative Report

Miss Oliver commented on the heat this week in the schools. She noted that athletics is starting up and the drama club has started auditions.

V.B. Information: Administrator 2015-2016 Goal Presentations

V.B.1. Business Office

Mr. Carroll reviewed the goals for his department for 2015-16 school year. (Those are available on the district website.)

V.B.2. Technology Department

Ms. Drury reviewed the 2015-16 goals for the Technology Department. She shared those goals via a slide presentation. (The goals are available on the website.)

J. Beausoleil asked about a possible buy-out option for the iPads for seniors. J. Beausoleil asked for a presentation to the Board on Google applications.

V.B.3. Pupil and Staff Support Services

Ms. Murphy reviewed the PSSS goals for the 2015-16 school year. (Those are available on the website.) She shared her goals via a slide show presentation.

E. Marchand asked about the Student Success Plans and how that program is going. M. Mullaly talked to that point, saying it has been very helpful to students.

E. Marchand asked for an estimate for the number of middle school students who could use an alternative program. Ms. DeJulius said maybe 6 to 8.

J. Beausoleil talked about the diversity of the PSSS staff and said she appreciates the support that staff provides.

VI. Report of Chairman

J. Beausoleil talked about the GHR Open House and said it was well attended even in the heat. She noted the additional Open Houses coming up. In addition, she noted the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for September 24. She talked about the PTO volunteers and how important they are.

VII. Approval of Minutes

VII.A. VOTE: Approve Minutes of August 27, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 27, 2015

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business

VIII.A. Information: Projects and Equipment Repair Update

Mr. Petrone talked about the CGS refrigeration/freezer unit. The Board talked about fixes and possible replacement quotes.

Mr. Carroll said the ongoing ADA work is proceeding as planned.

VIII.B. Information: Transportation/2015-16 Bus Route Update

J. Beausoleil said this was the first year with the modified routes due to the bus reduction. She noted the Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet on September 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Carroll and Mr. Petrone noted a couple of issues regarding timing and one bus with possible overcrowding.

IX. Report of Board Members

IX.A. Information: Fiscal Committee Report, Meeting of September 10, 2015

M. Kortmann said it is very early in the year. She noted much of the meeting discussion surrounded the CIP list.

X. VOTE: Executive Session (Administrator Level Interviews and 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 Administrator Level Interviews and the Bargaining Unit Negotiations with the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations present at 8:52 p.m.

By: M. Minor

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Open Session and possible Vote to authorize the Superintendent to enter into employment negotiations for a new Director of Physical Plant and Facilities

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to enter into employment negotiations for a new Director of Physical Plant and Facilities

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

By: M. Kortmann

Seconded: M. Minor

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme
Board Clerk

Approved: September 24, 2015