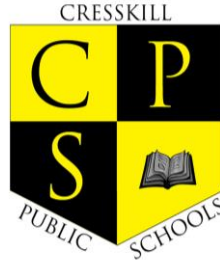


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Regular Meeting, January 25, 2016**  
Board of Education Conference Room, 7:50 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, January 25, 2016 in the Board of Education Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 7:50 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT WERE:** Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary Klein,  
\*Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

\*Cindy Wolfer arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**ABSENT WERE:** Rosanne Rabinowitz

**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 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.”

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The oath of office was administered by Antoinette Kelly, CPA, Board Secretary to Sally Cummings, Stephen Moldt, and Caryn Aronson.

**MINUTES**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Minutes of:

- December 7, 2015 - Regular Meeting
- December 21, 2015 - Regular Meeting

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Caryn Aronson and carried, the Board approved the Minutes.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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No action taken at this time.

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Paula Dumas**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Luisa Arbelo, World Language teacher, Cresskill Middle/High School, \$263 per diem, effective January 14, 2016 through June 2, 2016.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the curriculum compensation for **Kevin Cardenas**, Code.org Professional Development, 6 hours, \$33.18/hour, totaling \$199.08, on November 14, 2015.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year: **Nicholle Bingham** and **Debbie Ayton**.

- 4. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Nancy Picinich**, leave replacement secretary, Guidance Department, part-time, \$156 per diem, effective February 3, 2016 – February 26, 2016.

On a motion by Caryn Aronson, seconded by John Park and carried, the Board approved the Personnel items.

**AYES:** Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary Klein, Michael DePalo, John Park  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Rosanne Rabinowitz, 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:** **Shari Krapels, Mary Jane Luppino and Michael Malinowski**  
**Dates:** December 2015  
**Conference Location:** Google Boot Camp  
Evolving Educators, North Caldwell, NJ  
**Fee:** \$597 (\$199 per person)  
**Mileage/Meals** as per GSA guidelines

**Name:** **Jill Kurek**  
**Dates:** January, February, March, June 2016  
**Conference Location:** North NJ Mathematics Supervisor Meetings  
Millburn, Parsippany, Livingston  
**Fee:** \$0  
**Mileage/Meals** as per GSA guidelines

**Name:** **Alison Angrisani**  
**Dates:** March 2016  
**Conference Location:** Ed. Leadership Conference: Interviewing, Recruiting and Retaining teachers  
**Fee:** \$0  
**Mileage/Meals** 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 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 **#1219109231**, 1:1 Aide, **Brendan Mai**, class trip, 5 hours, \$25/hour, totaling \$125.

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 **#8233866903**, Neurological service, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1 x, \$450 on January 14, 2016.(NEW)
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 **#6687291791**, Neurological service, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1x, \$450 on January 13, 2016.
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 **#9843364014**, Neurological/Developmental service, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1x, \$450 on January 14, 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 **#9052726103**, Home Instruction, effective January 4, 2016 – February 12, 2016 (not to exceed \$2,100).
  - **Vanessa Milin**, 6 hours/week, \$35/hour
  - **Lindsay Welker** – 4 hours/week, \$35/hour
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Equivalency Application**.

9. **ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**RESOLVE**, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Schedule of Public Meetings and that the Board Secretary post the following notice as required in Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, and make copies available to all interested persons.

**SCHEDULE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING DATES**  
**CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**2016**

The Board meets at least once a month. Meetings are open to the public. Your Board encourages your attendance and participation in all meetings. Please feel free to express your comments, questions and concerns. During all board meetings, opportunities are provided for public comment.

Regular Meetings of the Board of Education shall in general be held the second and fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. They shall be held in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Cresskill Middle/High School at **7:30 p.m.**

Regular Meetings are not held on holidays or when school is closed as per school calendar. Change of the date of a Regular Meeting will be announced and posted in advance.

<b>REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS</b>
BOE Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
January 4, 2016** Reorganization and Regular Meeting
January 25, 2016
February 8, 2016
February 22, 2016
March 15, 2016**
March 28, 2016
April 4, 2016**
April 25, 2016
May 9, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 13, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016
August 29, 2016**
September 12, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 10, 2016
October 17, 2016**
November 14, 2016
November 28, 2016
December 12, 2016
January 2, 2017** Reorganization and Regular Meeting

(\*\* Indicates exception to the second or fourth Monday meeting date practice)

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

On a motion by Caryn Aronson, seconded by John Park and carried, the Board approved the Educational Planning items.

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

## FINANCE

- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bill List for January 2016. The signing of the warrants for the January 2016 check register to be offered by Sally Cummings and John Park. (Attachment F-1)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$1,661,021.30
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$80,787.64
Fund 30	Capital Projects	0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$33,667.97
Total		\$1,775,476.91
Fund 10	Voided Checks	(-\$1,040.40)

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 2015 and certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11© 3k, and that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8-1 sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attachment F-2)
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending December 2015. (Attachment F-3)
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the budget transfers for the month of December 2015. (Attachment F-4)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay February 2016 bills.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following donations:

Donor	Purpose	Amount
Cresskill High School H.S.A.	Debate Team Bus cost for February/March/April	\$600.00

On a motion by Sally Cummings, seconded by John Park and carried, the Board approved the Finance items:

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

**POLICY**

No action taken at this time.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that January is School Board Recognition Month and she thanked the Board for their time and service.

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that she saw the A Capella group on the Lifetime show.

Mrs. Denise Villani stated that she is working on getting dates for Board training for our Master Board Certification.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke stated that at the next Board meeting we will be talking about student stress and anxiety.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the wrestling team has done really well this year.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the CEF is sponsoring a dog show fund raiser, Bark in the Park, and he would like to have it on the Cresskill Middle School-High School grounds.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that students went to the council meeting to help design the 911 Memorial Monument. Three students are on the committee.

## **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**

**January 29** – CMS/CHS H.S.A. Casino Night, at SPACE, Englewood, 7:00 PM

**February 8** – CBOE Regular BOE meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

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

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

**February 28** – Principal Players Spring Musical, Peter Pan, 2:00 PM

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

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT**

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Mr. Hector Almo – 208 Jefferson Avenue stated that the students who spoke at the 911 meeting with the Mayor and Council did a great job and they had some really great ideas.

Ms. Alba Shick – 27 Churchill asked how many students registered for Kindergarten for the coming school year.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that at this time we are up to about 60 students.

Ms. Shick asked what grades were the new students in.

Mr. Burke stated that most students were new to EHB but he could not say what grades they are in.

Ms. Shick asked if there is going to be a presentation at the next Board meeting about stress and anxiety for students.

Mr. Michael Burke said yes.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENT**

Mrs. Cindy Wolfer spoke about the meeting talking about teen substance abuse. She thinks it is a good idea to have a one on one contact within the school for each student. Mrs. Wolfer also stated they were going to come and meet with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Michael Burke said that he thinks the one to one contact is a good idea as well. Those students who do not have a go to person the advisory period may be a good default for them if they don't have someone to go to.

Mrs. Wolfer asked if guidance does an annual presentation on SATS, PSAT's and ACT.  
Mr. Michael Burke said guidance does a presentation annually.

Mrs. Cindy Wolfer asked what we are doing with the PARRC test scores.  
Mr. Michael Burke said the scores will be reviewed by teachers and supervisors.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss residency was made by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Sally Cummings at 9:20 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.

A motion to end the Closed Session and resume a Public Session was made by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Aronson at 10:35 p.m.

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by Aronson and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of January 25, 2016 was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary