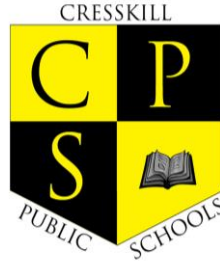


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Regular Meeting, February 8, 2016**  
CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:30 PM

**Board of Education**

Denise Villani, President  
Stephen Moldt, Vice-President

Caryn Aronson  
Sally Cummings  
Michael DePalo  
Mary Klein  
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, February 8, 2016 in the Cresskill Middle School – High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT WERE:** Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Michael DePalo, John Park

**ABSENT WERE:** Cindy Wolfer

**ALSO PRESENT WERE:** 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 CMS/CHS Media Center 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.”

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS 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.

No action taken at this time.

**PRESENTATION**

- **Edward H. Bryan and Merritt Memorial School Spelling Bee winners**
- **Gradestar by Paul Bancroft, Cofounder**

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Michelle Paolacci**, Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, \$12.00/hour, 1.5 hours/day, effective February 9, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following student teachers for the Winter/Spring session in 2015-2016 school year:
  - Jaclyn Barton – Edward H. Bryan School
  - Karina Franceschini – Edward H. Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School
  - Brendan Keating – Merritt Memorial School
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Jeff Daly**, JV Baseball Coach, Step 1, \$4,166, for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

**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:** Joe Verderese  
**Dates:** February 2016  
**Conference Location:** NJMEA State Music Educators Conference  
Hilton East Brunswick Hotel & Meeting Center  
East Brunswick, NJ  
**Fee:** \$165

**Name:** Sean Liddy  
**Dates:** February 2016  
**Conference Location:** NJAHPERD Annual Convention  
Long Branch, NJ  
**Fee:** \$120

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#9759986687**, Neurodevelopmental evaluation service, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1x, \$450 on January 22, 2016.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#2091100987**, change of service to Speech/Tech. consultation, not to exceed \$560.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#2091100987**, Psychiatric evaluation, Dr. E. Fridman, 1 visit, \$575.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#9973443102**, extended day multi-sensory reading instruction, **Kristine Hurley**, 2x/week, \$90/session, effective January 29, 2016 through June 15, 2016.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#9973443102**, Auditory processing evaluation, Central Auditory Speech and Hearing Association, 1x, \$550, on January 29, 2016.

8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#7435229917**, 1:1 Aide for afterschool program, Brick for Kidz, **Meaghan Kennedy**, 7 sessions, \$35/session, totaling \$245, effective February 3, 2016 through March 26, 2016.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2015-2016 school year, approve the following service for student **#5418822065**, Neurological service, St. Joe's Hospital, 1x, \$450 on February 5, 2016.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve STEM Academy students internships at Lamont-Doherty, Palisades, New York, for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

## **FINANCE**

### **1. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS-SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM**

**Whereas**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2016-2017, and

**Whereas**, the Cresskill Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Cresskill Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2016-2017 school year.

### **2. RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTHEAST BERGEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE GROUP**

**WHEREAS**, a number of Boards of Education in Bergen County have joined together to form a Joint Insurance GROUP as permitted by N.J. Title 18A-18B and;

**WHEREAS**, said GROUP was approved effective July 1, 1985 by the New Jersey Commissioner of Insurance and has been in operation since that date and;

**WHEREAS**, the Bylaws and regulations governing the creation and operation of this Insurance GROUP contain elaborate restrictions and safeguards concerning the safe and efficient administration of the public interest entrusted to such a GROUP, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of Cresskill has determined that membership in the **NORTHEAST BERGEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE GROUP** is in the best interest of the District;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Board of Education of Cresskill does hereby agree to renew membership in the **NORTHEAST BERGEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE GROUP** and hereby accept the Bylaws as approved and adopted. The renewal term is from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized to execute the application for membership and the accompanying certification on behalf of the District and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the GROUP as are required by the Group's Bylaws and to deliver the same to the Executive Director.

**3. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following donations:

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Merritt Memorial School H.S.A.	Nurse's Scale	\$679.41

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

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

## **POLICY**

First Reading:

0134 – Board Self Evaluation (Policy, revised)  
2622 – Student Assessment (Policy, revised)  
3218 – Substance Abuse (Policy and Regulation, revised)  
4218 – Substance Abuse (Policy and Regulation, revised)

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Sally Cummings and carried, the Board approved the First Reading of the Policy items.

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

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that Casino Night was awesome.

Mrs. Denise Villani told the Board that Board training has been scheduled for March 15, 2016, April 4, 2016 (pending confirmation), May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> training all starting at 5:30 p.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke gave a review of the PARCC participation rates. Cresskill students were 80% or above for participation for all sub-groups

Mr. Michael Burke also stated that the PARCC will count in 2020 towards graduation requirements. Mr. Michael Burke went to the Techspo in Atlantic City and said it was an excellent conference. It was on Learning Management Systems.

Mr. Michael Burke stated the wrestling team is doing amazingly well and they are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in their section.

Mr. Michael Burke shared with the Board The Well-Balanced Student report which is a follow up to Denise Pope's presentation. This will also be distributed to parents.

## **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**

**February 15 & 16** – Presidents Day Recess, Schools Closed

**February 22** – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

**February 26, 27** – Principal Players Spring Musical, Peter Pan, CHS Auditorium, 7:30 PM

**February 28** - Principal Players Spring Musical, Peter Pan, CHS Auditorium, 2:00 PM

**March 2, 3, 4** – Elementary Schools Only, Minimum Days, Parent/Teacher Conferences

**March 25** – Good Friday, Schools Closed

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT**

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No action taken at this time.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENT**

No action taken at this time.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel and budget was made by Caryn Aronson, seconded by Rosanne Rabinowitz at 8:15 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 8 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 1**

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.

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A motion to end Closed Session and resume a Public Session was made by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Sally Cummings at 10:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 8 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 1**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Sally Cummings and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 8, 2016 was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 8 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 1**

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary