

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, November 8, 2021
Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 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 in the 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

- November 10, 11 & 12** - Minimum Days for Elementary Schools ONLY for Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 10** - HSA Parent Speaker: Stress Management, part 2 of a 3-part Mental Health and Wellness Series with The Graf Center for Integrative Medicine, 7:00 PM
- November 18** - HSA Parent Speaker: Insights into the College Admissions with CollegeWise of Bergen County, 7:00 PM
- 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 6
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 6
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 12

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:

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.

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: Contracts. 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

Regular Meeting - November 8, 2021

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Appointment of Daniel Apice, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, 2021-2022
2. Approval - Appointment of Josh Weiss, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, 2021-2022
3. Approval - Estimated maternity leave of absence for Cassandra Morrone, School Psychologist, District, effective December 24, 2021
4. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentoring compensation to Megan Bliss, \$550, for Esther Canela, EHB
5. Approval - Deduction in compensation for Jessica Paige Lippe, Child Study Team, one (1) day
6. Approval - Appointment of Cory Leeds, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, 2021-2022

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Conferences/workshops/travel
2. Approval - New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review (DPR) for the 2021-2022 school year
3. Approval - Affirm interventions implemented for the reported incidents for 2021-2022
4. Approval - Laura Germano, tutoring service 2x/week, for student #4920519137
5. Approval - ABA Parent Training workshop with Region II, student #'s 9064639525 & 2307960868
6. Approval - School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance for 2021-2022

FINANCE

1. Approval - Payment of bills for November 2021
2. Approval - 2021-2022 tuition payment to Bergen County Technical Schools, \$422,217
3. Approval - New lease agreement for copy/print/scan machine with Atlantic Tomorrows Office
4. Approval - Accept grant award from Whole Kids Foundation
5. Approval - Submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS)
6. Approval - New Jersey Center for Teaching & Learning Services for Chemistry instruction, 11/29/201 - 02/25/2022
7. Approval - Payment Request #2 for Project 3773-High School Chiller Replacement
8. Approval - Public Relations services from Laura Bishop Communications
9. Approval - Actions in connection with school facilities projects of Cresskill Middle/High School
10. Approval - Professional services of DiCara Rubino Architects
11. Approval - Health and Safety Facilities Checklists
12. Approval - Accept donation from Mr. and Mrs. Broadwater for Hurricane Ida damage repairs

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Daniel Apice**, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, Year 1, Step 3, \$4,696, for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Josh Weiss**, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Year 1, Step 1, \$2,423, pending criminal history clearance and pre-employment verification, for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the estimated maternity leave of absence for **Cassandra Morrone**, School Psychologist, District, effective December 24, 2021, in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA, ending on our about May 27, 2022, followed by an unpaid personal leave of absence through June 22, 2022.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation to **Megan Bliss**, as mentor for provisional teacher Esther Canela, 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 deduction in compensation for **Jessica Paige Lippe**, Child Study Team, District, one (1) day, \$352.58, for November 3, 2021.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Cory Leeds**, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Year 1, Step 4, \$2,525,

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:	Lemma Taha
Date(s):	November 30, 2021
Conference:	NJPSA Legal One HIB Law Update (online)
Registration Fee:	\$125

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) District Performance Review (DPR)** for the 2021-2022 school year.

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the interventions implemented for the reported incident(s) for the 2021-2022 school year.
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 tutoring service for **student #4920519137**, with **Laura Germano**, 2x/week, 45 minutes/session, \$20/hour, effective October 28, 2021 through June 23, 2022.
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 ABA Parent Training workshop with Region II, for **student #'s 9064639525** and **2307960868**, \$225 on October 26, 2021 and October 28, 2021.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance** for the 2021-2022 school year.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay December, 2021 bills.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2021-2022 tuition payment to **Bergen County Technical Schools** in the total amount of **\$42,2217.00** (\$42,221.70 paid on a monthly basis, over 10 months), for the following:

Grade of Student	BCAcademies-Hackensack	Applied Tech	Teterboro	Northern Valley	Total # of Students
9th	8	-	2	-	10
10th	9	2	-	1	12
11th	6	-	3	-	9
12th	9	-	3	-	12
Total # of Students:	32	2	8	1	43
Tuition Rate:	\$9,819	\$9,819	\$9,819	\$9,819	
Total Cost:	\$314,208	\$19,638	\$78,552	\$9,819	\$422,217

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agreement with **Atlantic, Tomorrow's Office** (State Contract #40467) for the 60-month lease of 1 additional digital copiers/printers/scanners at a monthly lease rate of

\$169.00 plus \$0.0035 per copy for service and supplies at St Therese school building.

4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the **grant award of \$3,000 from Whole Kids Foundation** for the Edward H. Bryan student garden.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the **District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS)**.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Memorandum of Agreement with **New Jersey Center for Teaching and Learning**, for a certified chemistry instructor leave replacement at Cresskill High School for 67 students, **\$29,938**, effective November 29, 2021 through February 25, 2022.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and district architect, Di Cara Rubino Architects, approve **Payment of Request #2 from DeSesa Engineering Co., Inc.** in the amount of **\$105,544.00** for work completed to date on Project 3773-Chiller Replacement at Cresskill Middle/High School.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agreement with **Laura Bishop Communications**, for public relations services at a cost not to exceed **\$20,000**, effective November 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022, for 20 hours per month.
9. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed thereby), seeks to submit to the voters school facilities projects (the “Projects”);

WHEREAS, the School District will seek Debt Service Aid with respect to the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of: (i) the Projects; and (ii) a School District special election at which time a bond referendum authorizing the Projects shall be presented to the voters of the School District.

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

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-5.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the preparation of Schematic Plans and Educational Specifications, if required, by DiCara &

Rubino (“DICARA”) in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs DICARA to submit the same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of the Schematic Plans to the planning board for its review, to the extent required by law.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby ratifies any amendments to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of any such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby authorizes and/or ratifies the submission of the Projects Applications and its decision seeking debt service aid for the Projects.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the Projects cost estimate sheets and all related Projects documents allowing submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, DICARA, and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as Bond Counsel, as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at School District special election to be held on January 25, 2022 or such other date as may be available to the Board.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Di Cara | Rubino Architects**, Architect of Record, for Professional Services for pre- and post-referendum services for the Cresskill Board of Education to address emergent repairs and renovations at Cresskill Middle / High School (DJR Project #3936) in the amount of **\$10,000** for pre-referendum services and a percentage of total project costs for post-referendum services, plus reimbursable costs.
11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve and submit to the County Department of Education the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklists for the Cresskill School District.
12. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of \$500 from Dale and Charlene Broadwater to be used for necessary repairs at the Middle/High School resulting from damages from Hurricane Ida.