

**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Approved Minutes of Thursday, November 12, 2015
Administration Building Conference Room

Attendance Taken at 7:26 p.m.:

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Beausoleil
Michael Griswold
Frank Infante
Mary Kortmann
Eugene Marchand
William Oros
Michael Sobol

Administrators Present:

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

Audience Members Present: Christine Murphy, PSSS Director; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Joseph Blake, CHS Principal; Michele Mullaly, Director of Teaching and Learning; Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; William Trudelle, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; Cathie Drury, Director of Educational Technology; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Kristen Sparks, CHS Teacher; Jeff Spivey, CEP Teacher and Technology Coach; Laura Boates, CNH Music Teacher; Dorothy Grady, Justice of the Peace; several members of the Town Council; several students, parents, and citizens.

I. Call to Order - Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Petrone called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Petrone led the salute to the flag.

III. Swearing in of Board of Education Members

Mrs. Grady conducted the swearing in of the Board members for the new term.

IV. Election of Board Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary

Mr. Petrone asked for nominations for the Chairman of the Board of Education.

M. Sobol nominated William Oros. M. Griswold seconded the nomination. There were no others nominated. The nomination passed unanimously.

W. Oros took control of the meeting. He thanked the Board members who have served, specifically he thanked J. Beausoleil for her service as Chairman for the last four years. W. Oros talked about the proper role of the Board of Education in a school system.

M. Sobol noted how proud he is of the Board that he has been a part of for the last few years. He noted many accomplishments have been made. He thanked J. Beausoleil for her leadership.

W. Oros asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman.

M. Sobol nominated Jennifer Beausoleil to be the Vice Chairman. E. Marchand seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nomination passed unanimously.

E. Marchand said he is very proud to have served with this group.

W. Oros asked for nominations for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education. E. Marchand nominated Michael Sobol. J. Beausoleil seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The nomination was passed unanimously.

V. Audience of Citizens

There were none.

VI. Report of Superintendent

Mr. Petrone welcomed the new and seasoned Board members. He asked Board members to hold Sunday, May 1, 2016, on their calendars for the NEASC visit and interviews of the Board of Education. Mr. Petrone continued to review different items happening around the district.

VI.A. Recognition: CNH Cross Country Teams with Coach, Jeff Spivey

Mr. Petrone introduced Mr. Spivey who talked about and introduced various students on the Cross Country Team and noted the outstanding season they had. Mr. Petrone presented the team with a gift from the Board. There were congratulations from all.

VI.B. Recognition: Kristen Sparks, CHS Teacher - AP US History Reader

Mr. Petrone introduced Mr. Blake who talked about Ms. Sparks and this assignment. Mr. Blake noted what a tremendous asset this is for the district. He added that Ms. Sparks makes CHS a better place. Ms. Sparks thanked the administration for their support. She talked about the process and how she worked with amazing educators. Mr. Petrone presented Ms. Sparks with a token of the Board's appreciation.

VI.C. Presentation: GHR Drama Club - Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Mr. Petrone talked about Laura Boates the CNH Music Teacher, who took on an additional responsibilities of working with the GHR 5th grade students to produce a play this fall - The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

A few students from the cast performed a short portion of the play for the Board.

VI.D. Information: Google Apps for Educators Presentation

Mr. Petrone reintroduced Mr. Spivey and noted his hard work and dedication to training staff on the new Google Applications for educators.

Mr. Spivey shared a presentation on how Coventry is using Google applications.

M. Sobol noted how impressive this is. W. Oros agreed.

Mr. Spivey talked to the collaboration of the staff, administration and the students.

M. Kortmann asked if there were any teachers who were having trouble working with the programs.

Mr. Spivey talked about that issue and said there are many different levels of participation. He said that the majority do know this is the way of the future and that they need to get on board.

J. Beausoleil asked if there were tie-ins to PowerSchool grading. Mr. Spivey said there is not, but that is expected soon.

J. Beausoleil asked if calculations could be done for storage capacity and network servers and related costs and savings.

Ms. Drury talked about teacher professional development regarding Google applications and how that training is expanding. Mr. Spivey noted that training is also offered one-to-one with teachers.

M. Griswold asked if any effort would be made to keep a connection to the traditional way of doing things, such as hard copies in case of loss of power or other contingencies.

Mr. Spivey talked about different give and takes. Mr. Petrone talked about some items that are handled traditionally.

J. Beausoleil talked about disaster recovery procedures and how those are in effect. Mr. Petrone echoed that.

VII. VOTE: Consent Agenda

VII.A. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Rolfe, CHS Para-educator

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented

By: E. Marchand

Seconded: M. Kortmann

Result: Motion passes unanimously

VIII. Report of Chairman

W. Oros recapped his statements from the beginning of the meeting and that he is pleased to begin the new term.

IX. Committee and Liaison Assignments

W. Oros asked the following members to serve on the various committees and also the liaison assignments.

IX.A. Expulsion Committee

E. Marchand (Chair), M. Sobol and F. Infante (M. Griswold as alternate)

IX.B. Fiscal Committee

M. Sobol (Chair), M. Griswold and M. Kortmann

IX.C. Grievance Committee

J. Beausoleil (Chair), F. Infante, and M. Griswold

IX.D. Policy Committee

J. Beausoleil (Chair), F. Infante, and M. Kortmann

IX.E. Residency Committee

M. Griswold (Chair), J. Beausoleil, F. Infante

IX.F. Transportation Committee

M. Sobol (Chair), F. Infante, and E. Marchand

IX.G. Curriculum Committee - Liaison

Mary Kortmann

IX.H. E. O. Smith Representative

Frank Infante

IX.I. District Technology Committee Liaison

William Oros

IX.J. EASTCONN Representative

William Oros

IX.K. Athletic Advisory Representative

Eugene Marchand

IX.L. Cable Advisory Representative (Town)

Frank Infante

IX.M. Building and Energy Efficiency Committee (Town)

Mary Kortmann

IX.N. Water Supply Study Committee (Town)

Frank Infante

Wellness Committee

Jennifer Beausoleil

X. Approval of Minutes

X.A. Approve Minutes of October 29, 2015

MOTION: To approve the minutes of October 29, 2015

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: E. Marchand

Result: Motion passes 4-0-3 (J. Beausoleil, M. Griswold, and F. Infante abstained)

MOTION: To add a VOTE to enter into Executive Session to discuss bargaining unit negotiations before the adjournment

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Sobol

Result: Motion passes unanimously

XI. Old Business

XI.A. ADA and Structural Projects Update

Mr. Petrone noted he met recently with staff from the DPW. He said they are still working on the ADA items. Mr. Petrone said an RFP will need to go out in regard to other items. W. Trudelle talked about the recent walk through. The Board talked about the process of an RFP and possible Town vote.

XI.B. Possible VOTE to approve the Custodial Agreement 2015-2018.

This item was tabled.

XII. New Business

XII.A. VOTE: Approve the 2016 BOE Meeting Dates

The Board discussed the dates and any variances. In addition they talked about what to make note of when scheduling the Fiscal Committee Meeting dates for 2016.

