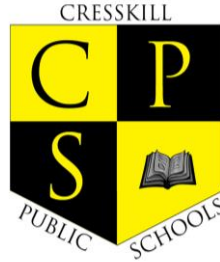


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Regular Meeting, March 15, 2016**  
Board of Education Conference Room, 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, March 15, 2016 in the Board of Education Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Stephen Moldt at 7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT WERE:** Denise Villani

**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 taken at this time.

**PRESENTATION**

A presentation on Next Generation Science Standards, Camp Invention and Engineering Week by Alexis Shalhoub

**MINUTES**

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

- January 4, 2016 - Reorganization Meeting
- January 4, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- January 25, 2016 – Regular Meeting

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

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

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve overnight compensation for **Stephanie Ofshinsky, Krystin Verderese, Joseph Verderese** and **John Von Glahn**, \$150, for February 13, 2016 (one night), as per CEA contract.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resignation of **Julio Sanchez**, Night Custodian, Edward H. Bryan School, effective March 23, 2016.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for extra duties in the amount of \$50 for **Charlene Malki, Meaghan Lerner** and **Kathleen Zanone**, as per CEA contract.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a sabbatical for **Adrienne Hill**, World Language teacher, Edward H. Bryan/Merritt Memorial Schools, for the 2016-2017 school year.

5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave of **Danielle Albrizio**, Elementary teacher, Merritt Memorial School, effective May 31, 2016 through November 2, 2016.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave of **Jessica Carretta**, Elementary teacher, Merritt Memorial School, effective May 23, 2016 through November 30, 2016.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following as substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year: **Satomi Ban, Karina Franceschini and Melissa Presta**.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Eleni Marquez**, Student Observer for Clinical Observation/Field Experience Hours, Edward H. Bryan School with Patricia Mikiewicz, 15 hours in March 2016, for the 2015-2016 school year.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Ashley Angeli**, Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach, for the 2015-2016 school year.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Kristyn Verderese**, Interim Middle School Softball Coach, stipend to be determined, for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

## **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.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Janice Acosta, Patricia Connolly, Margaret Maltby, Michael Mirkovic, Lisa Skinner and Maria Santoro</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	March/April 2016
<b>Conference Location:</b>	Mindfulness Training 6 week online course
<b>Fee:</b>	\$525 (\$87.50 each)

**Name:** Jennifer Griffin, Christine Hickey, Lauren Luciani and Danielle Reiffe  
**Dates:** March/April 2016  
**Conference Location:** Mindfulness Training  
6 week online course  
**Fee:** \$350 (\$87.50 each)

**Name:** Patti Auger, Lindsay Gaffney, Julie Rooney, Erik Roth and Katie Zanone  
**Dates:** March/April 2016  
**Conference Location:** Mindfulness Training  
6 week online course  
**Fee:** \$437.50 (\$87.50 each)

**Name:** Judy Beekman  
**Dates:** June 1, 2016  
**Conference Location:** NJTESOL/NJBE 2016 Spring Conference  
Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ  
**Fee:** \$189  
**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, approve the extension of service for student **#8810864009**, Bedside/Supplemental Instruction, Amanda Fulmer and John Jurasek, on an as need basis, to March 11, 2016.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the service for student **#8810864009**, Bedside/Supplemental Instruction, Bridget Cornwell, 2 hours/week and Steve Kline, 2 hours/week, effective March 14, 2016 through June 22, 2016.
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 change of home instructor for student **#9052726103**, to **Nicole Bodine**, 4 hours/week, \$35/hour, effective February 23, 2016 until further notice.
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 service for student **#4241807854**, Psychiatric service, Dr. E. Fridman, 1 visit, \$575, on February 23, 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 purchase for student **#1051653629**, FM Unit, \$1,679.39.
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 change of effective date for student **#1051653629**, **Katherine Wilkin**, 6 hours/week, \$35/hour, effective February 23, 2016, until further notice.
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 change of effective date for student **#1051653629**, **Courtney Sweet**, 4 hours/week, \$35/hour, effective February 29, 2016, until further notice.

10. **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 **#03082016**, Bilingual Evaluation (Russian), Helen Fuchs, 1 visit, \$450, on March 8, 2016. (NEW)
11. **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 **#03012016**, Bilingual Evaluation (Korean), Elizabeth Harriman, 1 visit, \$450, on March 1, 2016.(NEW)
12. **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 **#9260207160**, Neurological service, Dr. Holahan, St. Joseph's, 1 visit, \$450, on March 1, 2016.(NEW)
13. **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**, ABA Tutoring, Naomi Ashner, 2x/week, 2 hrs./day, \$35/hour, totaling \$700 from March 8, 2016 through April 6, 2016. (CONT)
14. **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 change of service for student **#7873730519**, **Vanessa Milin**, 2 hours/week, \$90/hour, effective April 6, 2016, until June 30, 2016.

On a motion by Rosanne Rabinowitz, seconded by Mary Klein and carried, the Board approved the Educational Planning items:

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

## **FINANCE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Michael Burke and Mrs. Antoinette Kelly gave a presentation on the 2016-2017 school budget. Mrs. Antoinette Kelly wanted to first dispel all of the rumors that have been circulating about budget and finance in the district.

Number 1: Mr. Michael Burke and Mrs. Antoinette Kelly did not over spend the 2014-2015 school budget by \$1.7 million. We had a complete audit done, which was approved by the Board, in January 2016 and the district completed the 2014-2015 school year in good financial standing.

Number 2: Mrs. Antoinette Kelly went on to state that Mr. Michael Burke and she did not close the 2015-2016 budget due to overspending the budget by \$1.7 million. The budget was closed in February 2016 to any new or unnecessary purchases in order to reserve funds that are needed for the 2016-2017 school budgeted as additional budgeted fund balance.

Number 3: The rumor was that Mrs. Antoinette Kelly and Mr. Michael Burke had to cut over \$1.7 million from the 2016-2017 school budget. The actual amount that needed to be cut was between \$700,000 - \$800,000 thousand which is substantial but is not anywhere near \$1.7 million.

Mrs. Antoinette Kelly went over a summary of the 2016-2017 school budget with the Board. Mrs. Kelly could not indicate the specific staff members that were being cut from the 2016-2017 school budget as she was not permitted to discuss those individuals in public session.

What Mrs. Kelly did state though, is that the district would be letting go two (2) secretaries, two (2) aides, one (1) custodian leaving will not be replaced, one (1) teacher going on sabbatical will not be replaced and three and one half (3.5) staff members district wide will be let go.

## **FINANCE**

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

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cresskill Middle School-High School H.S.A.	Modular Classroom Furniture	\$10,000.00
Bryan School PTA	Headphones	\$707.25
Bryan School PTA	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Buehler Trip	\$1204.00
Bryan School PTA	Mindful Schools	\$500.00
Merritt Memorial School H.S.A.	Mindful Schools	\$500.00

On a motion by Rosanne Rabinowitz, seconded by Mary Klein and approved, the Board accepted the Finance item:

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

## **POLICY**

No action taken at this time.

## **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No action taken at this time.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke stated that today was International Day at Merritt Memorial School.  
Mr. Michael Burke stated that he spoke at the Bergen County Prosecutors office about our swatting incident.  
Mr. Michael Burke stated that March 31<sup>st</sup> is March Madness for all grade levels. Students and teachers will be playing basketball games.  
Mr. Michael Burke stated that we will be having an Internet Safety Presentation as a part of the CMS/CHS speaker's series. The presentation will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Cresskill Middle School-High School Media Center.  
Mr. Michael Burke state that the elementary school play, Peter Pan, was wonderful and that they sold over 1,400 tickets.

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Mr. Michael Burke stated that March 28 and May 31, 2016, the Tuesday after Memorial Day, will be given back as unused snow days. We will have given back two of the three days so far.

**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 18** – *Dancing with the Stars, CHS Gym, 7:00 PM*

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

**March 28** – *CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM*

**March 30** – *CMS/CHS H.S.A. Speaker Series presentation, Internet Safety – Keeping your Children Safe Online, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM*

**April 1** – *CETE Spring Musical, Jungle Book kids, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM*

**April 2** – *CETE Spring Musical, Jungle Book kids, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM*

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT**

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Ms. Kristen Hayward – 69 5<sup>th</sup> Street inquired as to whether we will be keeping the same number of classrooms in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Edward H. Bryan School.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that he would do everything in his power to keep it that way.

Ms. Kristen Hayward asked what we will be doing to replace the teacher going on sabbatical.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that we will be reviewing all of the numbers for World Language K-12.

Mr. Alexander – 33 Hillman Street, Clifton, NJ is a representative from World Challenge and just wanted to introduce himself to the Board and would like the opportunity to come back and present to the Board the overseas experiences available to our students.

**TRUSTEE COMMENT**

Mrs. Mary Klein stated that on April 28, 2016 the Merritt Memorial School Gala will be held at the Rockleigh Country Club.

Mrs. Mary Klein stated that on March 31, 2016 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. an NJSBA legislative speakers will be at Maggiano's. You can register online if you wish to attend.

Mr. Stephen Moldt spoke about Hidden in Plain Sight which was a presentation about helping parents recognize when their child is doing drugs and examples on how to find drugs hidden in your own home. It is in Cresskill at the UCC Church.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss budget and enrollment was made by Sally Cummings, seconded by Mary Klein at 8:40 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 Closed Session and resume a Public Session was made by Sally Cummings, seconded by Caryn Aronson at 10:20 p.m.

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

**FINANCE**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2016-2017 tentative school budget for submission to the Executive Interim County Superintendent of Schools in the following amounts.

FUND	BUDGET
Total General Fund	\$27,850,947
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$856,533
Total Debt Service Fund	\$1,593,056
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,300,536</b>

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the **General Fund** tax levy of \$25,339,664 is approved to support Current General Expense and \$1,557,669 to support Debt Service, for the 2016-2017 school year budget; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the 2016-2017 school year budget includes an automatic adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$67,180 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7-F39 (e).

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the 2016-2017 school year budget includes an adjustment for Health Care Costs in the amount of \$163,548 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7-F39 (e).

On a motion by Sally Cummings, seconded by Caryn Aronson and approved, the Board accepted the Finance item:

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



**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Caryn Aronson, seconded by Mary Klein and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 15, 2016 was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary