

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, October 26, 2020
Cresskill Borough Hall, 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday October 26, 2020 at Cresskill Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Villani at 7:02 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings (arrived 7:09pm)
Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Eugene Gorfin
Trustee Mary Klein
Vice President Stephen Moldt (arrived 7:03pm)
President Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Raffi Odabashian

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Dawn Delasandro, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

“The New Jersey Open Public meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with provisions of the act, The Cresskill Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting taking place at Cresskill Borough Hall be published by having date, time and place thereof posted in the Cresskill Board of Education office, sent to the Cresskill Library and Cresskill Borough Hall.”

INFORMATION ITEMS

- November 3 - District Virtual Learning Day (no in-person classroom instruction)**
- November 5 & 6 - NJEA Teachers Convention - School Closed**
- November 9 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM**
- November 10 - CMS/CHS HSA Parent Speaker Series Committee co-hosts a virtual “Meet the Administration”, 7:00 PM**
- November 18 - CMS/CHS HSA Parent Speaker Series Committee hosts a virtual *Workshop on Relationship Communications*, 7:00 PM**
- November 23 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM**

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

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On a motion by Trustee Klein, seconded by Trustee Gorfin and carried, the Board introduced the Consent Agenda.

Minutes: 1
 Personnel: 1 THROUGH 4
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 3
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 14
 Policy: TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

B. Discussion - any item on Consent Agenda - Board of Education Only

Trustee Villani removed the Policy Section of the Agenda to be reviewed and voted on at the next Board meeting.

C. Open floor to public comment on Consent Agenda only
 Citizens may address the Board of Education on any item listed on the agenda. Citizens will give their name and address when recognized to speak. A time limit of three minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes for all communications are allowed. Large groups are urged to select someone to represent them.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

D. Close public participation

E. ROLL CALL VOTE - CONSENT AGENDA

ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings				✓
Trustee Cusick	✓			
Trustee DePalo	✓			
Trustee Gorfin	✓			
Trustee Griffin				✓
Trustee Klein	✓			
Vice President Moldt	✓			

Trustee Odabashian				✓
President Villani	✓			

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Villani did not have a report tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke stated that the previous week was a rough week, with the report of the second Covid case in the high school/middle school and the decision to return to virtual learning until November 9, 2020. Many individuals including Mr. Burke, the principal, school nurse, town OEM and the BC Dept. of Health were involved in the decision. Mr. Burke found it frustrating to close, right when live instruction was being extended. He referenced Bergen Academies will be closed until January. He feels that the winter will be rough but once we get through the calendar year, the district will have a better idea as to the ability to keep school open. Bergen County officials have told the district that extra-curricula activities could “absolutely not start.” The elementary schools have stayed open. Mr. Burke needs all families to keep the district updated regarding their exposure to Covid.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT

Citizens may address the Board of Education on any item not listed on the agenda. Citizens will give their names and addresses when recognized to speak. A time limit of three minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes for all communications are allowed. Large groups are urged to select someone to represent them.

Mrs. Spina, 16 Woodland Road, is appreciative of Mr. Burke and the administrative team and commented she does not want them cancelled.

Ms. Chin, 58 Westervelt, states that the “NJ Health” website differentiates as to how to handle school closing if 2 or more cases are related or unrelated. She believes that the school has been vigilant and wants to keep the school open.

Mr. Spelbrink, 156 South St., asked about the protocol for weekend exposure. He suggested that a “tip line” should be established. Mr. Spelbrink asked if the middle school and high school could be partitioned since they share the same building and would want to close only one and not the other. Lastly, he asked if teachers could switch classrooms, as opposed to the students, to which Mr. Burke replied that it was not possible within our school.

Mr. Ortiz, 49 Palisade Ave, asked for clarity regarding the last email – do siblings need to quarantine? Mr. Burke replied that it is first degree contact only.

Ms. Tejada, 14 Churchill Rd., asked about the daily paper form and why the district doesn’t use an app? Mr. Burke replied that the district has an app but that the teachers and admin are happy with the current system and that the process is working well. Ms. Tejada asked, what if someone lies on their form? Mr. Burke replied that if there is evidence, the people will be contacted.

Ms. Ambrosini, 57 Merritt Ave., asked if the Covid test was a rapid or 48 hour test, and for staff or students? Ms. Chin stated that Mr. Burke sent the email informing of the positive Covid case and then Mr. Massaro sent an email. What was the meaning of Mr. Massaro’s email? Mr. Burke explained that

anyone who needed to be contacted based on contact tracing had been contacted. All quarantined staff will teach from home.

Mr. Yoo, 81 Rose St., asked what the plan and the need for additional technology was. Mr. Burke replied that due to increased demand an upgrade was needed and a T1 line was added. Also, additional Chromebooks are needed. Mr. Yoo thinks that the staff needs more training in technology. Mr. Spina asked about extra-curricula activities again, specifically about doing temperature checks before practice, would Bergen county allow the activities? Mr. Burke replied no because of asymptomatic carriers. Mr. Spina asked if the school would consider volunteers for lunchroom staffing. Mr. Burke replied that it is being discussed, along with letting students in grades 6-12 out for lunch. Mr. Spelbrink asked if a teacher came back with a negative 48 hour test, does that change the current situation, to which Mr. Burke replied, yes, but it still depends on the County Health office.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Gorfin asked if the WiFi had been upgraded yet, to which Ms. Delasandro replied that it would be complete by the end of the week.

Trustee Gorfin asked if the Middle/High School building was closed. Mr. Burke replied that it was open to staff to pick up supplies and materials only on Monday and Tuesday, and then only open to custodians.

Trustee Gorfin asked if extra-curricula could be done virtually. Mr. Burke replied yes, 100%, and that he would talk to Beth Del Vecchio.

Trustee Klein commented that today was the first day for extended periods, she felt that 3 minutes between class is tight, and she asked to please phase-in lunch safely, by grade. Mr. Burke stated that he received comments that the longer day was a long time for children to go without eating, but overall the day went well; the students had an innate desire to be in school. Mr. Burke feels that travel time is important and as more students return it will have to be reviewed. Trustee Klein stated that the HSA and KPA are interested in offering lunch at the MS/HS.

President Villani stated that no one is more disappointed than the Board of Education at the closure of the school. We will get back and get in. The Board is operating based on medical advice. Mr. Burke is very accessible.

Trustee Cummings commented that she sees groups of kids outside, riding bikes, etc. without masks on.

The Trustees allowed one more public comment – Ms. Chin stated that the schedule is only 15 minutes more per week. Why wasn't the same schedule kept for the afternoon and add 5 minutes? Mr. Burke replied that the building administrators gave specifics regarding the schedule. It was a sacrifice done for future planning.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Moldt, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY

CONSENT AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
October 26, 2020

MINUTES

1. Approval - September 8, 2020 Special and Closed Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2020 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Compensation to CMS/CHS Staff for attending two (2) Back to School Nights, \$50 each
2. Approval - Revise and extend the maternity related disability leave of Leigh-Ann Dauble, CMS/CHS for an unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) beginning on or about 09/01/2020 through 11/24/2020 and an unpaid personal leave of absence effective 11/25/20 through 11/30/2020
3. Approval - Revise and extend the appointment of Akil Billy, CMS/CHS maternity leave replacement teacher for Leigh-Ann Dauble, \$264.73/day, through 11/30/2020
4. Approval - Estimated paid maternity related leave of absence (FMLA) for Lisa Ruane, School Social Worker, District, effective 03/15/2021 until the birth of the baby, immediately followed by an unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) on our about 04/07/2021-06/30/2021

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Out-of-state public school, Rockland BOCES, \$12,639.20 for the 2020-2021 school year
2. Approval - ADHOC Committee members, Denise Villani - CBOE President, Mary Klein - CBOE Trustee, Eugene Gorfin - CBOE Trustee
3. Approval - Contract between CSI Program and West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc., \$17,850, effective 10/01/20 - 06/30/21

FINANCE

1. Approval - Bills for October 2020
2. Approval - Additional Bills for September 2020
3. Approval - Board Secretary's Report for August 2020
4. Approval - Revised Board Secretary's Report for July 2020
5. Approval - Monthly Reconciliation for August 2020
6. Approval - Revised Monthly Reconciliation for July 2020
7. Approval - Transfer Report for September 2020
8. Approval - Payment of bills for November 2020
9. Approval - Change order GC-02 to Project #3680 (Change in Use OT/PT Rooms), \$8,180
10. Approval - Payment of Request #3 (\$73,871.05) from Salazar & Associates

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- 11. Approval - Installation of fence around MMS Garden
- 12. Approval - Final 2019-2020 IDEA Grant carryover amount
- 13. Approval - Agreement between Region II and CBOE for required parent training service, for 2020-2021 school year
- 14. Approval - CEF Grant used for Ukuleles

MINUTES:

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1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
 September 8, 2020 - Special and Closed Meeting Minutes
 September 14, 2020 - Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes
 September 29, 2020 - Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for the following Cresskill Middle/High School staff who attended more than one (1) Back To School Night, as per contracted amount of \$50 each.

Baek, Yunah	Duran, Alina	Mirkovic, Michael
Baricevic, Jamie	Friedberg, Adam	Paladino, Michael
Billy, Akil	Grossman, Amy	Potenzzone, Vanessa
Brennan, Michael	Kenny, Kathy	Surgent, Henry
Buzharsky, Zhanna	Klein, Min	Valencia, Dana
Cardenas, Kevin	Laferriere, Maryanna	Verderese, Joseph
DePeri, Kristen	Lee, Jonathan	Wysocki, Diawn
Domville, Jeffrey	McCourt, Michael	Zoino, Diana

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, revise and extend the maternity related disability leave of **Leigh-Ann Dauble** for an unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) beginning on or about September 1, 2020 through November 24, 2020 and an unpaid personal leave of absence effective November 25, 2020 through November 30, 2020.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, revise and extend the appointment of **Akil Billy**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Leigh-Ann Dauble, Cresskill Middle/High School, \$264.73/day, through November 30, 2020.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the estimated maternity related disability paid leave of absence (FMLA) of **Lisa Ruane**, School Social Worker, District, effective March 15, 2021 until the birth of the baby, immediately followed by an unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) on our about April 7, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2020-2021 school year approve the following service for **student #3230043774**, out-of-state public school, Rockland BOCES, \$12,639.20 for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **ADHOC Committee** members of Denise Villani, Board of Education President, Mary Klein, Board of Education Trustee and Eugene Gorfin, Board of Education Trustee, in the 2020-2021 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **CSI Program** contract with **West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc.**, for the 33 week program at a cost of \$540.90 per week, for a total cost of \$17,850, effective October 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bill List October 2020. (Attachment F-1A)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 233,018.25
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 4,543.57
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 6,200.80
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 243,762.62

Void Checks	Fund 10	\$32,677.92
	Fund 30	\$ 3,253.64

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the additional Bill List September 2020. (Attachment F-1B)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 426,450.15
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 7,085.00
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 3,253.64

Total		\$ 436,788.79
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Void Checks Fund 10 \$0.00

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending August 31, 2020 and certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 3K, and that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment F-2, August 2020)
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Revised Board Secretary's Report for the month ending July 31, 2020 and certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 3K, and that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment F-2, Rev. July 2020)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending August 31, 2020. (Attachment F-3, August 2020)
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Revised Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending July 31, 2020. (Attachment F-3, Rev.-July 2020)
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the budget transfers for the month of September 2020. (Attachment F-4)
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay November 2020 bills.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Change Order #GC-02** in the amount of **\$8,180** for Project #3690 (Change in Use for OT/PT and SGI Rooms):
 - PCO #6-Scarify paint/remove loose concrete, prime, install self-leveling and VET, \$3,300
 - PCO #7-Install moisture mitigation for install of self-leveling for VET, \$4,880
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and district architect, DiCara Rubino Architects, approve **Payment of Request #3** from **Salazar & Associates** in the amount of **\$73,871.05** for work completed to date on Project 3680-Change in Use for OT/PT and SGI at Edward H. Bryan School.
11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the supply and installation of a 6 foot welded wire fence to be constructed around the garden and outdoor classroom space at Merritt Memorial School in an amount not to exceed

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\$5,000.19 as proposed by Fesco Fence, Inc. The project will be funded by HSA parent donations..

- 12. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the final expenditure report for the 2019-2020 IDEA Grant with a basic, non-public carry-over amount of \$5,301.
- 13. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agreement between Cresskill Board of Education and Pascack Valley Council for Special Education (Region II), for mandated parent training services effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- 14. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the grant from the CEF in the amount of \$1,566.95 and approve the use of the grant to purchase 55 ukuleles from O. Dibella Music for use at EHB and MMS.