

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, December 13, 2021
Merritt Memorial School Gymnasium, 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday December 13, 2021 in the gymnasium of Merritt Memorial School. The meeting was called to order by President Villani at 7:04 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings Dpt 9:46pm
Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Eugene Gorfin Arr 7:15pm
Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Mary Klein
Vice President Stephen Moldt
Trustee Raffi Odabashian
President Denise Villani

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

December 15 - CMS/CHS Holiday Band Concert, St. Therese gym, 7:30 PM
December 20 - CMS/CHS Holiday Choir Concert, St. Therese gym, 7:30 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
January 17 - Martin Luther King Day - Professional Development Day for Staff Only

PRESENTATIONS

- Referendum information - Dawn Delasandro, Business Administrator
- Honoring Stephen Moldt, Cresskill BOE Vice President and Cresskill BOE Trustee Eugene Gorfin

Presentation - Referendum Information

Mr. Burke and Ms. Delasandro provided a brief presentation of the referendum being voted on on 1/25/22. Numerous questions were asked by residents of the town including: what happens if the referendum does not pass? how long to get Purchases Orders issued after the referendum passes? What is the Board doing to get the information out to the town? Mr. Solimani, Bond Counsel, explained that if the referendum fails on Jan. 25, there will be a second referendum on Mar. 8, 2022. If the second one fails there will be a public hearing and an Administrative Law Judge will be assigned. Eventually, the bonds will be issued, so the residents will still pay, but it could take many months. The school district is still eligible for the bonds. Mr. Burke stated that it is very important for the residents to understand that they will still pay for the repairs to the school even if the referendum does not pass, it will just extend the time to start rebuilding the school. President Villani stated that the property values remain intact with the rebuilding of the school, otherwise they will lose value in town and in the homes. Mr. Burke remarked that home values have increased over \$100,000 since the last referendum 4 years ago in 2017. The goal is to open the school in September, if the referendum is passed in January. Renee Janowicz of Laura Bishop communications commented that information postcards are being mailed to every household, a marquee will go on the school district website, social media (FaceBook and Twitter) is being targeted, and flyers will be distributed. Residents suggested sending letters from the mayor's office with details, sending letters home with the elementary students, including specific construction plans. Also, parents can help by explaining the issues to senior citizens in town. Trustee Odabashian asked how the \$22 million rebuilding will protect us in the future, have we considered another property in the area? Mr. Burke replied that FEMA will not reimburse for rebuilding in a different location. Mr. Solimani explained that all options to raise money were explored. Issuing debt was the only option that made sense. The current structure is to borrow 75% of \$21 million short term. The 25% balance will be borrowed over 10 years, conservatively at approximately 3%. The state will pay approximately 34% to 40% of the 25% that is borrowed. A resident stated that we have had close calls with floods, are we keeping money for later. Mr. Burke stated that he is meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers. A resident asked how \$85 per year equals the \$5 million. Trustee Klein is happy to host coffee hours to explain the financing and issues. A resident questioned why the Governor said we had to do a referendum. Mr. Burke replied that the executive and legislative branches are two separate entities. Cresskill may be the reason that Section "18A" gets amended. A resident asked about FEMA reimbursing "up to" 75% and any town surplus. Ms. Delasandro explained that there is no guarantee, reimbursement is based on spending. Mr. Burke stated that he knows of no mechanism to use town surplus. A resident asked how the administration is handling their regular duties. Mr. Burke thanked them for recognizing what we do and stated that "we need to find time." A resident stated that the mayor should be more involved. Mr. Burke replied that he has no complaints about the mayor and counsel, they have the same restrictions we do. A resident stated that we have to push the impact on home values, if no high school, home values will fall. A resident asked about the billing process. Ms. Delasandro and Vice President Moldt explained that using already approved coops is time saving. A resident asked about the status of the Northvale location. Mr. Burke replied that it is moving forward, a big hurdle is transportation. The County Superintendent is on the Northvale Counsel. Mr. Burke explained that the bussing survey was initial, to get a rough estimate. Residents asked if Chodae will be available in January, how do we secure funding for the lease, what happens if FEMA backs out, what percent of vote is needed to pass, is this all on us. Mr. Burke replied, that yes it is all on the residents of Cresskill, and only one more yes vote than no and the referendum passes. A resident stated the PR firm needs to push the urgency of getting the students back in person. A resident asked how conservative the \$21 million estimate is, is any of it being used for mitigation. Mr. Burke said the estimate is conservative with allowances, Ms. Delasandro stated that mitigation projects are included. A resident reminded all college aged residents and 18 year olds to vote. A resident stated that Representative Pascrell is saying Cresskill is getting more money than the 75%. A resident asked about the current condition of the building. Mr. Burke stated that there are heaters for the workers, the building is down to its studs. A resident asked what if the \$21 million is too much. Ms. Delasandro replied that we can take the money into capital funds to pay off outstanding debt or not issue bonds.

Presentation - Retiring Board members

Mr. Burke praised Trustee Gorfin for coming to meetings and asking questions prior to joining the Board. As a Trustee, he was a dedicated, invaluable member of the Board. Mr. Burke thanked him for his time, knowledge and conversation. They shared a love of college basketball and Cresskill. President Villani pestered Trustee Gorfin for years to join the BOE. She appreciated his time and service to the community.

Mr. Burke has known Vice President Moldt for many years. He was appointed in 2012, almost 10 years ago. He has been a wonderful Trustee, who joined the Board during a very challenging time. He always had a smile on his face and acted with class. His expertise with construction companies was invaluable. President Villani stated that working with Vice President Moldt for the last 10 years has been easy, even in disagreement, due to high mutual respect. We hope to see you in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

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

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| Minutes: | 1 |
| Personnel: | 1 THROUGH 4 |
| Educational Planning: | 1 THROUGH 13 |
| Finance: | 1 THROUGH 9 |

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

Trustee Cummings asked about HIB Self Assessment. Mr. Burke replied that every year the district grades itself on HIB and submits to the county. Trustee Klein acknowledged the departure of Karen Galan as an enormous loss to the district. She considered it a miracle to find a replacement teacher. Mr. Burke and President Villani echoed that sentiment. President Villani hopes that the Music Boosters step up if any students suffer economic hardship for the Band Disney trip. President Villani stated that the Chodae community has been very kind and generous. Soo Park has been instrumental in the Board's communication with them. Please thank them.

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.

A resident asked if there is any chance that the 9th and 10th graders will get trips to D.C. Mr. Burke replied that he is looking at all possibilities.

D. Close public participation

E. ROLL CALL VOTE - CONSENT AGENDA

| | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ROLL CALL VOTE ABSENT |
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| 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 stated that she wants to keep her report short! The Referendum needs to pass. Enjoy the season, Happy New Year with more peace and less anxiety.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke echoed President Villani’s sentiments. This is a trying time for all of us and for those volunteering. Thank you for recognizing this. Frustration is a luxury we do not have time for.

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 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. Barrs asked if we can hold someone accountable for the levee breaking that caused our flooding. Mr. Burke replied that he will look into it, he will bring it up with the Army Corp of Engineers. Ms. Shick asked if we would have information by Jan. 3, 2022 meeting or later. Mr. Burke replied that the information will be on the website tomorrow, at the Jan 3 meeting and in separate communications. A

resident asked if the Northvale school is for all grades, full day, with a gym. Mr. Burke replied that it will be full day with lunch, will be 7th to 12th grade, possibly 6th to 12th grade. The gym is .5 mile down the road. A resident asked about buses. Mr. Burke replied that the school hours may be 9am to 2pm to accommodate buses, but not less than 4 hours. Results from the bus bid will be available in 10 days. Elementary student families will be considered regarding possible shortened hours. A resident asked about the Special Education students. Mr. Burke replied that they will attend the Northvale location. Will the lease at St. Therese be cancelled. No, the building is still needed. Can parents help by carpooling. Mr. Burke replied that due to privacy the school cannot coordinate carpooling, but the HSA can. A resident stated that it needs to be made known that bussing is an issue that could inhibit leasing space. Is consolidation a possibility? Mr. Burke replied that he will make the bussing issue known. Many parents have reached out that they still want virtual education.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Vice President Moldt expressed his thanks to the Elders of Chodae and added that they are a blessing for us. In his 10 years serving, there has been a lot that has occurred in this district. He decided in the spring not to run again, before the hurricane. It is bittersweet for him to leave now mid-restoration, but he will be in the audience. He commended President Villani for her leadership and knowledge, she is a benefit to all of us. Every negotiation is settled on-time, unlike any other district. In his position, he sits through many Board of Education meetings; we are very fortunate to have such a huge wealth of knowledge. He encouraged the community to interact with the Board. There is always respect for each other. It is unique to have a community and Board that works together. Vice President Moldt thanked Mr. Burke for being so dedicated and for his belief in Cresskill. He thanked Ms. Delasandro who is new, but is a go-getter. He has been happy to serve the last 10 years. We have been through a lot in the last two years and he hopes that mental health issues start to be talked about.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned to a Closed Session at 8:42 pm on the motion of Trustee Cusick, 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-Property Contract. 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 Klein, seconded by Vice President Moldt, and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present, the Board re-entered the Regular Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, the Regular meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. on the motion of Trustee Klein, seconded by Vice President Moldt, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CONSENT AGENDA

Regular Meeting - December 13, 2021

MINUTES

1. Approval - November 8 and November 22, 2021, Regular Meeting and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Resignation of Karen Bauer-Galan, effective 01/01/2022
2. Approval - Estimated paid/unpaid maternity leave request of Lindsay Gaffney, Special Education teacher, EHB, 02/07/2022 - 05/31/2022
3. Approval - Compensation of one (1) class period overage to Jennifer Pappachristou, Kelly Petrie, Daniel Apice, Colby Mulkeen and Cathy White, for Cassandra Morrone, District Child Study Team, while out on maternity leave
4. Approval - Appointment of Alexander Ballas, World Language teacher, CMS, MA +30, \$94,961 (prorated), effective 02/14/2022 or sooner if mutually agreed upon

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Honor service of Stephen Moldt, Board of Education Vice President & Board Trustee
2. Approval - Honor service of Eugene Gorfin, Board of Education Trustee
3. Approval - Conferences/workshops/travel
4. Approval - Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance for 2021-2022
5. Approval - Developmental service, Dr. Holihan, St. Joseph's for student #84642663634
6. Approval - Hospital training, Learn Well, 3 sessions for student #8352823248
7. Approval - Transportation from EHB to MMS, Dumont Board of Education, for PE class for student #7979819696
8. Approval - HIB Self Assessment Grades, for report period 1, 2021-2022 school year
9. Approval - District Nursing Services Plan for the 2021-2022 school year
10. Approval - Initial/Renewal Application for One Temporary Instructional Space 2021-2022 school year
11. Approval - Assistive Technology Service, Bergen County Special Services, student #9399808746
12. Approval - Field Trips for 2021-2022
13. Approval - Speech/language evaluation, Linda Mood Bell, 1 visit, \$395 for student #1051653629

FINANCE

1. Approval - Bills for December 2021
2. Approval - Additional Bills for November 2021
3. Approval - Donation from Chi Y Kang and family to the Music Dept., \$500
4. Approval - Donation from North Haledon School District of a floor scrubber
5. Approval - Lease of 119 Rockland Ave. Northvale, NJ

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6. Approval - Approve Laura Bishop Communications
7. Approval - Memorandum of Understanding with the NJOEM
8. Approval - Submission of Bond Proposal Question to School District Voters for January 25, 2022 Special School district Election
9. Approval - Award of Sanitary Pipe Relocation Project to Your Way Construction, Inc.

MINUTES:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
November 8, 2021 - Regular Meeting and Regular Closed Meeting Minutes
November 22, 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 **Karen Bauer-Galan**, World Language Teacher, Cresskill Middle School, effective January 1, 2022.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the estimated paid maternity leave request of **Lindsay Gaffney**, Special Education teacher, Edward H. Bryan School, effective February 7, 2022 through March 23, 2022, then unpaid leave of absence in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA through May 31, 2022.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve compensation for one (1) class period overage for each of the following staff members, for Cassandra Morrone, District Child Study Team School Psychologist, while out on maternity leave, in the amount of \$6,000 each, effective January 3, 2022 through June 22, 2022.
Jennifer Pappachristou
Kelly Petrie
Daniel Apice
Colby Mulkeen
Cathy White
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Alexander Ballas**, World Language teacher, Cresskill Middle/High School, MA +30, Step 15, \$94,961 (pro-rated), effective February 14, 2022 or sooner if mutually agreed upon with current district, for the 2021-2022 school year.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING:

1. **RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF STEPHEN MOLDT AS BOARD VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE OF CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution

**Board of Education
Cresskill, New Jersey**

WHEREAS, STEPHEN MOLDT, a dedicated Board Vice President from 2016-2021 and Trustee from 2012-2015, having served the Cresskill Board and school community for 10 years: AND

WHEREAS, STEPHEN MOLDT during his years of devoted service has offered the necessary leadership and friendship so critical to the success of our school district; AND

WHEREAS, the educational community of Cresskill recognizes with deep gratitude and appreciation his limitless care, outstanding contributions, compassion and commitment to the students and staff of Cresskill; AND

WHEREAS, STEPHEN MOLDT, having given so much of his energy and effort in the helping to maintain the high standards of excellence in the education of the children of the Borough of Cresskill; AND

WHEREAS, we will sorely miss his experience, insight, and humor that he so willingly brought to the Board table; AND

WHEREAS, STEPHEN MOLDT is acknowledged by the Cresskill Board of Education as a knowledgeable contributor who has displayed a positive influence upon the students and faculty of the Cresskill Schools and who has earned the deep and lasting respect and esteem of colleagues, students, parents, teachers and the Cresskill Community as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cresskill Board of Education hereby publicly acknowledges the accomplishments of this distinguished Board Vice President, a person of unusual integrity, honor and dedication and wishes him well;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Education be directed to spread this Resolution in full upon the minutes and dispatch a copy to the Board Vice President being so honored.

2. RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF EUGENE GORFIN AS BOARD TRUSTEE OF CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution

**Board of Education
Cresskill, New Jersey**

WHEREAS, EUGENE GORFIN, a dedicated Board Trustee from 2019-2021, having served the Cresskill Board and school community for 2 years: AND

WHEREAS, EUGENE GORFIN during his years of devoted service has offered the necessary leadership and friendship so critical to the success of our school district; AND

WHEREAS, the educational community of Cresskill recognizes with deep gratitude and appreciation his limitless care, outstanding contributions, compassion and commitment to the students and staff of Cresskill; AND

WHEREAS, EUGENE GORFIN, having given so much of his energy and effort in the helping to maintain the high standards of excellence in the education of the children of the Borough of Cresskill; AND

WHEREAS, we will sorely miss his experience, insight, and humor that he so willingly brought to the Board table; AND

WHEREAS, EUGENE GORFIN is acknowledged by the Cresskill Board of Education as a knowledgeable contributor who has displayed a positive influence upon the students and faculty of the Cresskill Schools and who has earned the deep and lasting respect and esteem of colleagues, students, parents, teachers and the Cresskill Community as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cresskill Board of Education hereby publicly acknowledges the accomplishments of this distinguished Board Trustee, a person of unusual integrity, honor and dedication and wishes him well;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary to the Board of Education be directed to spread this Resolution in full upon the minutes and dispatch a copy to the Board Trustee being so honored.

3. **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: Joseph Verderese
Date(s): December 16 & 17, 2021
Conference: Midwest Clinic
Chicago, IL
Registration Fee: \$175
Transportation: as per GSA guidelines
Lodging/meals: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Beth Del Vecchio
Date(s): March 15-18, 2022
Conference: 2022 DAANJ Annual Workshop
Golden Nugget Hotel
Atlantic City, NJ
Registration Fee: \$475
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines
Lodging/meals: as per GSA guidelines

4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance** for school year 2021-2022.
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 developmental service for **student #8464266363**, Dr. Holihan, St. Joseph's, one (1) evaluation, \$450.
6. **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 hospital tutoring for **student #8352823248**, Learn Well, 3 sessions totaling \$406.98 on November 1, 10 & 12, 2021.
7. **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 transportation from Edward H. Bryan School to Merritt Memorial School for **student #7979819696**, Dumont Board of Education, 15 trips (for Physical Education class), \$40/trip, effective October 14, 2021 - November 3, 2021.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **HIB Self Assessment Grades**, for report period 1, for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **District Nursing Services Plan** for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the initial temporary instructional space application for the 2021-2022 school year. The district is requesting emergency usage of 119 Rockland Ave. Northvale, NJ 07647, currently known as Chodae Educational Center, non-public school.
11. **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 assistive technology services for **student #9399808746**, Bergen County Special Services, 1x/month, 10x/year, \$165/session, totaling \$1,650 effective immediately.
12. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2021-2022 school year.
13. **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 a speech/language evaluation for **student #1051653629**, with Linda Mood Bell, 1 visit, \$395, on December 15, 2021.

FINANCE:

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

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| Fund 10 | General Fund | \$ 431,161.95 |
| Fund 20 | Special Revenue | \$ 95,613.76 |

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| Fund 30 | Capital Projects | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 40 | Debt Service | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 60 | Cafeteria Account | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | | \$ 526,775.71 |
| Void Checks | | \$ 0.00 |

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

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| Fund 10 | General Fund | \$ 104,120.10 |
| Fund 20 | Special Revenue | \$ 19,075.13 |
| Fund 30 | Capital Projects | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 40 | Debt Service | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 60 | Cafeteria Account | \$ 10,609.81 |
| Total | | \$ 133,805.04 |
| Void Checks | | \$ 0.00 |

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of \$500 from Chi Y Kang and family on behalf of Junmo Kang (9th grader) to be used by the Music Department to cover expenses resulting from damages from Hurricane Ida.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the donation of a Clarke 05361a Focus li L20 Boost 20" Walk Behind Autoscrubber with 130 Ah Wet Battery Sku: Clarke-05361a Model: 05361a from North Haledon School District.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the lease between Chodae Church and the Cresskill Board of Education for facilities at 119 Rockland Ave Northvale, NJ 07647 (currently known as Chodae Community Church Mosaic Building) through June 2022 at a monthly lease rate of \$1 per month plus actual operating expenses and authorizes the Board Secretary and Board President to execute said lease.
6. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT TO LAURA BISHOP COMMUNICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Cresskill Board of Education is desirous of hiring public relations consultants in regards to the district's upcoming referendum and corresponding communication; and

WHEREAS, the Business Administrator has certified as to the availability of funds for this purpose, which will be charged to account/line item 11-000-291-270-01-00, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(2)) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Extraordinary, Unspecified Services" without competitive bids;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY as follow:

1. That Laura Bishop Communications shall be engaged to provide public relations consulting services at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(l)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law because Laura Bishop Communications has substantial knowledge and expertise in public relations communications for school districts in New Jersey and has a proven track record of referendums successfully achieving voter approval.
3. A certification declaration for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services shall be completed as per Statute.
4. A notice of this action shall be published in accordance with applicable law.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management relating to application for grants under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance and/or Hazard Mitigation programs for presidentially declared major disasters.
8. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 25, 2022.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY The Board of Education of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Board") (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following bond proposal (the "Proposal"), shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 commencing at 6:00 a.m. for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of the Proposal will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, New Jersey is authorized (a) to undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, repairs, and upgrades at Cresskill Middle/High School, including

acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment and any site work; and (b) to appropriate \$21,663,200, and to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,663,200.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are \$21,663,200. The project includes \$0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this special election.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein (the "Project"). The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the proposal, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Cresskill, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution, and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Election.

5. The Board hereby: (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letter from the New Jersey Department of Education and not to appeal such determinations made therein; (ii) determines to construct the Project itself; (iii) agrees to locally fund any excess costs, if any; and (iv) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. DiCara Rubino Architects, the School District's appointed architect for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purposes on behalf of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.

7. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, and the Project Architect, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such

acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election.

8. This Board hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering of private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax exempt basis. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds or notes if issued as tax exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue bonds or notes in the amount set forth in the Proposal approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the Projects authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law,

9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

9. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AWARDING THE SANITARY PIPE RELOCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021, the Cresskill Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for the Sanitary Pipe Relocation at the Edward H. Bryan School project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board received two (2) bids at the public bid opening; and

WHEREAS, the lowest numerical bid was submitted by Your Way Construction, Inc., Irvington, New Jersey, with a total bid of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$112,415.00), consisting of a base bid (including a \$10,000 Allowance) of Ninety-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$91,950.00), and a bid of Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$20,465.00) on Alternate No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined Your Way Construction, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Project to Your Way Construction, Inc. in the amount of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$112,415.00) broken down as set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's counsel is authorized to prepare the contract for the Project, forward same to Your Way Construction, Inc., and obtain the documents required thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of the executed contract and approval of the bonds, insurance certificate, and other documents required by the contract, the Business Administrator is authorized to return the bid securities to the bidders.