# CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



# Regular Meeting, January 4, 2016 Board of Education Conference Room, 7:50 PM

# **Board of Education**

Denise Villani, President Mary Klein, Vice-President

Caryn Aronson
Sally Cummings
Michael DePalo
Stephen Moldt
John Park
Rosanne Rabinowitz
Cindy Wolfer

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

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday, January 4, 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, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

**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."

# **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 was taken.

## **PERSONNEL**

- 1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of teachers to be paid for summer curriculum/instruction, as per the CEA contract, \$33.18 per hour.
- 2. Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave of **Destiny Fabian**, Step by Step Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, effective March 1, 2016 through June 22, 2016.

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

AYES: Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary

Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

#### **EDUCATIONAL PLANNING**

**1. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

AYES: Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary

Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

#### **FINANCE**

**Presentation**: review and presentation of the 2014-2015 annual audit and audit recommendations. Presented by Donna Japhet, Partner from Lerch, Vinci, and Higgins, LLP.

#### 1. AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL OF 2014-2015 AUDIT

**Resolved,** that the Board accept the following 2014-2015 Audit and Audit Recommendations, submitted by the firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, School Auditor:

# I. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u>

There are none.

# II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

# III. School Purchasing Program

It is recommended that purchases entered into pursuant to State contracts and cooperative purchasing programs which exceed the bid threshold be submitted for Board approval, specific to actual vendors utilized.

#### IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

#### V. Student Body Activities

It is recommended that two payor signatures be obtained on all checks issued from the High School Student Activity account.

#### VI. Application for State School Aid(A.S.S.A.)

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

#### IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

# X. <u>Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations</u>

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

## 1. AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**Resolved,** that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, to take the following actions to implement the recommendations submitted in the 2014-2015 audit report:

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III.	It is recommended that purchases entered into pursuant to State contracts and cooperative purchasing programs which exceed the bid threshold be submitted for Board approval, specific to actual vendors utilized.	All State Contract and cooperative purchasing program purchases will be reviewed to determine if the total amount expended to the vendor will exceed the bid threshold to ensure that the vendor is individually approved by the Board of Education.	Antoinette Kelly, School Business Administrator	Immediately
V.	It is recommended that two payor signatures be obtained on all checks issued from the High School Student Activity account.	Internal Controls be enhanced to ensure that all checks issued from the High School Student Activity account included two payor signatures before being released.	Antoinette Kelly, School Business Administrator	Immediately

On a motion by Mary Klein, seconded by Stephen Moldt and carried, the Board approved the Finance items:

AYES: Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Mary

Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

**POLICY** 

No action taken at this time.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** 

No action taken at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No action taken at this time.

# **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 13** – CMS/CHS H.S.A. Parent Speaker Series: Substance Abuse/Addiction Prevention, CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

January 14 & 15 – Kindergarten Registration, BOE Conf. Room, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**January 18 & 19** – Inclement weather days for Kindergarten Registration, BOE Conf. Room, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

**January 18** – Martin Luther King Day (Teachers Only)

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

February 15 & 16 - Presidents Day Recess, Schools Closed

## PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT

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No action taken at this time.

# **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Stephen Moldt seconded by Sally Cummings and carried the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of Monday, January 4, 2016 was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES 9 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 0

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA Business Administrator/ Board Secretary