

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, May 10, 2021
Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday May 10, 2021 in the gymnasium of Merritt Memorial School. The meeting was called to order by President Villani at 7:00 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Eugene Gorfin
Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Mary Klein
Vice President Stephen Moldt
Trustee Raffi Odabashian
President Denise Villani
Trustee Sally Cummings
Trustee Michael DePalo

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 24 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
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 Klein and carried, the Board introduced the Consent Agenda.

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Personnel: 1 THROUGH 11
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 4
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 4
 Policy: 1 THROUGH 1

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

Trustee Cummings asked about Finance # 3 and what services Phoenix provides us.

Ms. Delasandro responded that Phoenix Advisors provides necessary filings for Federal and State compliance of our district issued school bonds.

Trustee Klein asked what is the Lead Statement of Assurance.

Ms. Delasandro explained it is our confirmation that we are in compliance with all rules and regulations for lead testing in our drinking water. Ms. Delasandro also stated that we were not required to complete testing this year, but will be in the coming school year.

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

Excluding Personnel #9-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 Villiani remarked that this is Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked the district teachers for all they do. She congratulated John Flaim on his retirement. She thanked the town, Holy Name Hospital, the COVID task force and Superintendent Burke for bringing the vaccination event to our district and community.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke noted that 91% responded yes to a vaccine on campus. He gave big congratulations to the Boys Track team who have been the most successful team in district in the last 13 years. Mr. Burke commented on the Teacher of the Year and has sent a survey for nominations. There will be one chosen from each building and a lunch will be provided at the Board Office. He spoke about Judge Dressler and his plan for a 9/11 project in recognition of the 20 year anniversary. Lastly, he commented on the Diversity and Inclusion committee who continue to meet regularly on a monthly basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT:

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There was no comment from the public.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Klein commented the KPA and HSA provided lunch for the staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She also commented on the upcoming NJ School Boards Association meeting and their many items to vote upon.

Trustee Gorfín asked how we plan to move forward through the summer in anticipation of reopening in September. Mr. Burke replied he is planning for full day in-person instruction with lunch. He is working with the task force and will be communicating with the public.

Trustee Klein asked if we will be required to wear masks in September. Mr. Burke replied yes, based on the information we currently have.

Trustee Gorfín asked if there would be a remote learning option for students. Mr. Burke explained it depended upon the guidance from State Department of Education but believes there will be strict rules for allowing remote learning for situations like a medical condition.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 7:23 p.m. on the motion of Vice President Moldt, seconded by Trustee Gorfin, and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The Cresskill Board of Education is adjourning to Closed Session for purposes of: Legal. 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.

MOTION TO RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

On the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Odabashian, and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present, the Board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, the Regular meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Odabashian, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CONSENT AGENDA

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PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Revised paid maternity leave request of Meaghan Cardenas, English teacher, CHS, effective 03/18/2021 through 04/23/ 2021, then placed on unpaid leave of absence in accordance with NJFLA and FMLA, effective 04/24/2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, and continue the unpaid leave in the 2021-2022 school year for four (4) weeks effective on or about 09/02/2021 through 09/30/2021
2. Approval - Teacher (CEA) appointments for the 2021-2022 school year
3. Approval - Secretarial (CEA) staff appointments for the 2021-2022 school year
4. Approval - Custodial (CEA) staff appointments for the 2021-2022 school year
5. Approval - Cresskill Administrator & Supervisor Association (CASA) staff appointments for the 2021-2022 school year, under the provisions of the 2017-2021 contract, until a new, fully executed agreement is negotiated and approved
6. Approval - Resignation of Deborah White, Senior Technology Support Technician, District, effective July 1, 2021
7. Approval - Resignation of John Buehler, Head Coach of Boys Middle School Soccer, effective 05/03/2021
8. Approval - Compensation to Alina Duran, technology coordinator for college night, \$75/hour, 3 hours, on 04/21/2021
9. Approval - ~~Resignation of Joseph Parsons, Assistant Wrestling Coach, CHS, effective 05/05/2021~~ REMOVED
10. Approval - Mr. Robert Tilp, videography volunteer assistant for the track & field program CHS, for the 2021-2022 season
11. Approval - Retirement of John Flaim, Guidance Counselor, CHS, effective 07/01/2021

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Revised District Calendar for 2020-2021
2. Approval - Lead Testing Statement of Assurance for the 2020-2021 school year
3. Approval - Augmentative communication evaluation, Bergen County Special Services, 1 visit, \$975, on 04/27/2021, student #1807873678
4. Approval - Psychiatric service with Dr. Esther Fridman, 1 visit, \$625, on May 6, 2021, student #2788241732

FINANCE

1. Approval - Board Secretary's Report for March 2021
2. Approval - Monthly Reconciliation for March 2021
3. Approval - Renewal of contract with Phoenix Advisors, LLC for 2021-2022
4. Approval - Tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year

POLICY

1. Approval - Policy 2436 - Activity Participation Fee Program

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised paid maternity leave request of **Meaghan Cardenas**, English teacher, Cresskill High School, effective March 18, 2021 through April 23, 2021, then placed on unpaid leave of absence in accordance with NJFLA and FMLA, effective April 24, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, and continue the unpaid leave in the 2021-2022 school year for four (4) weeks effective on or about September 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

2. **TEACHER (CEA) APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reappointment of certificated staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. **SECRETARIAL (CEA) STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reappointment of non-certificated secretarial staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. **CUSTODIAL (CEA) STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reappointment of non-certificated custodial staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. **CRESSKILL ADMINISTRATOR AND SUPERVISOR ASSOCIATION (CASA) STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reappointment of Cresskill Association of Supervisors and Administrators staff for the 2021-2022 school year, under the provisions of the 2017-2021 contract, until a new, fully executed agreement is negotiated and approved.

6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Deborah White**, Senior Technology Support Technician, District, effective July 1, 2021.

7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **John Buehler**, Head Coach of Boys Middle School Soccer, effective May 3, 2021.

8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, confirm compensation to **Alina Duran** as technology coordinator for college night, \$75/hour, 3 hours, on April 21, 2021.

9. ~~**REMOVED. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Joseph Parsons**, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Cresskill High School, effective May 5, 2021.~~

10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Mr. Robert Tilp**, as videography volunteer assistant for the track & field program, Cresskill High School, for the 2021-2022 season.

- 11. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept and approve the retirement of **John Flaim**, Guidance Counselor, Cresskill High School, effective July 1, 2021.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

- 1. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised **District Calendar for 2020-2021**.
- 2. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the **Lead Testing Statement of Assurance** for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 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 #1807873678**, Augmentative communication evaluation, Bergen County Special Services, 1 visit, \$975, on April 27, 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 #2788241732**, Psychiatric service with Dr. Esther Fridman, 1 visit, \$625, on May 6, 2021.

FINANCE:

- 1. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary’s Report for the month ending March, 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)
- 2. Resolved, that** the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending March, 2021. (Attachment F-3)
- 3. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract with **Phoenix Advisors** for Continuing Disclosure Agreements at a cost of \$1,000 for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the tuition rates and related services rates for the school year 2021-2022.

GRADE/CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Pre-School Regular/Integrated	\$4,100
Kindergarten	\$13,082
Grades 1 – 5	\$14,631

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Grades 6 – 8	\$14,296
Grades 9 – 12	\$15,665
Cog-Mild (CSI Program)	\$61,400
Pre-School Disabled (part-time)	\$34,700
Autistic Program	\$80,000
LLD (Learning and/or Language Disabilities)	\$29,600
Multiple Disabilities	\$40,000

The monthly tuition rate is one tenth of the full tuition
 ESY is one tenth of the full tuition rates listed above

RELATED SERVICES	AMOUNT
Resource Room	\$2,500.00 for each replacement
OT/PT Services	\$60.00 per 30 minute session
Speech Services	\$60.00 per 30 minute session
Behaviorist, Counseling, Social Skills, Other	\$60.00 per 30 minute session

POLICY:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Policy:
2436 - Activity Participation Fee Program (New)