# CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION Reorganization and Regular Meeting, January 4, 2021

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

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday January 4, 2021 via a Zoom video. The meeting was called to order by Board Secretary, Dawn Delasandro, at 7:00 p.m.

Dawn Delasandro led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

PRESENT:Trustee Sally CummingsTrustee Michael DePaloTrustee Eugene GorfinTrustee Stephen MoldtTrustee Raffi Odabashian

Trustee-Elect Amy Cusick Trustee-Elect Mary Klein Trustee-Elect Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Dionna Griffin

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 the 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."

# ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS

Votes tallied for three Three-Year Terms:

Name	Number of Votes
Amy Cusick	2,354

Denise Villani	2,219
Mary Klein	2,141

#### OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dawn Delasandro, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Amy Cusick, Denise Villani and Mary Klein.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Board Secretary, Dawn Delasandro, asked for nominations for the Office of President.

Motioned by Sally Cummings and seconded by Michael DePalo Denise Villani was nominated for the Office of President.

There were no other nominations for the Office of President.

Motioned by Sally Cummings and seconded by Michael DePalo to close nominations for President.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	~			
Trustee Cusick	\$			
Trustee DePalo	4			
Trustee Gorfin	4			
Trustee Griffin				1

Trustee Klein	~		
Trustee Moldt	4		
Trustee Odabashian	1		
Trustee Villani	\$		

Ms. Dawn Delasandro relinquished the chair to President Villani.

# NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motioned by Sally Cummings and seconded by Michael DePalo Stephen Moldt was nominated for Office of Vice President.

There were no other nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Motioned by Sally Cummings and seconded by Michael DePalo to close nominations for Vice-President.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	1			
Trustee Cusick	1			
Trustee DePalo	4			
Trustee Gorfin	1			

Trustee Griffin			✓
Trustee Klein	~		
Trustee Moldt	\$		
Trustee Odabashian	1		
Trustee Villani	1		

# ESTABLISH/APPOINTMENTS OF DELEGATES

The following trustees were appointed as delegates:

# 1. New Jersey School Board Association

Delegate: Mary Klein

Alternate: Eugene Gorfin

Motioned by Sally Cummings and seconded by Michael DePalo to establish appointments of Delegates.

# ROLL CALL VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	1			
Trustee Cusick	1			

Trustee DePalo	✓		
Trustee Gorfin	4		
Trustee Griffin			1
Trustee Klein	1		
Trustee Moldt	1		
Trustee Odabashian	1		
Trustee Villani	1		

# 1. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

The trustees read aloud the Code of Ethics.

**RESOLVED,** that the Board has received and discussed, individually and as a group, the Code of Ethics for School Board Members. Each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics. The policies and procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members have been adopted.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board, individually and as a group, reaffirm and adopt the School Board Member Code of Ethics contained in Board of Education Policy 0142.

# NJSBA CODE OF ETHICS

The members of the Board of Education recognize that they hold authority not as individuals but as members of the Board. In order to make a clear public statement of its philosophy of service to the pupils of the district, the Board adopts as its own the School Board Member Code of Ethics promulgated by the New Jersey School Boards Association May 10, 1975 and reproduced below.

a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, State Board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

c. I will confine my Board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the Board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow Board members, to see that they are well run.

e. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action, which may compromise the Board.

f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan, political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.

h. I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution. N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

Motioned by Stephen Moldt and seconded by Eugene Gorfin to reaffirm and adopt the School Board Member code of Ethics.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	1			

Trustee Cusick	✓		
Trustee DePalo	4		
Trustee Gorfin	1		
Trustee Griffin			4
Trustee Klein	1		
Trustee Moldt	4		
Trustee Odabashian	1		
Trustee Villani	1		

# 2. BYLAWS AND POLICES

**RESOLVED**, that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent adopt the existing Board of Education Bylaws and Policies which are embodied in the district's Policy Manual.

#### 3. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

**RESOLVED,** that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent agree to govern Board of Education meetings by Parliamentary Procedure of Robert's Rules of Order.

# 4. TEXT BOOKS

**RESOLVED**, that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve current text books.

## 5. <u>LEGAL NEWSPAPER</u>

**RESOLVED**, that for the purpose of legal advertisements and meetings notices by the Cresskill Board of Education, the "official newspapers" (N.J.S.A. 18A-2(w)) shall be The Record and/or the Suburbanite and/or The Star Ledger, all circulating in Cresskill on a weekly basis.

#### 6. BOARD SECRETARY

**RESOLVED**, that Dawn Delasandro, Business Administrator, be appointed Secretary of the Cresskill Board of Education.

#### 7. BOARD SECRETARY PRO TEM

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, appoint the Superintendent, to act as Board Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the Board Secretary.

#### 8. APPOINT CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint Dawn Delasandro, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, as the Custodian of Government Records, (other than student and personnel), as per the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47A:1A-1.

#### 9. CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Chemical Hygiene Plan.

#### 10. SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Safety, Security and Emergency Management Plan.

#### 11. ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Schedule of Public Meetings and that the Board Secretary post the following notice as required in Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, and make copies available to all interested persons.

# SCHEDULE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING DATES CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION 2021

The Board meets twice a month unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are open to the public. Your Board encourages your attendance and participation in all meetings. Please feel free to express your comments, questions and concerns. During all board meetings, opportunities are provided for public comment.

"Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Education shall in general be held the second and fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. They shall be held in the Gymnasium of Merritt Memorial School at **7:00 p.m**.

Change of the date of a Regular Meeting will be announced and posted in advance in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

<b>REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS</b> MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
January 4, 2021**
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
Due to public health considerations, this regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held via a Zoom video, 7:00 PM
January 25, 2021
February 8, 2021
February 22, 2021
March 8, 2021
March 22, 2021
April 12, 2021
April 26, 2021
May 10, 2021

May 24, 2021
June 14, 2021
June 28, 2021
July 26, 2021
August 23, 2021
September 13, 2021
September 27, 2021
October 11, 2021
October 25, 2021
November 8, 2021
November 22, 2021
December 13, 2021
January 3, 2022** Reorganization and Regular Meeting

(\*\* Indicates exception to the second or fourth Monday meeting date practice)

#### 12. APPROVE TAX SHELTER COMPANIES AND BROKERS

**RESOLVED,** that the Cresskill Board of Education approve the following tax shelter companies and brokers.

Aspire Financial Services/MG Trust Company

AXA Equitable

ABMM Financial/Security Benefit

Duncan Financial/Mass Mutual

Legend Group

Lincoln Investment, LLC

#### 13. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN REGION V

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education, continue as a full member for services provided by the Bergen County Region V Council for Special Education; does hereby accept, adopt and agree to comply with the Region V Bylaws; designates Michael Burke, Superintendent, as its representative to Region V; and empowers him to cast all votes and take all other actions necessary to represent its interests in Region V. The Board further approves the joint transportation agreements for all Cresskill students who are transported through Region V and approves Shared Services including but not limited to evaluations, therapies, non-public school services and other services as requested to be provided by Region V consultants on an as needed basis.

#### 14. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEMS

**RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education approve the district's continued participation in the Educational Data Cooperative Pricing System, Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Pricing System, Keystone Purchasing Network Program, NASPO Value Point, PEPPM Co-op Purchasing, and the Educational Services Commission of NJ (formerly MRESC) Cooperative Pricing System. This is a zero cost (to the school district) authorization that permits access to various purchasing networks.

#### 15. APPROVE DEPOSITORIES

**RESOLVED**, that Capital One Bank, TD Bank, and M & T Bank be designated as depositories of the Board of Education and that funds of this Board and/or individual Cresskill Township Public Schools, deposited in said banks, be subject to withdrawal upon checks, notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, undertakings or other orders for the payment of monies may be permitted by law, and when signed on behalf of this Board of Education by the following persons who are, or hereafter may be elected, appointed or employed by action of this Board. Withdrawals shall include authorization for the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to wire transfer Board funds between the depositories designated herein only, and those transfers shall be confirmed in writing.

Capital One Bank is hereby authorized to pay any such orders and also to receive the same for credit of or in payment from the payee or any other holder without inquiry as to the circumstances of issue or disposition of the proceeds.

The foregoing powers and authority will continue until written notice of revocation has been delivered to Capital One Bank.

The signature of the Superintendent, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the President of the Board of Education shall be facsimile signatures affixed directly on withdrawal instrument; they shall jointly or individually be authorized to sign as hereinafter indicated for the General Account, Payroll Account, and Food Service Account. Persons authorized to sign checks are listed below as per each specific bank account.

The accounts authorized in each of the designated depositories appear below. Accounts may be opened or closed as approved by the Board of Education and upon written notification to the depository of the Board's action.

Account Name	Account #	Financial Institution	Required Signatures on each Account for Withdrawals
General Account	XXXX5307	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Capital Reserve	XXXX7547	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Capital Project Fund	XXXX6023	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Payroll Account	XXXX5374	Capital One Bank	Superintendent And Board Secretary

Payroll Deduction	XXXX5315	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Merritt Memorial Student Activity Fund	XXXX5382	Capital One Bank	Board Secretary and Board President and Principal of MMS
Bryan Student Activity Fund	XXXX5390	Capital One Bank	Board Secretary and Board President and Principal of EHB
Unemployment Compensation	XXXX5323	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Scholarship Fund	XXXX5331	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Section 125 Account	XXXX5358	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Food Service Account	XXXX5366	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President

Cresskill Middle School - High School Student Activity Fund	XXXX5404	Capital One Bank	Board Secretary and Board President, and/or CMS-CHS Asst. Principal and/or CMS-CHS Principal
Summer Savings	XXXX3817	Capital One Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Scholarship Savings Account Elizabeth Gallivan Rosa Scholarship	XXXX9276	TD Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Scholarship 12 Month CD Class of 1965	XXXX4140	TD Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President
Scholarship Savings Account Robert Meegan Scholarship Fund	XXXX4102	M & T Bank	Superintendent and Board Secretary and Board President

#### 16. AUTHORIZE INVESTMENTS

**RESOLVED**, that, when cash flow permits, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to invest Board funds in United States Government Bills, and other such investments as may be permitted by law, and that the following Agreements with Board depositories be approved.

Verbal arrangements for investments of Board funds may be made by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. All such arrangements shall be confirmed in writing to the designated depository, over the manual signature of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

"Investment of idle funds in individual schools, department or activity accounts may be made by persons designated to sign for withdrawals from the accounts, provided these persons receive prior

approval from the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and aid investments are legally authorized for investment of Board funds, and that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be hereby authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Board.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Business Administrator be and hereby is authorized to invest available funds of the Cresskill School District in securities of the United States Government and its agencies, bank certificates of deposit or a regular savings account at the highest interest rates available for the period not to exceed ninety days without the prior express authorization of this Board, provided however, that said Business Administrator shall, prior to making any such investment, secure informal proposal from at least three banks or trust companies having their places of business in the State and organized under the laws of the United States or of this State and for State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, and provided further, that the said Business Administrator shall forthwith report the investment of said funds to the Board for its ratification at its next succeeding regular meeting.

# 17. <u>APPROVE THE PURCHASING OF SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES UNDER STATE</u> <u>CONTRACT</u>

**WHEREAS** Title 18A.18A-10 provides that "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

**WHEREAS** the Cresskill Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

**WHEREAS** the Cresskill Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cresskill Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchases and Property utilizing various vendors and any other approved state contract vendor.

# 18. APPROVAL OF CHART OF ACCOUNTS

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.1.

#### 19. APPROVE MAXIMUM DISTRICT TRAVEL EXPENDITURE

TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, the Cresskill Board of Education recognizes school staff and board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.1 et seq. requires board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the board and staff members to receive prior

approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30) subject to applicable collective bargaining contracts; and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Cresskill Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Cresskill Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7.6, to a maximum expenditure of **\$80,000 for 2020/2021** for all staff and board members.

#### 20. APPROVE THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL

ABSTAIN

**RESOLVED,** that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

On a motion by Trustee Klein, seconded by Trustee Moldt and carried, the above resolutions 2 - 20 are approved by the Board as follows:.

NO

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

ABSENT

Trustee Cummings	4		
Trustee Cusick	4		
Trustee DePalo	4		
Trustee Gorfin	1		
Trustee Griffin			1

YES

16

Trustee Klein	~		
Trustee Moldt	\$		
Trustee Odabashian	1		
Trustee Villani	\$		

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

January 18 - Martin Luther King Day, Staff Only, Professional Development Day February 15 & 16 - President's Day recess, School closed

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

## A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

On a motion by Trustee Moldt, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried, the Board introduced the Consent Agenda.

Personnel:	1 THROUGH 5
Educational Planning:	1 THROUGH 1
Finance:	1 THROUGH 1

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

Michael Burke wished Dave Johnson well on his retirement after 26 years with the district. Mr. Burke stated that Kacey Terzini is doing a great job as Interim Assistant Principal since Erik Roth has moved to Director of Curriculum and we have not yet permanently replaced the Assistant Principal positon. Mr. Burke commented on medical leaves, stating that some employees needing accommodations can be accommodated by moving employees around, but it has been a challenge.

Trustee Gorfin asked why the Interim Assistant Principal was only being approved through April 1, 2021. Mr. Burke replied that another administrator will be returning from their medical leave and will be able to fill in on a temporary or permanent basis.

Mr. Gofin asked if Personnel #4 was indefinite. Mr. Burke replied that it may be through the end of the year. Trustee Cummings asked what grade Ms. Terzini teaches and about Ariane DiMarco. Trustee Klein asked what the plan was to communicate these changes. Mr. Burke replied that he and Mr. Conlon will communicate to the school community tomorrow, following Board approval.

Trustee Klein asked if the work was finished, given the Final Payment Application.

- 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.

Mr. Spelbrink stated that his daughter has Ms. Terzini as her teacher and asked if the aide will be the full time teacher in the class. Mr. Burke cannot provide the name at this time but anticipates Ms. Terzini returning to the classroom before the end of the year. It will be a seamless transition coupled with savings for the district. Mr. Spelbrink believes that this situation will be another obstacle to learning, to which Mr. Burke stated that he understood.

D. Close public participation

## E. ROLL CALL VOTE – CONSENT AGENDA

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	1			
Trustee Cusick	1			
Trustee DePalo	1			
Trustee Gorfin	1			
Trustee Griffin				1
Trustee Klein	1			
Trustee Moldt	1			
Trustee Odabashian	1			
Trustee Villani	1			

#### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**ROLL CALL VOTE** 

President Villani stated that the holiday concerts were awesome and that the mystery conductor, Larry Meade, was the conductor when she was in high school. President Villani Congratulated Dr. Amato on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Step-by-Step Special Education Program.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Burke also commented on Larry Meade. He devoted his life to teaching and to come back as the mystery guest conductor was very special. Mr. Burke also stated that the Step-by-Step program is great and is off to a great start in 2021.

The Diversity Committee had a 45 minute video workshop with great focus and long term plans. The committee will help make Cresskill a better place.

Mr. Burke commented on the BOE committees that are involved in the administration negotiations and the St. Therese planning.

#### **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.

Bernard Yoo asked about the T1 line. If there are no issues with the connectivity maybe we should not complete the upgrade. Mr. Burke replied that there is an increase in Chromebooks. Currently there are not many issues in the classrooms but we are at maximum capacity and will need the T1 line connected.

Mr. Spelbrink, 156 South St., asked how many students are expected back next week, to which Mr. Burke replied that families are quarantining and he expects attendance in school to be where it was before break. Mr. Spelbrink asked about the App for COVID questions. Mr. Burke said that it would launch on January 11. 2021. Mr. Spelbrink asked if the App was for high school students or can any students have the App on their phone. Mr. Burke replied that there is the potential issue of parents submitting the night before.

Mr. Spelbrink asked what St. Therese would be used for. Mr. Burke replied that there have been many requests for full day Pre-K and other space requests. We hope to use the space as a revenue generator.

#### TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Gorfin asked for an update regarding sports and the musical. Mr. Burke replied that he is planning on sports and is more optimistic on the musical. We won't have pre and post COVID testing but he wants to maintain extra-curricular programs.

Trustee Cummings asked about indoor sports, which were given the OK by the Governor, except for hockey? Mr. Burke replied that there is no word at this time, but that the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave is causing pause. Trustee Cusick stated that wrestling was moved to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have any matches been scheduled? Trustee Gorfin asked for an update on teacher vaccinations. Mr. Burke has talked to Dr. Klein. Vaccinations are coming shortly, although he cannot force teachers to get vaccinated. Mr. Burke is working with a company to bring testing to the district. The Trustees further discussed the vaccine and access to it. Trustee Gorfin asked for an update on the website. Mr. Burke replied that he is continuing his weekly call with Apptegy and asked the trustees for any comments or advice. Trustee Gorfin commented on the Alumni Fair coming up this Thursday. Trustee Odabashian asked for an update on the drop off area behind the high school. Mr. Burke replied that he would call the town.

Trustee Klein had a suggestion that the website move the location of the BOE from the MORE tab to the ABOUT US tab because it is buried and needs to be easily accessible. Also, the website should list the four Wellness Programs that are scheduled with the HSA Parent Speaker in January and February.

Dawn Delasandro provided an update on the roof canopy at EHB, the rooftop chiller at CHS and St. Therese building. Trustee Gorfin stated that January 27<sup>th</sup> is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Hearing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Moldt, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

Dawn Delasandro Business Administrator/Board Secretary

#### **CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Regular Meeting January 4, 2021

#### PERSONNEL

- 1. Approval Retirement of David Johnson, Night Custodian, CMS/CHS, effective 07/01/2021
- 2. Approval Student teacher placement of Esther Canela, CMS with Megan Bliss, 01/04/2021 - 03/05/2021 and EHB with Dafni Nikas, 03/08/2021 - 05/07/2021
- 3. Approval Appointment of Kacey Terzini, Interim Elementary Assistant Principal, EHB, \$2,000, effective 01/11/2021 - 04/01/2021
- 4. Approval Medical leave of Debra Warszniter, Elementary teacher, EHB, to teach remotely effective 01/11/2021, in accordance with her doctor's note
- 5. Approval Appointment of Ariane DiMarco, medical leave replacement teacher for Debra Warszniter, Elementary teacher, EHB, \$265.50 per diem, pending criminal history clearance and pre-employment verification, effective 01/19/2021 through the duration of the medical leave

#### EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Speech/Language service, Elizabeth Harriman, 12/22/2020, \$450

#### **FINANCE**

1. Approval - Payment Request #5 Final from Salazar & Associates, \$31,120.65

#### **PERSONNEL:**

- 1. Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept https://www.myunemployment.nj.gov/help/contact-us/reportfraud/the retirement of **David** Johnson, Night Custodian, Cresskill Middle/High School, effective July 1, 2021.
- 2. Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the student teacher placement of Esther Canela, Cresskill Middle School with Megan Bliss, January 4, 2021 through March 5, 2021 and Edward H. Bryan School with Dafni Nikas, March 8, 2021 through May 7, 2021.
- **3. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Kacey Terzini**, Interim Elementary Assistant Principal, Edward H. Bryan School, \$2,000, effective January 11, 2021 through April 1, 2021.
- 4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the medical leave of **Debra Warszniter**, Elementary teacher, Edward H. Bryan School, to teach remotely effective January 11, 2021, in accordance with her doctor's note.
- 5. Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Ariane DiMarco, medical leave replacement teacher for Debra Warszniter, Elementary teacher, Edward H. Bryan School, pending criminal history and pre-employment verification, \$265.50 per diem, effective January 19, 2021 through duration of the medical leave.

#### EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the service for student **#829131631**, speech/language service, Elizabeth Harriman, 1 visit, \$450, on December 22, 2020.

#### FINANCE:

 Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and district architect, DiCara Rubino Architects, approve Payment of Request #5 Final from Salazar & Associates in the amount of \$31,120.65 for work completed to date on Project 3680-Change in Use for OT/PT and SGI at Edward H. Bryan School.