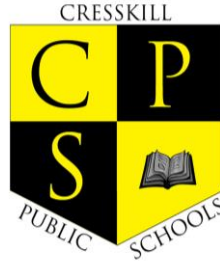


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Regular Meeting, March 9, 2015**  
BOE Conference Room, 6:30 PM

**Board of Education**

Denise Villani, President  
Mary Klein, Vice-President

Bill Anastassatos  
Caryn Aronson  
Sally Cummings  
Stephen Moldt  
John Park  
Rosanne Rabinowitz  
Cindy Wolfer

Michael Burke, Superintendent  
Antoinette Kelly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 in the Board of Education Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT WERE:** Denise Villani, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Stephen Moldt

**ABSENT WERE:** Bill Anastassatos, John Park

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Burke, Superintendent, Mrs. Antoinette Kelly, CPA, 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 Cresskill Board of Education Conference Room 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."*

**ETHICS TRAINING**

Mr. Al Annunziata, a representative from the New Jersey School Board Association, led the Board in an Ethics Training workshop.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

As a courtesy, this time is provided for public comment on agenda items only.  
No action taken at this time.

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Leah Jerome**, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, effective February 26, 2015.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Megan Picinic**, Step by Step Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, 6 hours per day, \$25.00/hour, effective May 1, 2015, for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Lina Crasci**, Lunch Aide, Merritt Memorial School, 1 hour day, \$12.00/hour, effective March 10, 2015 for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the change in position of **Kerry Frazer**, from Assistant Track/Field Coach to Volunteer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Chris Woodford**, Assistant Track/Field Coach, Year 7, Step 7, \$4,364, for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept and approve the retirement of **Jeffery Griggs**, Grounds Custodian, District, effective June 30, 2015.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Michael Marini**, Custodian, Merritt Memorial School, effective March 31, 2015.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overnight stipend for the following teachers at \$71.44/night for 2 nights for March 6, 2015 and March 7, 2015:

**John VonGlahn**  
**Joseph Verderese**  
**Stephanie Ofshinsky**  
**Nate Mello**  
**Maria Santoro**

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Rosanne Rabinowitz and carried, the Board approved the Personnel items:

**AYES:** Denise Villani, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Stephen Moldt  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bill Anastassatos, John Park

## **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:** Jill Kurek  
**Dates:** April 18, 2015  
**Conference Location:** Flipped & Blended Classrooms: Technology & Math Conference  
Fair Lawn High School, Fair Lawn, NJ  
**Fee:** \$80  
**Mileage:** as per GSA guidelines

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2014-2015 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#4669703018**, Ilya Stein, Aide, 2 hours/day, \$19.00/hour, effective March 10, 2015 – June 23, 2015.

On a motion by Sally Cummings, seconded by Rosanne Rabinowitz and carried, the Board approved the Educational Planning items.

**AYES:** Denise Villani, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Stephen Moldt  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bill Anastassatos, John Park

## **FINANCE**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2015-2016 tentative school budget for submission to the Executive Interim County Superintendent of Schools in the following amounts.

FUND	BUDGET
Total General Fund	\$27,212,832
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$724,029
Total Debt Service Fund	\$1,595,549
TOTAL	\$29,532,410

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the **General Fund** tax levy \$24,615,287 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$1,558,430 to support Debt Service, for the 2015-2016 school year budget; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Board has determined the need to use banked cap in the amount of 30,388 to be included in the base budget. The amount of banked cap requested for use will be utilized by the end of the 2015-2016 budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally utilized over a longer period of time in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b).

On a motion by Caryn Aronson, seconded by Mary Klein and carried, the Board approved the Finance items.

**AYES:** Denise Villani, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Stephen Moldt  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bill Anastassatos, John Park

## POLICY

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following Policies and Regulations:

- 4283** Electronic Communications Between Support Staff Members and Students (Policy – New)
- 5339** Screening and Intervention for Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities (Policy – New)
- 5612** Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (Policy – Revised)
- 5612** Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (Regulation – New)
- 5613** Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (Policy – New)
- 5613** Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (Regulation – New)

On a motion by Rosanne Rabinowitz, seconded by Caryn Aronson and carried, the Board approved the Policy items.

**AYES:** Denise Villani, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Stephen Moldt  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Bill Anastassatos, John Park

## POLICY

### **First Reading:**

- 2412** Home Instruction Due to health Condition (Policy and Regulation – Revised)
- 2417** Student Intervention and Referral Services (Policy and Regulation – Revised)
- 2481** Home or Out-of-School Instruction for a General Education Student for Reasons Other Than a Temporary or Chronic Health Condition (Policy and Regulation – Revised)

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that the boy's final basketball game is tomorrow night.

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that the girls' basketball team lost in the playoffs.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke spoke about the PARCC testing. He stated that the only issues that occurred were on Pearson's side which is the company that made the test and weather related issues.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the Sound Xplosion, our a Capella group, will be competing in Maryland.

Mr. Michael Burke asked if we would hold a moment of silence for the Dumont elementary student who passed away.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the play was great.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that over 85 people attended the teen substance abuse workshop and the workshop was very informative.

## **COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS**

- Policy – no action taken at this time.
- Finance & Operations – no action taken at this time.
- Negotiations – no action taken at this time.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**March 19** – March Madness, CHS gym, 6:00 PM

**March 23** – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

**April 3** – Good Friday, All Schools Closed

**April 4** – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Passover

**April 6 – 10** – Spring Recess, All Schools Closed

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Community members may address the Board of Education on any item. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited at the discretion of the Board President. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.

Stephanie of 19 Buckingham Road inquired as to the number of students entering kindergarten in September 2015.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that at the end of registration, which was held January 2015, we have 76 children registered so far.

Rosland Furstenberg – 58 Carlton Terrace wanted to know when the result of the PARCC will be in. Mr. Michael Burke replied that we hope to have the results by the fall of 2015.

Ms. Alba Shick – 27 Churchill wanted to know if there is any information on the properties on Brookside Avenue.

Mr. Burke replied that we are still interested in the properties and they are under negotiation.

Ms. Alba Shick wanted to know if we could have the teen substance abuse workshop again next year.

Mr. Burke replied yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No action taken at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss purchase of property and CASA negotiations was made by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Rosanne Rabinowitz at 9:50 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 7 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 2**

The Cresskill Board of Education is adjourning to Closed Session. The session may include a discussion of negotiations, contractual matters, litigation and personnel. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Cresskill Board of Education is required to notify the public when the minutes of this closed session will be available. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be available to the public.

A motion to end the Closed Session and resume a Public Session was made by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Mary Klein at 10:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 7 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 2**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Mary Klein and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015 was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 7 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 2**

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary