Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Unapproved Minutes of May 8, 2014
Town Hall Annex

Attendance Taken at 7:35 p.m.:

Board Members Present:
Jennifer Beausoleil, Chair
Mary Kortmann, Vice Chair
Mary Minor, Secretary
William Oros
Denise Ryan
Michael Sobol

Board Members Absent:
Eugene Marchand

Others Present:
David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Business Manager
Daniel Bullock, Student BOE Representative

Audience Members Present: Michele Mullaly, CHS Principal; Paul Noel, Director of Physical Plant and Facility; Candidates for the CHS Principal Position; a few citizens; and the Chronicle Newspaper was represented.

I. Call to Order

J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

J. Beausoleil led the Salute to the Flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

Ray Streeter of 1211 North River Road was present to comment on his disappointment that the district used of another school bus company to transport GHR students on the field trip to Sturbridge, MA. J. Beausoleil said someone would get back to him with information regarding that item.

IV. Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Petrone reviewed items happening around the district and town, such as the results of the budget referendum, the CHS principal search, the “Alice at Wonderland” drama production by CNH students, graduation, proms, the CNH Art Show, and staff appreciation week.

IV.A. Information: Student Board of Education Representative

Mr. Bullock talked about the proms, the AP testing, the marching band practicing for the Washington, D.C. trip, and that the softball team is enjoying a successful season.
V. Consent Agenda: VOTE (one vote all items)

V.A. Accept the Retirement of Joanne Donoher Ives, CHS English Teacher
V.B. Accept the Retirement of Jennifer Ray, Para-educator at CGS
V.C. Accept the Retirement of Mary Greenlaw-Dixon, Curriculum Director

MOTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: M. Sobol
Result: Motion passes unanimously

VI. Report of the Chairman: Information

J. Beausoleil thanked the members of the community who came out and voted this week. She also noted the marching band practicing for their trip. In addition, she noted that the location of tonight’s Executive Session would be the Administration Building conference room. She talked about the staff appreciation week. J. Beausoleil asked for a volunteer for the Scholarship Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. and asked interested Board members to contact Kimberlee.

VII. Approve the Minutes of April 24, 2014: VOTE

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of April 24, 2014
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: M. Sobol

Discussion: M. Kortmann asked that the second paragraph under Report of Board Members on page 3 of the minutes be adjusted. The second half of the third sentence should read, "...but mostly the special education tuition adjustments."

Result: Motion to approve the minutes as adjusted passes unanimously

VIII. Old Business: Information and Possible VOTE - Budget FY15

J. Beausoleil said this was an agenda placeholder if actual figures had been available to discuss. She added that it was in the paper that the Town Council would be meeting on Monday in Conference Room B of Town Hall to discuss the budget. J. Beausoleil added that the Board does want to hear feedback from the community regarding the budget.

IX. New Business: VOTE - Approve the 2014-2015 Tuition Rate for Non-Resident Students at $12,513

MOTION: Approve the 2014-2015 Tuition Rate for Non-Resident Students at $12,513
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: D. Ryan

Discussion: J. Beausoleil explained how the figure is determined. Mr. Carroll confirmed the process.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

X. Report of Board Members

X.A. Information: Solar Panel Installation AdHoc Committee Report

J. Beausoleil noted how exciting the process has been. She said she and William Oros are serving as members of the committee. She introduced Paul Noel, who is the Chair of the AdHoc Committee. Mr. Noel reviewed who the members of the committee are and said the first meeting was held this week. J. Beausoleil thanked Mr. Noel for serving as Chair of the Committee.
XI. Executive Session: VOTE - CHS Principal Interviews, Non-Union Employment Agreements; Bargaining Unit Negotiations

J. Beausoleil reminded the audience that Executive Session would take place in the Administration Building conference room.

MOTION: Pursuant to CGS-1-200(c)(6)(A), the Board of Education will go into Executive Session for discussions related to CHS Principal Interviews; Non-Union Employment Agreements; and Bargaining Unit Negotiations with the Superintendent present at 7:56 p.m.
By: M. Kortmann Seconded: W. Oros
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII. Open Session - The Board will return to Open Session for possible VOTES

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to Open Session at 9:48 p.m.

XII.A. Possible VOTE: Non-Union Employment Agreements

MOTION: To Authorize the Superintendent to enter into employment agreements for the following non-union positions: Business Manager; Executive Secretary; Athletic Director; Educational Technology Director; Data Management Specialist; Educational Technology Project Manager; Network Administrator/Systems Specialist; Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant; Physical Therapist; Vocational Trainers; Food Service Director; Preschool Special Education Coordinator; and Alternative Education Core Content Instructor
By: W. Oros Seconded: M. Kortmann
Result: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: To approve the Addendum to the Contract of Employment of the Superintendent of Schools and the Coventry Board of Education through 2017.
By: W. Oros Seconded: M. Kortmann
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XII.C. Possible VOTE: Authorize the Superintendent to enter into Employment Negotiations with a new CHS Principal

MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to enter into employment negotiations for a new CHS Principal
By: D. Ryan Seconded: W. Oros
Result: Motion passes unanimously

XIII. Adjournment: VOTE

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.
By: W. Oros Seconded: M. Sobol
Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Arey Michaud
Board Clerk

Approved: __________