

# COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

## Wednesday, February 17, 2016

There was a regular meeting of the Coventry Village School Board on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm. **These are the unofficial minutes until approved by the Board**

**Present:** Frank Carbonneau, Viola Poirier, Amanda Jensen, Matt Maxwell and Rosalie Bowen

**Administration:** Matthew Baughman – Principal, Deb Tanguay – Treasurer, Glenn Hankinson – Finance Manager

- I. The Meeting was called to order at 5:36 by Vice Chair Viola Poirier.
- II. A **Motion** was made to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2016 regular Board meeting. Motion **Approved**. [MM/AJ]
- III. **Public Comment/Staff Presentation**  
Julie Casey (grade 2 teacher) and Emma King (grade 2 student) made a presentation to the board on what they have been learning in social studies. Mrs. Casey has been working to incorporate geography into the classroom in addition to the common core standards she has been teaching. Each student selected a state to research, which provided them an opportunity to practice reading, writing, social studies and technology. Emma King selected the state of Texas to research and presented a Google Maps movie that she created for the Board. She also showcased some of the learning techniques Mrs. Casey taught them to assist in learn all of the states. At the beginning of the unit Mrs. Casey gave her students a pretest and on average students knew 1.8 states. At the conclusion of the unit students knew on average 38.9 states. Emma has mastered all 50 states.
- IV. **Financial Reports**  
The Board reviewed and signed warrants as follows:

## GENERAL FUND

Accounts Payable	2/1/2016	\$4,405.64
Payroll	2/5/2016	\$35,612.40
Accounts Payable	2/17/2016	\$224,936.10
Payroll	2/19/2016	\$35,687.06
Accounts Payable	2/19/2016	\$4,510.49
TOTAL ORDERS		\$305,151.69

## FOOD SERVICE

Accounts Payable	2/17/2016	\$9,386.11
TOTAL ORDERS		\$9,386.11

Glenn Hankinson presented the January Financial Statement.  
Discussion followed.

A **Motion** was made to approve the January Financial Statement. Motion **Approved [MM/RB]**

Deb Tanguay presented the Treasurer's Report. Discussion Followed.

The Board discussed audit bids.

A **Motion** was made to reject the audit bids received to date and to have Glenn Hankinson prepare a new more clearly defined bid request.  
Motion **Approved. [MM/AJ]**

## V. Policies & Committee Reports

**Policy:** These policies NCSU D. 1a Personnel: Recruitment, Selection, Appointment and Criminal Record Checks For Licensed Staff

NCSU D. 1b Personnel: Recruitment, Selection, Appointment and Criminal Record Checks For Support Staff

NCSU D. 1P Personnel: Recruitment, Selection, Appointment and

Criminal Record Check were merged into one policy for Licensed Staff and Support Staff.

**VSBA:** Discussion was held regarding the legalization of marijuana with a focus on the health assessment presented by the Vermont Department of Health. State Treasurer Beth Pierce was present at the last meeting. There was a discussion about the Integrated Field Review. Supported a resolution to not require schools to adopt anymore unfunded mandates.

VI. **Superintendent's Report – None**

VII. **Principal's Report**

Matthew explained to the Board that we are still having issues with the toilets next to the gym. We have had Nadeau's out multiple times and it looks like the issue may be that some of the pipes have shifted causing materials to catch and cause the toilets to back-up. It may be necessary to rip up the concrete and fix the pipes. Natalie Kinsey will be here in March to do an educational program with students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. A safety drill was held on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Matthew expressed to the Board that we are struggling with difficult behaviors particularly in grades K – 4. The issue of behaviors has risen to the level of great concern at this point. In an effort to assist staff, but more importantly to offer supports for students in need, he is considering taking steps such as using Medicaid funds to hire a full-time behavior specialist. He is also working on implementing a peer mentor program as well as an adult advisor program. The Board shared Matthew's concerns and offered suggestions to assist with finding solutions to the problem.

VIII. **Board Business & Operations**

Glenn Hankinson reported that there is still nothing concrete coming from the state in regards to tax rates.

Discussion was held regarding information for the annual meeting presentation.

Upcoming meeting dates and coverage was discussed.

- IX. The Board entered executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss a contractual matter. **No Action Taken**
  
- X. The Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jessica Prue