

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, November 22, 2021
Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday November 22, 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 Sally Cummings
Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Eugene Gorfin
Trustee Mary Klein
Vice President Stephen Moldt
President Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Raffi Odabashian

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 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 1 – Honor Society Induction

December 3 & 4 – Fall Drama – held at St. Therese

December 7 – Fall Underclassmen Awards

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

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

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

Vice President Moldt asked about the District Professional Development Plan. Trustee Klein asked about the transportation resolutions. Trustee Gorfin asked if parents pay towards the hockey program. President Villani publicly gave thanks for all of the Donations listed in the Finance section of the Agenda.

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.

Ms. Shick asked for an explanation of Finance #1.

D. Close public participation

E. ROLL CALL VOTE - CONSENT AGENDA

ROLL CALL VOTE

YES NO ABSTAIN ABSENT

	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 was glad to see the 9th and 10th graders at St. Therese. Over the last two weeks she has called the Governor, Senators, and Congressmen from New Jersey. The only one to call her back was Holly Schepisi. She is waiting on a meeting with the Governor. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy time with family.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke has a meeting with Representative Pascrell next week. Governor Murphy’s Chief of Staff called Mr. Burke with various options for funding. Mr. Burke contacted the Executive Director of the Bergen County Improvement Authority. Money is available, but it is a 4 to 6 month application process. Mr. Burke discussed the January 25, 2022 Referendum stating that Purchase Orders could be written 20 days later. Temple Emanu-el is still being considered. However, there are internet issues, the space is not large, and lunch will need to be Kosher. Mr. Burke will be visiting additional alternative locations tomorrow. He stated that the gym at the high school is close to being opened.

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 asked about shared services with other districts/towns. A Resident stated that he is a lawyer and that we need an emergency meeting of the town to pass bonds. There should be a shared Borough/Board of Education meeting tomorrow. Mr. Burke replied that there is no tension between the town and the BOE. Everyone in the town is looking for the best solution. A resident asked what is stopping us from issuing emergency bonds. He spoke to a Congressman who stated he is waiting for the BOE to “make the move.” A Resident stated that getting the main building back up should be more important than finding alternate locations. President Villani stated that we can only get money through a referendum. The State sets the dates and January was the first available to us. President Villani went to the last 2 mayor and council meetings. This is a town issue and there were nowhere as many people at the council meetings as there are here tonight. The BOE is all volunteer. The Board continues to work collaboratively. Mr. Burke stated that one of the temporary heaters at the high school

caught fire on Friday. He states that we are going to continue to fight. A Resident asked where are the experts, what is EPIC doing for us? Mr. Burke replied that EPIC has been working well with the architect. A Resident asked about legal issues. Is Temple Emanu-El still being considered? Mr. Burke replied yes, but there are obstacles. A Resident who had been at the council meeting stated that the Governor was reaching out to schedule a meeting. Mr. Burke replied that no meeting had been scheduled. The Resident stated to the audience that we need to attend the council meetings. A Resident stated that the Mayor will not attend BOE meetings. Some parents met with Senator Cory Booker's office who said there are Federal funds available. Mr. Spelbrink stated that the governor's office said that they were here from Day One, actively looking for alternative space; the First Lady made Cresskill a priority. But Cresskill never made noise or asked for anything. We need to protest in Trenton. A Resident asked what the public relations consultant is doing. Mr. Burke replied that her main focus is the referendum and improving the website. Ms. Fischer stated that she feels like the children are being homeschooled, morale is low, teacher absences are out of control, so many posted assignments, all clubs are zoomed, and 9th and 10th graders never got their class trips. Ms. Shick commented that Mr. Burke may be hurting us in the news by being so positive. Ms. Shick stated Mr. Burke needs to be angrier in news interviews. A resident asked if we can join another town's high school and become a regional district. A Resident was concerned with supply back orders in reaching timelines set out for construction. A Resident thanked Mr. Burke for his hard work. When September 2022 arrives and we are in the same position, then what? This Resident moved here for the schools. Mr. Burke replied that he has dedicated 24/7 to opening the high school building as well as to finding alternative locations. He has no indication that it is not possible. President Villani asked for a moment of silence to remember a Dumont child who passed away at a basketball game.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

There was no trustee comment this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned to a Recess at 8:42 and opened Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. on the motion of Vice President Moldt, seconded by Trustee Klein, 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 Cusick, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present, the Board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Hearing no further business, the Regular meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Cusick, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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 coverage 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
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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.

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