

## Coventry School Committee

# Hobin talks graduation requirements

## Committee, others learn how students earn CHS diploma

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COVENTRY — The Coventry School Committee was presented an update on the high school's graduation by proficiency requirements Tuesday night where CHS Principal Mike Hobin went into detail on what the students are being assessed on in order to receive their diploma.

Currently, a student at Coventry High School has nine learner expectations they must meet once, Hobin explained, and each student will also have to meet additional core proficiencies three times prior to leaving the high school. Students also are currently completing a capstone project, which will no longer be utilized.

Instead, students in the class of 2017 and beyond will be completing core proficiency requirements and a digital portfolio, called a "Googlio," which utilizes Google Docs that will help build the graduation portfolio that each student will use to make a final presentation.

"The comprehensive course assessments, what we call our common tasks, work tremendously to ensure kids have equal access to curriculum regardless of the teacher," Hobin said during his presentation. "This is not a jab at teachers, but a statement. It is important to us and teachers that everyone leaves the class with a similar experience regardless of the teacher."

Each common assessment will have rubrics that the student's grade will be based on. A 75 or better is considered a passing grade, Hobin said.

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Googlio is targeted towards the students' career interests and readiness. Hobin said that it will help students do whatever they decide what they want to do with their life beyond high school by building necessary skills.

Students are also required to do an eight-hour job shadowing experience in their chosen profession or field as part of their final portfolio. Parents can also have access to the Googlio

through their parent portal.

Hobin added that a master list of every core assessment assigned in the school will soon be made available so students can identify with what they have completed.

During the students' daily advisory period, they are expected to work on their graduation requirements, unless there are other activities or assemblies planned.

In other business, the school committee recognized members of the

Coventry School Building Committee for their hard work in using an \$8.5 million bond to improve heating and ventilation, and to build a new track and sporting complex, among other improvements, over the last few years.

"I appreciate what has been done and no one can ever thank you for the time and effort you all put in," Committee member David Florio said. "When students see your names, they will recognize the amount of work the building committee put in."

Interim Superintendent Mike Coventry and Hobin presented the building committee members a picture of students on the new track with a piece of ribbon that was cut during the ribbon cutting last year, as well as making the announcement that a plaque with their names will hang on a concession stand wall.

Committee member Ann Dickson added that as someone who attends many school tracks around the site and in other states, Coventry's track and

field is very impressive to others outside of the district and is motivating for students.

The building committee members are Chairman William Finnegan, Vice Chair Thomas Heatherman, Town Council Vice President Karen Carlson, John Colaluca, David Florio, Theodore Jendzejec, Judith Liner, Steven Lopez, School Committee Chair Katherine Patenaude, Nancy Sprengelmeyer and Peter Stringfellow.