

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING/WORKSHOP
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES
1675 FLAT RIVER ROAD

February 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patenaude at 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Katherine Patenaude, Vice-Chairman Andrew 'Ben' Perra, Member Thomas Hetherman, Member Lisa Tomasso, Superintendent Kenneth Di Pietro, Assistant Superintendents Michael Convery and James Erinakes, Director of Business and Finance Anthony Ferrucci and Attorney Frederick Tobin. Member Nancy Sprengelmeyer arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Recording Secretary: Donna A. McDonald

Executive Session: Personnel, Litigation, Negotiation

Motion No. 09-2-1 by Vice-Chairman Perra, seconded by Member Hetherman, that the Committee recess into executive session at 6:06 p.m. to consider matter(s) relating specifically to personnel, litigation and negotiation; said action being taken in accord with Open Meetings Act, Sections 42-46-5(a)(1)&(2).

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Chairman Patenaude	AYE
	Vice-Chairman Perra	AYE
	Member Hetherman	AYE
	Member Tomasso	AYE

Motion No. 09-2-2 by Vice-Chairman Perra, seconded by Member Sprengelmeyer, to recess to the Open Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Chairman Patenaude	AYE
	Vice-Chairman Perra	AYE
	Member Hetherman	AYE
	Member Tomasso	AYE
	Member Sprengelmeyer	AYE

BUSINESS AGENDA:

The meeting/workshop reconvened at 6:50 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence pending school business. Vice-Chairman Perra notified the public of emergency exits and Member Sprengelmeyer read the Mission Statement.

Personnel:

Administrative Resignation:

Motion No. 09-2-3 by Member Sprengelmeyer, seconded by Member Hetherman, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignation of Anthony Ferrucci, Director of Business & Finance, effective 6/30/09. Motion unanimously approved.

Chairperson Patenaude wished Mr. Ferrucci the best of luck in his future endeavors and thanked him for his many years of service to the community. Member Tomasso said that Mr. Ferrucci was the most passionate numbers person she has know. Although she has known him a short time, he is very grateful to him for being very helpful to her. Member Sprengelmeyer said that she taught Mr. Ferrucci while a student at CHS. She was proud of him then and she is proud of him now. His replacement will need a good work ethic. Vice-Chairman Perra said that he has worked with Mr. Ferrucci for 2 ½ years in which time he has done as outstanding job, and that he is phenomenal with numbers. Member Hetherman wished him good luck. Mr. Ferrucci said that he is overwhelmed and appreciates everyone’s support. He is happy to have had the opportunity to serve Coventry and thankful for a god working relationship with the School Committee and the Town Council.

Certified Leave of Absence:

Motion No. 09-2-4 by Vice-Chairman Perra, seconded by Member Hetherman, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Susan Toohey-Kay, Grade 1Teacher at Washington Oak School, for the 2009/2010 school year to complete her services to a federal grant as a RIDE Quality Fellow. Motion unanimously approved.

Certified Lay-Offs:

Motion No. 09-2-5 by Member Tomasso, seconded by Member Sprengelmeyer, that the Superintendent’s recommendation that the following non-tenured personnel be suspended/laid-off at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year be confirmed due to factors identified in individual reference letters which include but are not limited to: enrollment reductions, teachers returning from leaves of absence or returning from job shares, possible loss of grant funds, fiscal constraints and program changes. Motion unanimously approved.

<u>Name & Position</u>	<u>FTE & Position</u>	<u>School</u>
Lytle, Christopher	.6 English Teacher	CHS
Mertz, Jason	Temporary 1.0 ALP Teacher	CHS

Coaching Appointments:

Motion No. 09-2-6 by Member Hetherman, seconded by Member Tomasso, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Douglas Haynes, Baseball Coach at ASFMS, effective 2/24/09. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion No. 09-2-7 by Member Sprengelmeyer, seconded by Member Hetherman, to affirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Jonathan Bartlett, Head Boys’ Volleyball Coach at CHS, effective 2/24/09. Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Calendar Adoption 2009/2010:

Superintendent Di Pietro presented some highlights of two proposed calendars and explained the days available for high school performance reviews as well as professional days. Adjustments have been made to the previous proposed calendar to reduce the number of split instructional weeks. Version #1 had a start date of August 31st (Monday) and Version #2 had a start date of August 27th (Thursday).

Motion No. 09-2-8 by Vice-Chairman Perra, seconded by Member Tomasso, to adopt School Calendar for the 2009/2010 school year (Version #2). Motion unanimously approved. (See Appendix A)

Report on Chinese Exchange Visit:

Superintendent Di Pietro briefed the Committee and public on the upcoming visit by Chinese educators including a schedule of the school visits and opportunities for the School Committee to meet.

FY09 Year-End Budget:

Mr. Ferrucci and Superintendent Di Pietro provided a detailed account of the unanticipated increases due to tuitions, transportation and snow removal and the offset by increased revenues and savings in benefits that balance the end-of-year projection and the quarterly report. The adjusted FY09 budget projects no deficit.

Motion No. 09-2-9 by Member Tomasso, supported by Vice-Chairman Perra, to approve the adjustment to the FY2009 year-end budget as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

FY10 Budget Workshop:

Superintendent Di Pietro provided the full budget walkthrough of the proposed 2009/2010 budget and addressed what efforts were made to limit the budget to the S3050 requirements.

Motion No. 09-2-10 by Member Tomasso, supported by Member Hetherman, to approve the FY2010 budget recommendation to the Town for Coventry Public Schools. Motion unanimously approved.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

Motion No. 09-2-11 by Member Sprengelmeyer, supported by Member Tomasso, that the next meeting of the School Committee be scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Motion unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Motion No. 09-2-12 by Member Hetherman, supported by Member Tomasso, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Approved by the School Committee: 4/14/09

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