

**CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting, November 22, 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 24 - Minimum Day, Thanksgiving Recess***  
***November 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving Recess***  
***December 13 - CBOE Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM***  
***December 23 - Minimum Day for all schools - Winter Recess begins***  
***December 24 - 31 - Winter Recess***  
***January 3, 2022 - CBOE Reorganization and Regular Meeting, MMS Gymnasium, 7:00 PM***

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

**Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes: 1  
 Personnel: 1 THROUGH 6  
 Educational Planning: 1 THROUGH 5  
 Finance: 1 THROUGH 10

- 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**

Regular Meeting - November 22, 2021

**MINUTES**

1. Approval - October 11 and October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting Minutes

**PERSONNEL**

1. Approval - Resignation of Jenny Arizaga, Elementary Aide, EHB, effective 11/03/2021
2. Approval - Compensation for one (1) class overage each for Barbara Muller, Catherine Durakis and Michael Doto, retroactive to 10/27/2021
3. Approval - Tony DeMase, Custodian in Charge, St. Therese School, retroactive to 11/01/2021
4. Approval - Appointment MaryAnn Spina, Elementary Lunch Aide, EHB, effective 11/23/21
5. Approval - Appointment of Peter Gonzalez, Assistant Wrestling Coach, CHS, 2021-2022
6. Approval - Appointment of Anthony Mariani, Facilities and Grounds Specialist, District, effective, 12/01/2021

**EDUCATIONAL PLANNING**

1. Approval - Conferences/workshops/travel
2. Approval - Developmental service, Dr. Santiago, \$650, 11/02/2021, student #4099180951
3. Approval - District Professional Development Plan for Administrators/Staff for 2021-2022
4. Approval - Field Trips for 2021-2022
5. Approval - Cooperative Sports Program Agreement with Tenafly Public Schools (Ice Hockey)

**FINANCE**

1. Approval - Bills for November 2021
2. Approval - Additional Bills for October 2021
3. Approval - Donation from Cresskill Alpine Baseball League, \$2,500
4. Approval - A Hum Music enrichment classes for pre-K students, EHB, paid using CEIS grant monies
5. Approval - Joint transportation agreement between Dumont Board of Education for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for 2021-2022
6. Approval - Joint transportation agreement between Bergenfield Board of Education for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for 2021-2022
7. Approval - Donation from LG Electronics of twelve 75" TVs and \$25,000
8. Approval - Donation of time and labor from Sal Wanderlingh
9. Approval - Accept donation of various furnishings from other school districts
10. Approval - 2022-2023 Budget Calendar

**MINUTES:**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
  - October 11, 2021 - Regular Meeting and Regular Closed Meeting Minutes
  - October 25, 2021 - Regular Meeting and Regular Closed Meeting Minutes

**PERSONNEL:**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resignation of **Jenny Arizaga**, Elementary Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, effective November 3, 2021.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation for one (1) Physical Education class overage each for Valerie Campanella, Cresskill High School, \$55.56/class period, for the following teachers, retroactive to October 27, 2021 through January 17, 2022.
  - Michael Doto** - one (1) Physical Education class period
  - Catherine Durakis** - one (1) Physical Education class period
  - Barbara Muller** - one (1) Physical Education class period
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Tony DeMase**, Custodian in Charge, St. Therese School, \$3,517, retroactive to November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, or until the position/location ceases.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment **MaryAnn Spina**, Elementary Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, 5 hours/day, \$14.00/hour, pending criminal history clearance, effective November 23, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Peter Gonzalez**, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Cresskill High School, Year 1, Step 4, \$4,574, pending criminal history clearance and pre-employment verification, for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Anthony Mariani**, Facilities and Grounds Specialist, District, effective December 1, 2021, \$60,000/year (prorated), for the 2021-2022 school year.

**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:** Megan Lynch  
**Date(s):** December 10, 2021  
**Conference:** No Place for Hate Zoom Conference  
**Registration Fee:** \$0

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 developmental service for **student #4099180951**, Dr. Santiago, 1 visit, \$650, on November 2, 2021.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **District Professional Development Plan for Administrators/Staff** for 2021-2022.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following **Cooperative Sports Program Agreement** with the Cresskill Board of Education for the 2021-2022 season:

### **COOPERATIVE SPORTS PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is being entered into, effective November 22, 2021, by and between the Tenafly Board of Education (hereinafter "Tenafly") and the Cresskill Board of Education (hereinafter "Cresskill");

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education has an Ice Hockey program that would allow for additional student players; and

WHEREAS, the Cresskill Board of Education has too few students interested in Ice Hockey to field a full team; and

WHEREAS, the Tenafly Board of Education and the Cresskill Board of Education wish to continue a Cooperative Sports Program for Ice Hockey.

Tenafly and Cresskill agree to the following:

1. Tenafly and Cresskill (hereinafter collectively referred to as "parties") shall submit a Program Application for Cooperative Sports to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (hereinafter "NJSIAA") for the 2021-22 winter Ice Hockey programs with Tenafly designated as the Lead Education Agency. This application has been submitted to cover a minimum of a 2-year period inclusive of the 2021-22 & 2022-23 seasons.
2. The agreement has been accepted by the Cooperative Sports Program (hereinafter "Program") by the NJSIAA, the Big North Conference and the New Jersey Interscholastic Hockey League and has been accepted by the aforementioned parties for a 2-year period

inclusive of the 2021-22 & 2022-23 seasons.

3. This agreement shall be in effect for the 2021-22 Ice Hockey season.
  
4. Cresskill Public Schools agree to reimburse on a per student proportional basis for the total expenditures associated with the Ice Hockey program; specifically Ice Rental, Coaches Stipends, Transportation, Tournament Fees and Officials for varsity contests. For the purpose of the 21-22 school year, Cresskill fiscal responsibility for their number of participants will be based on the roster of the aforementioned associated program based costs. Upon conclusion of the Ice Hockey Season, Cresskill Public Schools will remit reimbursement to the Tenafly Public Schools for costs assumed throughout the season.
  
5. The Head Ice Hockey coach and the Assistant Coach will be employees of the Tenafly Public School and subject to their evaluative procedures.
  
6. Transportation between Tenafly and program practices and games shall be provided by Tenafly. Cresskill shall provide transportation to and from Tenafly.
  
7. All program players agree to comply with all Tenafly policies and rules as well as any and all applicable NJSIAA rules and regulations governing competitive sports at the High School Level. Participation on the Tenafly Ice Hockey team is a privilege, not a right, and all rules regarding participation in the Program shall be applied equally to Tenafly and Cresskill Students.
  
8. Cresskill agrees to and shall save, keep harmless and indemnify Tenafly and its agents, employees and servants against any and all actions brought against Tenafly based on Cresskill's participation in the program for payments, expenses, and costs, including reasonable attorney fee, and liability for losses or damage to property or injuries to persons occasioned wholly or in part by, or resulting from any acts or omissions by Tenafly's agents, employees, and servants, except where there has been willful and wanton acts or omissions by Tenafly's agents, employees or servants.

**FINANCE:**

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

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 675,341.43
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 87,994.31
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 4,052.20
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 0.00

Total		\$ 767,387.94
Void Checks		\$ 0.00

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

Fund 10	General Fund	\$ 450,443.50
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$ 6,069.96
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$ 0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$ 0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$ 0.00
Total		\$ 456,513.46

Void Checks \$ 0.00

- 3. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of \$2,500 from the Cresskill Alpine Baseball League to be used for necessary repairs at the Middle/High School resulting from damages from Hurricane Ida.
- 4. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve music enrichment classes with **A Hum Music** for pre-K students, two (2) classes per week, twenty-five (25) weeks, \$21,000, effective November 19, 2021 through June 17, 2022, paid using IDEA - CCEIS Grant funds. .
- 5. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Cresskill Board of Education (Joiner District) does hereby approve the **joint transportation agreement with the Dumont Board of Education** (Host District) for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period of the 2021-2022 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, special education and vocational and technical programs.
- 6. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Cresskill Board of Education (Joiner District) does hereby approve the **joint transportation agreement with the Bergenfield Board of Education** (Host District) for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period of the 2021-2022 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, special education and vocational and technical programs.
- 7. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation from LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. of twelve 75" UHD televisions to be placed in each classroom at St. Therese/220 Jefferson Ave for live streaming capabilities and \$25,000 towards the middle/high school repairs caused by Hurricane Ida.



- 8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of time and labor from Sal Wanderlingh, in connection with electrical work and testing at Cresskill Middle/High School in the aftermath of Storm Ida damage.
- 9. **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
Northern Valley Regional	30 desks, 30 chairs	Keep
Norwood School District	30 All-in-One Desks	Keep

- 10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2022-2023 Budget Calendar.