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Sherry Holmes, Coventry Public Schools' Fiscal Services Director, was recognized at the June 8, 2006, Board of Education meeting for receiving the Rising Star award from the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials (CASBO). CASBO was established in 1951 to link school business officials with each other to share ideas. Ms. Holmes is a member of CASBO, and was recently appointed as a liaison to the Board of Directors.

The Rising Star award recognizes the value and contributions of outstanding newer school business officials. Nominees were evaluated on their contributions to their profession, regardless of the size of their districts and their job titles. This award honors an individual who has served as a certified school business official for 10 years or less, for both current accomplishments and sustained contributions.

Superintendent Donna Bernard says, "Sherry has the knowledge, skills, experience and commitment required of a quality business professional. Whether it is streamlining the Board of Education's annual budget document, overseeing our annual financial records audit, or diligently negotiating with our district's various bargaining units; the staff in our school district know that Sherry will carry out all responsibilities with efficiency and "surgical" accuracy. Sherry's ability to mentally recall single budget lines during tense budget forums is absolutely uncanny. I continue to be impressed with her tenacity with "crunching numbers" on a minute's notice! At a time when fiscal challenges are increasing, and resources are limited, Sherry has an exceptional record of maximizing resources in a manner that is fair to all stakeholders. She effectively looks for alternate resources to fund a variety of Coventry's educational programs."