

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting, February 8, 2021

Due to public health considerations, this regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held via a Zoom video, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Trustee Sally Cummings

Trustee Amy Cusick

Trustee Michael DePalo

Trustee Eugene Gorfin

Trustee Dionna Griffin

Trustee Mary Klein

Vice President Stephen Moldt

Trustee Raffi Odabashian

President Denise Villani

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 via Zoom video 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."

PRESENTATION: Annual Audit Review by Andrew Parente of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins

INFORMATION ITEMS

February 10 - HSA Parent Speaker Winter Wellness - "How Do We Motivate Our Kids and Stay Motivated Ourselves During this Pandemic", 7:00 p.m.

February 15 & 16 - President's Day Recess (School Closed)

February 22 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM

February 23 - HSA Parent Speaker Winter Wellness - "Healthy Snacks for a Healthier Life", 7:30 p.m.

March 8 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM

March 22 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM

April 2 - Good Friday (School Closed)

April 5-9 - Spring Recess (School Closed)

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

Personnel: 1 THROUGH 5
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 4
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 8
 Policy: 1

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

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.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT:

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TRUSTEE COMMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at _____ PM on the motion of Trustee _____, seconded by Trustee _____.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

The Cresskill Board of Education is adjourning to Closed Session. The session may include a discussion of negotiations, contractual matters, litigation and personnel. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Cresskill Board of Education is required to notify the public when the minutes of the closed session will be available. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be available to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Compensation for Alina Duran, co-testing coordinator of NJDOE testing in Spring 2021, \$1,000, in the 2020-2021 school year
2. Approval - Appointment of Michelle Blanco as NJDOE Bridge Year Liason in the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Approval - Appointment of Joseph Sussman, JV Baseball Coach, Year 1, Step 1, \$4,334, for the 2020-2021 school year. If the season is shortened as a result of a state-directed closing, the stipend will be prorated
4. Approval - Deduction in compensation of one day for Nicole Bodine, Special Education teacher, CHS, \$453.88, for 02/12/2021
5. Approval - Deduction in compensation of one day for Barbara Peirano, Behaviorist, District, \$434.69, for 02/17/2021

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Conferences/Workshops/Travel
2. Approval - Bilingual psychological evaluation, \$750, and bilingual educational evaluation,\$750, through Supreme Consultants, LLC
3. Approval - Neurological service, St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. Kornitzer, 1 visit, \$450, on March 10, 2021
4. Approval - Developmental service, Dr. Santiago, 1 visit, \$650, January 2021

FINANCE

1. Approval - Accept the \$600 donation from Maryann Gallivan
2. Approval - Revised Board Secretary's Report for December 2020
3. Approval - School facilities project: St. Therese School
4. Approval - Accept the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report
5. Approval - Accept and submit the Corrective Action Plan of the 2019-2020 Annual Audit
6. Approval - Final payment of \$32,136.55 to Tremco for roof/canopy repairs at EHB
7. Approval - Dawn Delasandro, as authorized representative, to submit the claim of Unclaimed Funds under Claim #1000154020 in the amount of \$2,077.94
8. Approval - Waiver of Requirements-Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

POLICY

1. Approval - Move to suspend the rules of Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings to adopt a Bylaw or Policy and adopt Policy 1649 with one reading to be in compliance with the new Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Act

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for **Alina Duran**, co-testing coordinator of NJDOE testing in Spring 2021, \$1,000, in the 2020-2021 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Michelle Blanco** as New Jersey Department of Education Bridge Year Liason in the 2020-2021 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Joseph Sussman**, JV Baseball Coach, Year 1, Step 1, \$4,334, for the 2020-2021 school year. If the season is shortened as a result of a state-directed closing, the stipend will be prorated.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the deduction in compensation of one day for **Nicole Bodine**, Special Education teacher, Cresskill High School, \$453.88, for February 12, 2021.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the deduction in compensation of one day for **Barbara Peirano**, Behaviorist, District, \$434.69, for February 17, 2021.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, subject to the applicable restrictions and requirements set forth in the New Jersey travel payment guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury, as well as those guidelines established by the Office of Management and Budget, except to the extent that said guidelines conflict with the provisions of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves travel related to attendance, as well as the payment and/or reimbursement for the allowable costs and expenses associated with the attendance at the conferences or workshops for the professional staff as noted, so long as said costs and/or expenses are consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-11.

Name: Janice Acosta, Laura Bakelaar, Judith Beekman,
Elyse Kaminsky
Date(s): May 25, 26 & 27, 2021
Conference: NJTESOL/NJBE Virtual Spring Conference
Registration Fee: \$1,196 (\$299/each, early registration) under Title III funds

2. **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 a new student, bilingual psychological evaluation, \$750, and bilingual educational evaluation, \$750, through Supreme Consultants, LLC.

3. **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 #8202012951**, neurological service, St. Joseph's Hospital, Dr. Kornitzer, 1 visit, \$450, on March 10, 2021.
4. **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 #8202012951**, developmental evaluation, Dr. Santiago, 1 visit, \$650, January 2021.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the **donation of \$600** from **Mary Ann Gallivan** to the Elizabeth Gallivan Rosa Memorial Scholarship Fund.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **Revised Board Secretary's Report** for the month ending December, 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 December 2020- Bd Secty Revised)
3. Whereas, The Board of Education of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

USE OF ST. THERESE SCHOOL

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Educational Specifications prepared in connection with the project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated "Other Capital" and the Board is not seeking state funding.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 3. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 4. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to

perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the **2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report** prepared by Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP Fair Lawn, NJ.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept and submit the **Corrective Action Plan of the 2019-2020 Annual Audit** to the County Superintendent of Schools.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the final payment of **\$32,136.55 to Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.** for completion of the canopy roof repairs at Edward H. Bryan school.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Dawn Delasandro, School Business Administrator, as authorized representative to submit required documentation on behalf of the Cresskill Board of Education in connection with the claim of Unclaimed Funds under Claim #1000154020 in the following amounts:

<u>Property Type</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Refunds (3)	Scholastic Book Clubs	\$1,859.94
Vendor Checks	Interstate Hotels	\$218.00

8. **WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS-SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM**

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2021 - 2022 school year, and

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cresskill Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

POLICY:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move to suspend the rules of Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings to adopt a Bylaw or Policy and

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adopt Policy 1649 with one reading to be in compliance with the new Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Act.

Policy 1649 - Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act