Thursday, February 12, 2026
School Committee Meeting: 6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Pierson at 6:00 PM

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

Vote to Go into Executive Session

Motion No. 26-3-1 by Member Mayer, seconded by Member Jackvony that the Committee recess into Executive Session at 6:01 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 1/22/2026 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 1/8/2026 3) Pursuant to R.I.G.L §42–46-5(a)(1) to discuss the job performance, character, or evaluation of an employee: 4) Pursuant to R.I.G.L §42–46-5(a)(2) to discuss Coventry Teacher Alliance Collective Bargaining Agreement; 5) Pursuant to R.I.G.L §42–46-5(a)(2) to discuss potential litigation (Declaratory Judgement).
- Motion passed 5/0.

Reconvene Open Session

The Open Meeting was reconvened at 6:13 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 Assistant Superintendent Anzalone 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 1/22/2026. Both passed 5/0.

Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

Motion No. 26-3-2 by Member Mayer seconded by Member dos Reis Couto, 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: 1/22/2026

Motion No. 26-3-3 by Member dos Reis Couto seconded by Member Jackvony to approve the minutes of 1/22/2026 as presented. Motion passed 5/0.

Citizens' Comments on Topics Listed on the Agenda

No Comments

Bullying Data : Discussion

Mrs. Anzalone spoke to clarifying that bullying is often misunderstood as only physical behavior, when in fact there are many different types. She explained that bullying involves behavior that is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, and includes a real or perceived imbalance of power. Bullying is intended to cause physical or emotional harm. She also discussed the importance of recognizing bullying within the context of relationships and not confusing it with general conflict. Mrs. Anzalone presented on improvements made in Coventry over the past three to four years regarding the identification and determination of bullying. She reviewed the number of investigations conducted, the number of cases substantiated, and the number of repeated cases by school year. Member dos Reis Couto expressed appreciation for the district's improved understanding and control of the bullying definition. She also asked whether mediated conflicts could potentially be included in reporting. Mrs. Anzalone responded.Member Riedl commented positively on the progress made in recent years and said he was pleased to know that administrators are being diligent in determining what qualifies as bullying under district policy. Member Mayer noted differences in reporting data for the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 school years and asked whether there were any reporting irregularities. Mrs. Anzalone responded. Chairperson Pierson said he appreciated the data and the positive trends shown in the presentation. He mentioned that one of the most common complaints from parents concerns bullying and suggested that the presentation be adjusted so families can more easily access the information. Mrs. Anzalone responded. Member Jackvony asked whether the presentation could be made available on the district website. Mrs. Anzalone responded.

Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Special Education Job Description : Discussion and Vote

Mrs. Anzalone spoke about Mrs. Robey's professionalism and described her as an incredible addition to the Coventry team. She announced that Mrs. Robey will be transitioning from Assistant Director to Director. She explained the reasons for the change and the added responsibilities associated with the role, emphasizing that this is an elevation of an existing position, not the creation of a new one. Mrs. Robey thanked the committee for the opportunity and spoke about the dedication of the Coventry staff, highlighting how hard they work in support of students and the district.

Motion No. 26-3-4 by Member dos Reis Couto,, seconded by Member Mayer, to approve Director of Early Childhood and Elementary Special Education Job Description . Motion passed 5/0.

Schematic Design for ASFMS Roof Project Presentation: Discussion & Vote

Mrs. Anzalone introduced Tracy Donnelly of Studio JAED. Ms. Donnelly presented the same information that had been shared with the Building Committee earlier in the month. Ms. Donnelly reviewed the existing conditions of the roof, explaining that it is nearing the end of its useful life. She stated that if properly maintained, the new roof is expected to have a life expectancy of 40+ years. She also reviewed the proposed project schedule. Member Jackvony asked whether the 40+ year life expectancy includes a warranty. Ms. Donnelly responded. Member dos Reis Couto inquired about vandalism concerns related to the current roof. Ms. Donnelly responded. Member dos Reis Couto also asked about ladders being placed on the roof and related security concerns. Ms. Donnelly responded. Member Riedl asked about hazardous materials testing and who would receive the results. Ms. Donnelly responded. Member Mayer asked whether the project involves a partial replacement and how much of the roof is being replaced. Ms. Donnelly responded. He also asked about the current approximate cost estimate. Ms. Donnelly responded. Chairperson Pierson clarified that the Building Committee is currently reviewing estimates, not formal quotes or bids. Member Riedl stated that he anticipates the project costs will remain within the bond amount previously approved.

Motion No. 26-3-5 by Member Mayer, seconded by Member dos Reis Couto, to approve Schematic Design for ASFMS Roof Project Presentation: Discussion & Vote. Motion passed 5/0.

HVAC Units for RIDE Design Portal: Discussion & Vote

Ms. Donnelly spoke regarding the HVAC units for a RIDE design portal submission. She reported that two bids were received and that the bid being presented was the lower of the two. There were no comments or questions from the committee.

Motion No. 26-3-6 by Member dos Reis Couto,, seconded by Member Mayer to approve HVAC Units for RIDE Design Portal. Motion passed 5/0.

FY 2027 Budget Presentation: Discussion

Mrs. Anzalone provided an overview of district revenue, explaining all revenue sources, trends, assumptions, and constraints to support informed decision-making. She reported that the district is

currently on track to meet its revenue projections. She explained that local funding remains the primary source of revenue, while state aid is dependent upon the state government's budget. Federal revenue represents a small portion of total revenue. Mrs. Anzalone noted that projected FY2027 Medicaid revenue has increased within the federal revenue lines due to improved staff reporting and more accurate claims for Medicaid reimbursement. She reviewed overall revenue projections for the next five years, stating that projected revenue growth is 2.94%, while draft expenditure growth is 3.28%. She emphasized that the district is working to close this gap. Mrs. Anzalone also discussed key revenue assumptions, major takeaways, and the importance of long-term financial planning and collaboration. Member Mayer asked whether capital improvements and Maintenance of Effort requirements apply to Pre-K funding or only to state aid. Mrs. Anzalone responded. Chairperson Pierson thanked Mrs. Anzalone for the presentation and asked for clarification regarding the district's primary revenue sources. Mrs. Anzalone responded.

Purchase of MiniVans: Discussion & Vote

Mrs. Anzalone explained the need for the purchase of vans and described how they would be more cost-effective than buses in certain situations. She discussed the trade-in process and how the vans would be purchased, noting that this would not be an additional expense, as the funds are already budgeted for vehicle payments. Mrs. Anzalone stated that the vans would be used to support homeless students and provided an example in which transportation costs were reduced from $90,000 to $50,000 by not utilizing statewide transportation services. Member Riedl asked whether the purchase was intended to close a financial gap or to improve logistical efficiency. Mrs. Anzalone responded.

Motion 26-3-7 by Member dos Reis Couto , seconded by Member Mayer to approve Purchase of Minivans. Motion passed 5/0

Citizens' Comments

No Comments

Scheduling of the Next meeting

Motion No. 26-3-8 by Member Mayer, and seconded by Member Jackvony, to schedule the next meeting for February 26, 2026 at Coventry Administration Office. Motion passed 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

Motion No. 26-3-9 by Member dos Reis Couto, and seconded by Member Mayer, to adjourn at 7:26 PM Motion passed 5/0.