



Thursday, October 9, 2025

School Committee Meeting: 6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Pierson at 6:06 PM

Roll Call Vote:	James Pierson, Chairperson	Aye
	Ana Isabel dos Reis-Couto, Vice-Chairperson	Absent- Arrived 6:55pm
	Amanda Carlow, Member	Absent
	John Cambio, Jr., Member	Aye
	Bradford Mayer, Member	Aye
	Cody Reidl, Member	Aye
	Dorothy Jackvony	Aye
	Amy Anzalone	Aye

Introduction to Staff Accountant

Mrs. Anzalone introduced the new Staff Accountant, Michael Sollitto, and spoke about his experience and transition into the role. Member Jackvony inquired about his experience with grants, to which Chairperson Pierson and Mr. Sollitto responded. Member Mayer welcomed him to Coventry.

Vote to Go into Executive Session

Motion No. 25-18-1 by Member Mayer , seconded by Member Cambio that the Committee recess into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. to consider matter(s) relating specifically to

- Student Matters: R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(8) (Homeschool Requests)
- Approval of Executive Session Minutes 9/11/2025: the following items were discussed: 1) Student Matters (Homeschool Requests): R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(8)(2) Approval of Executive Session Minutes 8/14/2025
- Review of School Crisis Emergency Plans: R.I.G.L §42-46-5(a)(3)

Motion passed 5/0.

Reconvene Open Session

The Open Meeting was reconvened at 6:21 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence/Safety Notification/Reading of Mission Statement

- *Pledge of Allegiance*
- *Moment of Silence to consider the work before the Committee this evening*
- *Safety Notifications Superintendent Cowart notifies the public of emergency exits*
- *Member Reidl read the Mission Statement: The mission of Coventry Public Schools is to inspire, support, and challenge all students in an inclusive community to be critical thinkers, effective communicators, reflective learners, responsible individuals, and global citizens.*

Executive Session Report

In the executive session 2 votes were taken, the first to approve homeschool request, the second to approve executive session minutes of 9/11/2025. Both passed 5/0.

Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

Motion No. 25-18-2 by Member Mayer, seconded by Member Jackvony, that the records of the Executive Session be kept closed pursuant to Sections §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Motion passed 5/0.

Approval of Minutes:9/11/2025

Motion No. 25-18-3 by Member Jackvony seconded my Member Cambio, to approve the minutes of 9/11/2025 as presented. Motion passed 5/0.

Citizens' Comments on Topics Listed on the Agenda

There were no citizens' comments.

AP Test Results Presentation: Discussion

Mrs. Anzalone introduced Principal Macomber, who spoke about AP course scoring and how it connects to college credit. She highlighted the many benefits of the program and the current offerings at the high school, noting that Coventry continues to outperform both the state and global averages. She emphasized that more students are passing than not, and shared the number of exams administered.

Mrs. Macomber also discussed how the school celebrates students' AP successes and mentioned the wide range of colleges students attend after earning college credit, often entering as sophomores or juniors into college.

Member Jackvony asked if students are able to take as many AP courses as they wish each year. Mrs. Macomber responded. Member Cambio thanked Mrs. Macomber and commended the students for rising to the challenges presented by these courses. Mrs. Macomber responded. Member Mayer asked whether AP courses are typically taken by juniors and seniors. Mrs. Macomber responded. Chairperson Pierson thanked Mrs. Macomber for her presentation.

School Calendar Update for Senior Defense Day: Discussion & Vote

Mrs. Anzalone discussed an update to the school calendar reflecting a half day for high school students to complete their senior presentations. Member Mayer asked for clarification on whether the half day applied to the entire school. Mrs. Anzalone responded.

Motion No. 25-18-4 by Member Mayer seconded by Member Jackvony, to approve School Calendar Update for Senior Defense Day. Motion passed 5/0.

CHS Handbook Updates: Discussion & Vote

Mrs. Anzalone explained the proposal for final exam exemptions. Ninth graders will be required to take an exam, while students in the upper grades who are enrolled for the full year may qualify for an exemption. She outlined the proposed handbook changes for each grade level. Mrs. Macomber elaborated on the incentives for students. Mrs. Anzalone also discussed adding language regarding disruptive attire to the handbook. Member Cambio asked if this was the only update to the handbook. Chairperson Pierson responded.

Motion No. 25-18-5 by Member Mayer seconded by Member Jackvony, to approve CHS Handbook Updates. Motion passed 4/1.

Student Dress Code-JICA-1st Reading: Discussion & Vote

Mr. Pierson noted that the only change to the student dress code policy was to mirror the handbook and clarification regarding "disruptive attire." Member Jackvony asked about differences in interpretation of certain words, and Mr. Pierson responded.

Motion No. 25-18-6 by Member Mayer, seconded by Member Reidl, to approve Student Dress Code-JICA 1st Reading. Motion passed 4/1.

Ana Isabel dos Reis Couto arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Citizens' Comments

There were no public comments.

Scheduling of the Next meeting

Motion No. 25-18-7 by Member dos Reis Couto, and seconded by Member Jackvony, to schedule the next meeting for October 23, 2025 at Coventry High School. Motion passed 6/0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 25-18-8 by Member Jackvony, and seconded by Member dos Reis Couto, to adjourn at 6:58 PM Motion passed 6/0.