

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, May 24, 2021
Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday May 24, 2021 in the gymnasium of Merritt Memorial School. The meeting was called to order by President Villani at 7:04 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Mary Klein Arrived 7:22pm
Vice President Stephen Moldt
Trustee Raffi Odabashian
President Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Eugene Gorfin

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 Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 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

May 31 - Memorial Day, School Closed
June 1 - Emergency Give Back Day - School Closed
June 14 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
June 28 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

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

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Personnel: 1 THROUGH 11
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 5
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 9

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

There were no comments from the Trustees.

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.

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 noted the on goings of the district including Senior Day for Girls Softball, the baseball game last Friday and EHB's Tricky Tray event. She commented on the joint effort vaccination event between the school district and Holy Name Hospital. She was happy that the end of the school year seemed to be semi-normal. She wished all a restful Memorial Day weekend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Burke also commented on last Friday which held the baseball game and Tricky Tray event. He noted that over 300 people came for shots at our vaccination event. He thanked the District Physician, Dr. Klein, and Holy Name Hospital. He is looking forward to next September.

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.

A resident commented about her daughter being very warm and wearing masks during the school day. Mr. Burke responded that we had an issue with the air conditioning at EHB. It will be fixed by Wednesday this week.

Ms. LoBue asked about the multiple administrators' resignations. When will we advertise? Mr. Burke replied we are advertising immediately and will be creating a committee for the interviews. He hopes to have the positions filled by September 1.

Mr. Spelbrink asked what the thoughts are for mask wearing in September. Mr. Burke replied that he thinks we will need to continue wearing masks but will wait upon guidance from the State. Mr. Spelbrink asked several more questions about our procedures for cleaning, vaccinating the students and obtaining vaccination status on all students.

Katie Gerber, Teacher, commented she wished Mrs. Cavins the best of luck and that it is going to be a huge loss for Cresskill. She also appreciated the vaccination event and having it "at home".

A resident asked if the students need to wear masks outdoors. Mr. Burke replied no as long as socially distant.

Mr. Spelbrink asked about the current enrollment status. Mr. Burke replied it has increased, however, not as much in the high school.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Cummings asked what date is graduation? President Villani answered June 22.

Trustee Moldt asked if Mr. Burke believed there would be any virtual attendance allowed next year. Mr. Burke replied this is a complex, tricky topic. He doesn't believe all students will return to in-person but how we provide the virtual education is still not decided.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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Hearing no further business, the Regular meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Vice President Moldt, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CONSENT AGENDA
Regular Meeting - May 24, 2021

MINUTES

1. Approval - April 12 and April 26, 2021 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Appointment of Aidan Feulner, Summer 2021 Custodian, \$12.00/hr, 8 hrs/day pending criminal history clearance, effective June 14, 2021 - August 31, 2021
2. Approval - Compensation for Jazz Band & Quartet supervision to Louis Imparato, two (2) hours, \$50, on May 13, 2021
3. Approval - Clinical field experience observation hours for Julia Kislevitz, Grand Canyon University, College of Education student, at Merritt Memorial School, two (2) hours of observation with Leslie Boyle and two (2) hours of observation with Pegi Kustera, in May/June 2021
4. Approval - Resignation of Paul Wyka, Principal, EHB, effective with the last date of employment being 60 days from date of resignation of May 19, 2021, as per employment contact, unless otherwise approved and agreed upon
5. Approval - Resignation of Melissa Cavins, Assistant Principal, CMS/CHS, effective with the last date of employment being 60 days from date of resignation of May 20, 2021, as per employment contact, unless otherwise approved and agreed upon
6. Approval - Appointment of Anthony Coleman, Summer 2021 custodian, \$12.00/hour, 8 hours/day, effective 06/28/2021-08/31/2021
7. Approval - Guidance internship of Brooke Runge, Mercy College student, CMS/CHS, with Michelle Blanco, for the entire 2021-2022 school year
8. Approval - Guidance internship of Robert Risetto, Seton Hall student, CMS/CHS, Fall 2021, with Michelle Blanco, in the 2021-2022 school year
9. Approval - Social Worker internship of Krista Gentle, Ramapo College student, EHB and MMS, with Danielle Reiffe, for the entire 2021-2022 school year
10. Approval - Samantha Porwich, student teacher, St. Thomas Aquinas College student, at MMS, with Christine Hickey, elementary teacher, 09/01/2021 through 10/29/2021 and Marie Rosato, special education teacher, 11/01/2021 through 12/11/2021, in the 2021-2022 school year
11. Approval - Resignation of Kristyn Preciado, Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, effective May 21, 2021

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Speech/Language Augmentative service, BCSS, 1 visit, \$975, on April 1, 2021, student #6018273370
2. Approval - Augmentative device, Gotalk 9+ (\$210), Gotalk stand (\$49) and Boardmaker 7 online subscription (\$99), effective January 2021 through June 2021, student #6018273370

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3. Approval - Kathleen Wilkin, 1:1 Aide, 4 hours, \$20.56/hour, totaling \$82.24, on June 3, 2021, student #2554195518
4. Approval - In-state approved private school for ESY program, Fusion Academy, \$54,120, effective 07/01/2021- 08/15/2021, and entire 2021-2022 school year, student #1103438562
5. Approval - In-state approved private school for ESY program, The Deron School of New Jersey, \$71,169, effective 07/01/2021 - 08/15/2021 and entire 2021-2022 school year, student #1679457891

FINANCE

1. Approval - Bills for May 2021
2. Approval - Additional Bill List for April 2021
3. Approval - Board Secretary's Report for April 2021
4. Approval - Monthly Reconciliation for April 2021
5. Approval - Transfer Report for April 2021
6. Approval - Payment of Bills for June 2021
7. Approval - NJ School Boards Virtual Annual Workshop Oct. 26 - 28, 2021
8. Approval - Tax revenue payment schedule for the 2021-2022 school year
9. Approval - Donation of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Kim for EHB playground supplies

MINUTES:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
 - April 12, 2021 - Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes
 - April 26, 2021 - Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Aidan Feulner**, Summer 2021 custodian, \$12.00/hour, 8 hours/day, pending criminal history clearance, effective June 14, 2021 - August 31, 2021.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation for Jazz Band & Quartet supervision to **Louis Imperato**, two (2) hours, \$50, on May 13, 2021.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the clinical field experience observation hours for **Julia Kislevitz**, Grand Canyon University, College of Education student, at Merritt Memorial School, two (2) hours of observation with Leslie Boyle, elementary teacher and two (2) hours of observation with Pegi Kustera, elementary teacher, in May/June 2021.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Paul Wyka**, Principal, Edward H. Bryan School, effective with the last date of employment being 60 days from date of resignation of May 19, 2021, as per employment contact, unless otherwise approved and agreed upon.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Melissa Cavins**, Assistant Principal, CMS/CHS, effective with the last date of employment being 60 days from date of resignation of May 20, 2021, as per employment contact, unless otherwise approved and agreed upon.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Anthony Coleman**, Summer 2021 custodian, \$12.00/hour, 8 hours/day, effective June 28, 2021 - August 31, 2021.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Guidance internship of **Brooke Runge**, Mercy College student, Cresskill Middle/High School, with Michelle Blanco, for the entire 2021-2022 school year.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Guidance internship of **Robert Rissetto**, Seton Hall University student, Cresskill Middle/High School, Fall 2021, with Michelle Blanco, in the 2021-2022 school year.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Social Worker internship of **Krista Gentle**, Ramapo College student, Edward H. Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School, with Danielle Reiffe, for the entire 2021-2022 school year.

10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Samantha Porwich**, as a student teacher, St. Thomas Aquinas College student, Merritt Memorial School, with Christine Hickey, elementary teacher, September 1, 2021 through October 29, 2021 and Marie Rosato, special education teacher, November 1, 2021 through December 11, 2021, in the 2021-2022 school year.
11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Kristyn Preciado**, Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, effective May 21, 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 #6018273370**, Speech/Language Augmentative service, **BCSS**, 1 visit, \$975, on April 1, 2021.
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 **student #6018273370**, Augmentative device, Gotalk 9+ (\$210), Gotalk stand (\$49) and Boardmaker 7 online subscription (\$99), effective January 2021 through June 2021.
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 #2554195518, Kathleen Wilkin**, 1:1 Aide, 4 hours, \$20.56/hour, totaling \$82.24, on June 3, 2021.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year, approve the following service for **student #1103438562**, in-state approved private school for ESY program, Fusion Academy, \$54,120, effective July 1, 2021 through August 15, 2021, and entire 2021-2022 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school year, approve the following service for **student #1679457891**, in-state approved private school for ESY program, The Deron School of New Jersey, \$71,169, effective July 1, 2021 through August 15, 2021 and entire 2021-2022 school year.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bill List May 2021. (Attachment F-1A)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 834,299.14
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 77,902.04
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 0.00

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Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 912,201.18

Void Checks \$ 0.00

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Additional Bill List April 2021. (Attachment F-1B).

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 178,733.13
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 25,847.93
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 204,581.06

Void Checks \$ 10,482.27

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending April, 2021 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)
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending April, 2021. (Attachment F-3)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the budget transfers for the month of April, 2021. (Attachment F-4)
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay June, 2021 bills.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve virtual attendance at NJ School Boards Virtual Annual Workshop Oct. 26 - 28, 2021. The group cost for attendance is \$900 for up to 25 team members (or \$450 per person) which includes the Superintendent, Business Administrator and Members of the Board of Education.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the tax revenue payment schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.

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DATE	TOTAL	CURRENT	DEBT SERVICE
July 15, 2021	\$2,980,071.64	\$2,619,282.64	\$360,789.00
August 12, 2021	\$1,309,641.32	\$1,309,641.32	
August 26, 2021	\$1,309,641.32	\$1,309,641.32	
September 16, 2021	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
October 14, 2021	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
November 18, 2021	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
December 16, 2021	\$4,190,379.64	\$2,619,282.64	\$1,571,097.00
January 13, 2022	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
February 17, 2022	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
March 17, 2022	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
April 14, 2022	\$2,619,282.64	\$2,619,282.64	
May 19, 2022	\$2,619,282.60	\$2,619,282.60	
Total	\$30,743,995.00	\$28,812,109.00	\$1,931,886.00

8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation from Se-Min and Hannah Kim, parents of Gianna and Ian Kim, of \$1,000 to help upgrade student playground supplies at the Edward H. Bryan School.