

**CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**Regular Meeting, March 28, 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 28, 2016 in the Board of Education Conference Room. 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, Caron Aronson, Mary Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

**ABSENT WERE:** Sally Cummings

**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 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**

No action taken at this time.

**MINUTES**

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

- February 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting
- February 22, 2016 - Regular Meeting

On a motion by Stephen Moldt, seconded by John Park and carried, the Board approved the Minutes.

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

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the stipend amount of \$209.80 for **Kristyn Verderese**, Interim Middle School Softball Coach, from March 16, 2016 – April 1, 2016.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Ashley Angeli**, Middle School Softball Coach, Step 1, pro-rated amount of \$1888.20, effective March 29, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve graduate course observation hours for **Jorge Tuesta**, with Karen Bauer-Galan, Spanish teacher, Cresskill Middle School, in the Spring 2016.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reduction in salary for **Amanda Apice**, \$55.85 for March 7, 2016.

5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **George Prepis**, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, effective March 9, 2016.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for extra duties in the amount of \$50 each for **Christine Hickey** and **Margaret Maltby**, as per CEA contract.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the extension of three (30 days for **Pamela Bagot**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Elena Valencia Ramsden, Edward H. Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School Art Teacher, per diem rate of \$263, through March 31, 2016.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Stefania Noviello**, Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, effective March 18, 2016.

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

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

### **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.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the submission of the **Comprehensive Equity Plan for 2016-2019**.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance**.
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 **#21020721**, Translation services, **Grace Nahm**, 1 hour at \$33.18/hour, on March 11, 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 following service for student **#1051653629**, Speech/Language Monolingual, **Linda Disher**, 1x,\$350 in April 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 **#1051653629**, Occupational Therapy, Focus, 2x/week, 30 minute sessions at \$100 per 30 minutes and Physical Therapy, Focus, 2x/week, 1 hour sessions at \$150/hour effective April 2016 through August 2016.

7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the interventions implemented for the reported incidents for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

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

**FINANCE**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bill List March 2016. The signing of the warrants for the March 2016 check register to be offered by Rosanne Rabinowitz and Caryn Aronson. (Attachment F-1)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$2,083,464.18
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$122,222.11
Fund 30	Capital Projects	\$0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$53,212.95
Total		\$2,258,899.24
Fund 10	Voided Checks	(\$10,562.02)

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending February 2016 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 February 2016. (Attachment F-3)
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the budget transfers for the month of February 2016. (Attachment F-4)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay April 2016 bills.

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

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

No action taken at this time.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Villani discussed the current issue throughout New Jersey School Districts with the possibility of lead in the drinking water. Mr. Michael Burke said we will be taking a closer look at our district and will be making a determination shortly as to whether we will be testing our water. Mrs. Denise Villani stated that there is a bill out in the state to mandate testing. There is 3 million dollars in funding possible.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke stated that there will be an Internet Safety presentation on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.  
Mr. Michael Burke stated that March Madness will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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 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

**April 6** – Tri-Valley College Fair- CMS/CHS Cafeteria, 7:00pm

**April 11-15** – Spring Recess, Schools Closed

**April 25**- CBOE Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the 2016-2017 School Budget, BOE Conference Room, 7:30pm

**April 28** – MMS H.S.A. Gala, Rockleigh Country Club, 6:30pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT**

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Mr. Eugene Gorfan – 91 Westervelt Place wanted to know if the whole programs are being systematically eliminated, for instance the Italian program.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that no we are not eliminating Italian. At this time the guidance department is trying to determine what classes/programs that students will be adding to their schedules so that we can determine if there are certain electives or classes we may not run due to lack of enrollment.

**TRUSTEE COMMENT**

Mrs. Mary Klein asked if there will be an Academy presentation.  
Mr. Michael Burke stated that the presentation will be next Monday.

**CLOSED SESSION**

No action taken at this time.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by John Park, seconded by Rosanne Rabinowitz and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 28, 2016 was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary