

COVENTRY VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Special Board Meeting

Monday, June 1st, 2015

There was a Special Meeting of the Coventry Village School Board on Monday, June 1st, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the Coventry Village School. These are the unofficial minutes until approved by the Board.

Present: Viola Poirier, Matt Maxwell, Rosalie Bowen, Frank Carbonneau
Administration: Principal Matthew Baughman, Supt. John Castle, Glenn Hankinson,
Parent Kathleen Ahearn, Reporters: Jen Cleveland & Chris Roy

- I. The meeting was called to order by Frank at 5:35 PM.
- II. The Board added a “Request for Leave” for Linda Filipp at the Superintendent’s request. The Board moved to grant Unpaid Leave for the remainder of the year, June 1st-June 17th, but without interruption of health benefits. (Maxwell, Bowen)
- III. The Board reviewed feedback from surveys received from the town. Of approximately 670 sent, 13-15 were returned. The Board then discussed the Principal’s recommendations for budget cuts.
 - ~The Library position was mentioned with a plan to manage access and use of library. Supt. Castle cautioned the board that what’s taken away is hard to replace and that the AOE requires a Cert. Librarian as a component of the Ed. Quality Standards.
 - ~Discussion of reducing a Special Ed Para position was also discussed. Principal Baughman recommended this reduction after having consulted with our special educator Neha Gratton. They are confident the needs of students will be met.
 - ~The Board also discussed Pre-K. It was noted that the *last* budget’s increase would have been 3.5 cents without Pre-K as opposed to .7 cents with Pre-K. Even though **Act 166** (Universal access to Pre-K) isn’t law until July 1st, 2016, in light of next year’s possible caps it behooves Coventry to do this now. It is actually less expensive (far smaller tax increase to our residents) due to the increased number of equalized pupils.
 - ~**The Board moved to accept and present a budget of \$2,798,195 (Maxwell, Bowen)**
Although the legislature has moved the Base Ed Tax Rate from .98 cents to .99 cents (an impact all communities will bear), **the local tax impact** with our adjustments will be **3/10 of 1 cent per one hundred dollars of value.**
- IV. The Board set **June 9th** at 6:30 pm for the **Informational Meeting** at CVS (Poirier, Maxwell)
The Board also set **June 16th** as the day of the next **Vote** (Maxwell, Bowen)

The Board will sign the warning on Tuesday at the Town Clerk’s office. Notices will be posted in town at 3 places as required by law, on Facebook as well as the school’s website and local papers. The trifold mailer of adjustments, budget breakdowns, info on registering to vote and notice of meetings will be mailed on Wednesday. A school reach was mentioned to also reach voters.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Carbonneau