

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting, October 11, 2021

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

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: Graduation Pathway Data by Mr. Burke

INFORMATION ITEMS

October 14 - HSA Parent Speaker (zoom program) - "Managing the Unknown: Resources to Stay Resilient with Change", part 1 of a 3-part Mental Health & Wellness Series presented by the Graf Center for Integrative Medicine, a wellness center in Bergen County, 7:00 PM
October 25 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
November 4 & 5 - NJEA Convention - School Closed
November 8 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
November 10, 11 & 12 - Minimum Days for Elementary Schools ONLY for Parent Teacher Conferences
November 22 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM
November 24 - Minimum Day, Thanksgiving Recess
November 25 & 25 - Thanksgiving Recess

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

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

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

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Appointment of Denise Torres, World Language Teacher, CHS, MA, Step 14, \$90,600, effective 12/05/2021
2. Approval - Compensation to Mary Jane Luppino, CMS, Diversity & Inclusion curriculum writing, July 2021
3. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentoring compensation for Patricia Auger, \$550, for Samantha Fecci, EHB
4. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentoring compensation for Julie Rooney, \$550, for Grace Park, EHB
5. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentoring compensation for Kevin Cardenas, \$1,000, for Thomas Rose, CMS/CHS
6. Approval - Paternity leave of Jostine Mejia, Science Department, CHS, effective 11/29/2021 through 02/28/22
7. Approval - Two overages for Jason Carini, CHS, \$12,000, CHS, retroactive to 09/01/2021
8. Approval - Deduction in compensation for Mary Jane Luppino, English teacher, CMS, one day, \$345.33
9. Approval - Compensation to District and contracted Paraprofessionals for Handle with Care training on 10/22/2021
10. Approval - Appointment of Michael Stone, Director of Guidance, \$138,206 (pro-rated) effective 12/13/2021
11. Approval - Appointment of Daniel Apice, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, MA, Step 9, \$76,210 (pro-rated), effective 12/13/2021

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Revised Cresskill Organizational Chart effective 2021-2022 school year
2. Approval - Dr. Holahan, St. Joseph's, developmental service, student #4469035885
3. Approval - Update to Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between Cresskill School District and Cresskill Police Department for 2021-2022
4. Approval - Replacement of Audio Shoe Oticon FM9 device, student #7738223812
5. Approval - Educational services through Learn Well Education, for student #8352823248

FINANCE

1. Approval - Accept donation from Cresskill Cougars United Soccer Club
2. Approval - Accept donations to the Elizabeth Gallavan Memorial Scholarship Fund
3. Approval - Accept donation of books from Voorhees Middle School Students
4. Approval - Accept donation/loan of various furnishings from other school districts
5. Approval - Settlement Agreement, OOD placement of special education student, \$49,560
6. Approval - Settlement Agreement, OOD placement of special education student, \$44,524
7. Approval - Contract between CSI Program and West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc.

8. Approval - Appointment of Bond Counsel
9. Approval - Rental of modular trailer from Williams Scotsman, Inc.
10. Approval - Lease Agreement with St. Therese of Lisieux
11. Approval - Agreement with MediMobile for Covid-19 testing

POLICY

1. Approval - Move to suspend the rules of Bylaw 0131 that requires two readings to adopt a Bylaw or Policy and adopt Policy 16488.11 and 1648.13 with one reading to be in compliance with The Road Forward Covid -19 Health and Safety policy and School Employee Vaccination requirements

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Denise Torres**, World Language Teacher, Cresskill High School, MA, Step 14, \$90,036 (pro-rated), pending criminal history review and pre-employment verification, effective December 5, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation for **Mary Jane Luppino**, English teacher, Cresskill Middle School, for Diversity and Inclusion curriculum writing, 4 hours, \$35.21/hour, on July 29, 2021.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation to **Patricia Auger**, as mentor for provisional teacher Samantha Fecci, Edward H. Bryan School, \$550 for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation to **Julie Rooney**, as mentor for provisional teacher Grace Park, Edward H. Bryan School, \$550 for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation to **Kevin Cardenas**, as mentor for provisional teacher Thomas Rose, Cresskill Middle/High School, \$1,000 for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the paternity leave of absence for **Jostine Mejia**, Science teacher, Cresskill High School, effective November 29, 2021 through February 28, 2022.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation for two overages for **Jason Carini**, Business Department, CHS, \$12,000, retroactive to September 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the deduction in compensation for **Mary Jane Luppino**, English teacher, Cresskill Middle School, one (1) day, \$345.33, for October 6, 2021.

9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation to all district and contracted **Paraprofessionals** at their hourly rate, 3.5 hours, for Handle with Care Training on October 11, 2021.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Michael Stone**, Director of Guidance, Cresskill Middle/High School, \$138,206 (pro-rated), pending criminal history review and pre-employment verification, effective December 13, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Daniel Apice**, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, District, MA, Step 9, \$76,210 (pro-rated), pending criminal history review and pre-employment verification, effective December 13, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised **Cresskill Organizational Chart** effective in the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2021-2022 school year, approve the developmental service for **student #4469035885**, with Dr. Holahan, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1 visit, \$450, on September 13, 2021.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the update to **Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between Cresskill School District and Cresskill Police Department for 2021-2022**.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2021-2022 school year, approve the replacement of an Audio Shoe Oticon FM9 device for **student #7738223812**, for \$68.99.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2021-2022 school year, approve educational services through Learn Well Education, for **student #8352823248**, 10 hours/week, \$51/hour effective October 5, 2021 through December 5, 2021.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of \$5,000 from the **Cresskill Cougars United Soccer Club** for Hurricane Ida storm damage repairs.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the total donation of \$1,200 from individual donors (in memory of Marianne Gallavan) to the **Elizabeth Gallivan Memorial Scholarship Fund**.

Donor	Amount
Schwitter Family Trust	\$500
Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey	\$50
Mr. and Mrs. J Dunbar III	\$150
Barbara Schultz	\$100
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zanone	\$100
Mr. and Mrs. M. Spina	\$100
Ms. Christine McGettigan	\$100
Ms. Christine C. Burke	\$100

- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of books with a value of \$1,085 from the **Voorhees Middle School students**.
- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation/loan of the following furnishings:

School District	Item	Return/Keep
Demarest	64 desk/chair combos	Return
Haworth	34 tables	Return
Closter	135 desk/chair combos, stools	Keep
Englewood	Access points	Keep
Englewood	48 desks/chairs	Return
Norwood	10 laptop carts	Keep
Hawthorne	75 desk/chair combos tables + chairs	Keep

- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement with the parents/guardians of **student #3320625486** dated January 26, 2021 approve for reimbursement the tuition for out of district school attendance in the amount of **\$49,560.00** for the 21/22 school year, plus costs of transportation to be paid by the district directly to the transporter.
- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Settlement Agreement with the parents/guardians of **student #22297** which

includes payment of tuition for out of district school attendance in the amount of **\$44,524.00**.

7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract with **West Bergen Mental Healthcare, Inc.**, for a social skills after-school program for 33 weeks at a cost of \$575.76 per week, for a total cost of \$19,000, effective October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF BOND COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the capital program and the authorization and issuance of obligations of The Board of Education of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the preparation and review of procedures in connection with such obligations and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized law firm, and the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized bond counsel legal services necessary in connection with the capital program and the authorization and the issuance of obligations by the Board.
 2. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute a Bond Services Contract (the "Contract").
 3. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding and as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
 4. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board. The publication required pursuant to Section 5(a)(1) of the School Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:-1 et seq. is hereby authorized
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve rental of modular trailer from Williams Scotsman, Inc. for administrative staff at Cresskill Middle/High School as an emergency procurement in the amount of \$24,492.92 for four months, plus \$2,845 for each additional month beyond the initial four month rental period.

- 10. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the lease between St. Therese of Lisieux and the Cresskill Board of Education for facilities at 220 Jefferson Ave. from September 2021 through June 2022 at a monthly lease rate of \$25,000/month.

- 11. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Agreement with MediMobile to provide Covid-19 testing, at no cost to the district, to all individuals working or volunteering for the Cresskill Board of Education for the 2021-2022 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 adopt Policy 1648.11 and Policy 1648.13 with one reading to be in compliance with the new The Road Forward Covid-19 - Health and Safety policy and School Employee Vaccination Requirements.

Policy 1648.11, The Road Forward Covid-19 - Health and Safety - New
Policy 1648.13, School Employee Vaccination Requirements - New