

**COVENTRY BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006**

Members Present: Milton S. Natusch, Chairman
Kathleen Ryan, Secretary
Jennifer Beausoleil
Craig Couture
Larry Pietrantonio
Cheryl Trudon

Members Absent: Richard Williams, Vice-Chairman

Administrators Present: Dr. Donna Bernard, Superintendent
Sherry Holmes, Fiscal Services Director

Also Present: Jean Lundquist, Student Representative

Also present were CHS Girls Volleyball Team Coach Matt Hurlock and Assistant Jon Roberts, the CHS Girls Volleyball Team, a couple of Contemporary Issues students, and a couple of people in the Audience of Citizens. No newspapers were represented. All motions are directed to the Coventry Board of Education.

I. CALL TO ORDER

By: Chairman M. Natusch Time: 7:31 p.m.
Place: Administration Building Meeting Room

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman M. Natusch.

Chairman M. Natusch asked if Board members had any agenda items to add.

MOTION: To add an Executive Session concerning the secretarial contract at the end of the meeting.

**By: L. Pietrantonio Seconded: C. Trudon
Result: Motion passes unanimously.**

MOTION: To move XI.A, Information: Shandong, China Visit – K. Ryan to the position of IV.B.

**By: C. Trudon Seconded: J. Beausoleil
Result: Motion passes unanimously.**

III. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

No one came forward; the Audience of Citizens was closed.

IV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Student Recognition: CHS Girls Volleyball Team – State Championship

Dr. Bernard noted that this portion of the meeting would be broadcast on Channels 13 and 17. She commended each member of the team for winning the state championship. Each girl received a book card and Coventry water bottle. Assistant Coach Jon Roberts said it has been “a pleasure and an honor to work with these ladies,” and congratulated them for their hard work.

L. Pietrantonio said that the girls team “could be classified as a dynasty” since this is the fourth year they’ve won the championship. “There’s nothing like 22-0!” he said.

B. Information: Shandong, China Visit – K. Ryan

The presentation was postponed to the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

V. CONSENT AGENDA – None.

VI. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Information: CABE/CAPSS Convention Review

Chairman M. Natusch said that he, Dr. Bernard, and J. Beausoleil recently attended this convention, where they had an opportunity to meet with other board of education members and superintendents, and attend workshops and general sessions. He said that one workshop, one on the roles and responsibilities of board members, was “very enlightening.” Another one which was quite informational was on how to advocate for your budget and stay within legal guidelines. He said there was some information which might have implications not only for the Coventry Board of Education but also for the Coventry Town Council.

J. Beausoleil commented that as a Board member there are some things you may think you can do that you in fact can not, and conversely there are some things that you may think you can not do, but can. Dr. Bernard said that copies of information will be made and put into the Board packets.

Chairman M. Natusch said another workshop he attended was led by a new superintendent from Stratford. One of his major tasks was to try to bring the community together; his presentation dealt with how this was accomplished.

Chairman M. Natusch also related that Richard Simmons spoke on youth fitness, about how even having a student move around for a few minutes stimulates their mind. Rebecca Lobo of UConn womens basketball fame also spoke.

