Attendance Taken at 7:34 p.m.:

Present Board Members:
Jennifer Beausoleil, Chairman
Mary Kortmann, Vice Chairman
William Oros
Denise Ryan
Michael Sobol

Absent Board Members:
Ms. Mary Minor, Secretary
Mr. Eugene Marchand (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)

Administrators Present:
David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Business Manager

Also Present:
Daniel Bullock, Student Board of Education Representative

Also Present: Marybeth Moyer, CGS Principal; Beth Giller, GHR Principal; Dena DeJulius, CNH Principal; Michele Mullaly, CHS Principal; Carla Kennedy, Director of Education Technology and Curricular Innovation; Barbara Trinks, Director of Pupil and Staff Support Services; Paul Noel, Director of Physical Plant and Facilities; and Chief of Police, Mark Palmer.

I. Call to Order
J. Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag
J. Beausoleil led the Salute to the Flag.

III. Audience of Citizens
There were none.

IV. Report of the Superintendent
Mr. Petrone reviewed various workshops and meetings he attended over the past few weeks. He added that the Program of Studies event at CHS was a success and he appreciated the efforts of the
staff. Mr. Petrone also talked about the Logo Design Concept Contest and noted information is available on the website.

**MOTION:** To add to the agenda, the first item under Old Business, Budget Item – Discussion of School Resource Officer  
By: W. Oros  Seconded: M. Kortmann  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

**IV.A. Student BOE Representative Report - Daniel Bullock**

Mr. Bullock reviewed events happening at CHS. He also said spring sports are on the horizon. Mr. Bullock also asked the Board to support annually the American Legion High School Oratorical Constitutional Speech contest, which took place recently.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**VI.A. VOTE: Approve Minutes of January 9, 2014**  
**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of January 9, 2014 as submitted  
By: W. Oros  Seconded: M. Sobol  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

**VI.B. VOTE: Approve Minutes of January 16, 2014**  
**MOTION:** Approve the minutes of January 16, 2014 as submitted  
By: W. Oros  Seconded: M. Kortmann  
Result: Motion passes unanimously

**VII. Old Business**

**VII.A. Discussion - Budget Item School Resource Officer**

Mr. Petrone talked about the great relationship the schools have with the police department. He said there have been questions regarding the proposed School Resource Officer (SRO) and that he and Chief Palmer are available to answer questions. Chief Palmer began by saying SROs are not new, but have been used across the country for years. He said the person is not an armed security guard. He said they work as law enforcement, informal counselors, and educators. He went on to explain the position and reasoning behind SROs. He also spoke to the funding and selection process.

M. Sobol said this is a good time to bring this forward. He is in favor if the idea.

M. Kortmann said she is worried about events in the schools that could now be "criminalized" with police involvement, when it wouldn’t have been if handled internally without a SRO. Chief Palmer and Mr. Petrone reviewed those concerns.

M. Kortmann asked about the budget amount on the Town side. Chief Palmer explained how that will work on the Town side.

M. Sobol asked what capacity the officer would serve during the summer months. Chief Palmer said their vacation would be taken during the summer and they could definitely be used by the department during the summer busy season otherwise.

Mr. Bullock said students seem to be very favorable to the idea. He said that teachers seemed to need more information. Mr. Petrone noted his budget letter which was sent to staff had SRO information included. He also added, he will be presenting budget information to the staff by site and hopefully those with questions will step forward.
VII.B. VOTE: Approve the Follow Policies

1330 Use of School Facilities - Draft Revision
3120-3160 Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers - DRAFT Revision
3541 - Transportation - DRAFT Revision
4115.3 Athletic Coaches - Non-Renewal and Termination - DRAFT Revision
4116.1 Non-discrimination - DRAFT Revision
4116.35 Reports of Suspected Abuse or Neglect of Children - DRAFT Revision
4130 Social Media - NEW
5122.2 Non-discrimination Students - DRAFT Revision
5131 Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment - DRAFT Revision
5131.7 Bullying Prevention and Intervention - DRAFT Revision
5131.71 Safe School Climate Plan - NEW
5132 Student Dress - DRAFT Revision
5141.4 - Management Plan and Guidelines For Students with Food Allergies and-or Glycogen Storage Disease - DRAFT Revision
5144 - Student Discipline - DRAFT Revision
5145 - Section 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - DRAFT Revision
5146 Physical Activity and Student Discipline - NEW
6164 Curricular Exemptions - NEW
6163 Additional Instruction - DRAFT Revision

MOTION: Approve all new and revised school board policies as presented on the agenda
By: W. Oros Seconded: D. Ryan
Result: Motion passes unanimously

VII.C. Discussion and Possible VOTE: FY15 Budget

Mr. Petrone updated the Board on budget items discussed at the last meeting, such as Excess Cost, special education transportation, Teachscape costs, and pension costs.

(E. Marchand arrived - 8:30 p.m.)

Mr. Petrone reviewed the just received information from the State regarding changes to the new Teacher Evaluation system. He said when all information is reviewed and approved by the State they will bring back a revised plan to the Board.

Mr. Oros verified the new bottom line increase is at 2.48%. Mr. Petrone said yes.

J. Beausoleil asked if the Board had any questions.

M. Kortmann said one item to keep an eye on is oil prices. The Board discussed what the current price is and what the Town is budgeting.

Mr. Petrone asked if there were any other questions about the SRO. M. Kortmann said looking at Coventry, she asked if the administrators wanted to spend the funds on a SRO or on another psychologist. D. Ryan said she was convinced that a SRO would give a different perspective and would be getting into the details. She said it is what Coventry needs. Mr. Bullock spoke to the benefit of a SRO.

Mr. Marchand asked about possible further funding from grants to support the SRO. Mr. Petrone said it is possible, but usually they do not fund salaries.

The Board discussed security items, benefits of psychologists, and how a SRO could be a positive force.
J. Beausoleil asked that the Administration come back on February 13 with cost estimates for either a school psychologist or social worker as a comparison for the Board to review.

Mr. Petrone said it comes down to which way you look at things philosophically.

The conversation continued regarding SROs and their role in schools.

Mr. Carroll said the Town Pension Committee met and discussed an increase in funds they may request for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

**VIII. New Business**

**VIII.A. Assign three members each to the following negotiation committees: Para-educator; Secretarial; Administrator**

J. Beausoleil asked for volunteers for the committees. The following assignments were confirmed:

Para-educators: W. Oros, D. Ryan, E. Marchand

Secretary: D. Ryan, M. Kortmann, Sobol

Administrators: J. Beausoleil, D. Ryan, and possibly M. Minor (E. Marchand as alternate)

J. Beausoleil noted that the February 27 meeting would be at the CNH/CHS in the LMC for a trial run live broadcast.

**IX. Report of Board Members**

**Fiscal Committee Report of 01/09/14 Meeting**

M. Kortmann said Fiscal items have been discussed already.

M. Kortmann talked about the EASTCONN Board meeting she attended and one topic was mandates that have been added to the public school system over the past 100 years.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To Adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

By: W. Oros  Seconded: D. Ryan

Result: Motion passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberlee Arey Michaud
Board Clerk

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Approved