

**Coventry Board of Education**  
Coventry, Connecticut

**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
Approved Minutes of September 24, 2015  
Administration Building Conference Room

**Attendance Taken at 7:24 p.m.:**

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman  
Mary Kortmann, Vice-Chairman  
Mary Minor, Secretary  
Eugene Marchand  
William Oros  
Denise Ryan (left at 9:59 p.m.)  
Michael Sobol

Also Present:

Emily Oliver, Student Board of Education Representative

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Steve Merlino, CHS Assistant Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Christine Murphy, Director of PSSS; Brian Maltese, Athletic Director; Deborah Page, CNH Teacher; Antonia Conti and Frank Infante, Board of Education Candidates; and several community members.

**I. Call to Order**

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:30

**II. Salute to the Flag**

J. Beausoleil led the salute to the flag.

**III. Audience of Citizens**

Kelly Young of 35 Tedford Drive was present as a parent and as Co-President of the Coventry Early Childhood Center. She said they are looking forward to a collaborative partnership with the Board of Education. She had some thoughts to share about the naming of the new preschool space. She said the name should reflect the meaning of the building, as well as represent opportunities for growth. She said she hopes, as visitors walk into the building, the name should reflect the goals for the early learners and not just be a name. She said as parents, we want to create independent learners who strive for excellence. She thanked the Board for their time.

**MOTION: To move the approval of the field experience to China to before the Report of the Superintendent**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **IV. VOTE: Approve the CNH April 2017 Field Experience to China**

Ms. Page talked about the program and reviewed the trip that had been taken to China in 2012 and the guests who have been received in Coventry. She stated that we have invited our sister school in China to send delegates during the winter of 2016. She said she is asking for the April 2017 Coventry trip to China to be approved now so planning and fundraising can begin. The Board talked about the preparation period. They discussed the incredible learning experience and the cost.

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**By: E. Marchand**

**Seconded: M. Sobol**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

#### **V. Report of Superintendent**

Mr. Petrone talked about the happenings around the district. He also noted state-level meetings and professional development workshops that were attended.

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

Miss Oliver talked about enrichment classes and noted the CHS Open house coming up. E. Marchand asked about the iPads and both Miss Oliver and Mr. Petrone talked to those positive points.

##### **V.B. Information: CABE Board Leadership Award**

Mr. Petrone talked about this award and how well the Coventry Board of Education has worked together as a team. He said the group has demonstrated excellent leadership and collaboration. He wanted to recognize the Board for this hard work. He asked that the Board take a minute to review the submission and agree to move forward.

J. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Petrone for the nomination and she also noted how well this Board works together. She said how appreciative she is of this and that it has been a pleasure for her.

There was consensus to move forward.

##### **V.C. Information: Administrator 2015-2016 Goal Presentations**

###### **V.C.1. Athletics**

Mr. Maltese reviewed the goals for the Athletic Department for the 2015-16 school year. Those goals are on the district's website.

E. Marchand said the EAP program is a great idea. He also asked about the agenda for the year for the Athletic Advisory Committee. Mr. Maltese said that could be discussed with the committee. Mr. Blake said a topic for him is always ways to increase fan involvement. E. Marchand asked about the league/conference standing. Mr. Maltese said there will be 13 teams. The Board talked about the variety of sports and level of competition. M. Kortmann asked if there were any new sports on the horizon. Mr. Maltese said possibly adding freshman levels. D. Ryan asked about a crew/rowing organization. Mr. Maltese and Mr. Petrone talked about that and how to promote that sport.

The Board talked about the Unified Sports program and how it involves special education students. J. Beausoleil asked how many coaches are not staff members. Mr. Maltese said 15-20% are not.

### **V.C.2. Capt. Nathan Hale School**

Ms. DeJulius presented the goals for the Capt. Nathan Hale School for the 2015-16 school year. She shared those via a slide presentation. The goals are available on the district website.

M. Kortmann asked about the whole school learning indicator goal and how that is calculated. Ms. DeJulius talked to that point and how they would calculate the average. M. Kortmann also asked about the MAP math scores vs the SBAC math assessments and the difference. Mr. Petrone and Ms. DeJulius explained how they are addressing this area.

### **V.C.3. Coventry High School**

Mr. Blake shared the Coventry High School goals for the 2015-16 school year. He shared those via a slide presentation. Those goals are available on the district website.

E. Marchand asked for Mr. Blake's thoughts on the assessment reduction. Mr. Blake talked about project-based learning being the focus. E. Marchand talked about student input. M. Mullaly noted all of the stakeholders and whose input was sought out.

### **V.D. Information: 2015 Student Assessment Results Summary**

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. DeJulius who is the district coordinator for student assessments. Ms. DeJulius shared a slide presentation on Coventry's results.

The Board talked about differences in scores and specifically the math scores.

Dr. Giller took over the presentation to report on GHR's assessment results.

Ms. DeJulius reviewed the assessment results for CNH.

Mr. Blake shared the high school's portion of the assessment results. There were some questions about the PSATs and SATs. Mr. Petrone talked about the state-level challenges of this new route.

M. Kortmann talked about students who may need remedial courses when they get to college.

D. Ryan left the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

### **V.E. Information: Social Studies Curriculum Review and Possible VOTE to Approve**

Mr. Petrone introduced Ms. Mullaly who shared a presentation on the new Social Studies Curriculum Framework. She reviewed the history of the state project.

J. Beausoleil said it is helpful to see things laid out by grade.

**MOTION: Approve the new Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks as presented**

**By: M. Sobol**

**Seconded: M. Kortmann**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

### **VI. VOTE: Consent Agenda**

**VI.A. Approve the CNH October 2015 Field Experience to Stockbridge, MA**

**VI.B. Accept the resignation of Nicholas Matson, Videographer**



**XI. VOTE: Executive Session (Bargaining Unit Negotiations)**

As there were no negotiation sessions held recently, Executive Session was cancelled for the evening.

**XIII. Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:46 p.m.**

**By: W. Oros**

**Seconded: E. Marchand**

**Result: Motion passes unanimously**

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberlee Arey Delorme  
Board Clerk

**Approved:** October 8, 2015