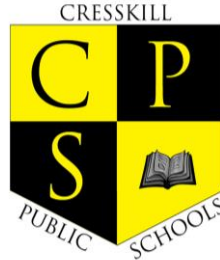


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



**Regular Meeting, October 10, 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, October 10, 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:** Dense Villani, Caryn Aronson, Sally Cummings, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

**ABSENT WERE:** Stephen Moldt, Mary Klein, 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.”*

**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.

**PERSONNEL**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave of **Indira Longarzo**, Speech and Language Specialist, District, effective January 6, 2017 through May 31, 2017.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve **Julia Amaya** and **Jessica Awar** as a substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Nicole Steccato**, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Year 1, Step 1, \$2,283, for the 2016-2017 school year.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Sean Liddy**, Baseball Assistant Coach, Year 2, Step 2, \$4,304, for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve, in accordance with the current agreement between the Board and Association, Article XXII, the following teachers will be compensated \$50 for attending more than one (1) back to school night:

<b>Yunah Baek</b>	<b>Anthony Giannantonio</b>	<b>Jennifer Pappachristou</b>
<b>Karen Bauer-Galan</b>	<b>Thomas Goeller</b>	<b>Katie Peters</b>
<b>Mark Boita</b>	<b>Caryn Gray</b>	<b>Elena Ramsden</b>
<b>Michael Brennan</b>	<b>Amy Grossman</b>	<b>Danielle Reiffe</b>
<b>Zhanna Buzharsky</b>	<b>Patricia Intriago</b>	<b>Norah Rivera</b>
<b>Kevin Cardenas</b>	<b>John Jurasek</b>	<b>Joseph Verderese</b>
<b>Meaghan Cardenas</b>	<b>Christy Luburger</b>	<b>Luisa Villamil</b>
<b>Kristen Cebulski</b>	<b>Frances McCoy</b>	<b>John Von Glahn</b>
<b>Cassandra Comperatore</b>	<b>Nathan Mello</b>	<b>Diana Zoino</b>
<b>Leigh-Ann Dauble</b>	<b>Anna Milewska</b>	
<b>Linda Estevez</b>	<b>Louis Nemeth</b>	
<b>Erika Giacari</b>	<b>Suzanne Opfinger</b>	

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

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

### **EDUCATIONAL PLANNING**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2016-2017 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2016-2017 school year, approve the following service for student **#4388309003**, Home Instruction, **Lisa Skinner**, 2 hours/week, \$33.18/hour and **Megan Bliss**, 3 hours/week, \$33.18/hour, not to exceed \$1,990.80 in total, effective September 27, 2016 – January 6, 2017.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the interventions implemented for the reported incidents for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

### **FINANCE**

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the parental contract for student transportation for student #1051653629. The contact term will run from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The total contract amount will be \$7.44 per day for 180 days not to exceed \$1,339.20.

On a motion by Caryn Aronson, seconded by Cindy Wolfer and carried, the Board approved the Finance item.

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

**POLICY**

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

- 1140 – Affirmative Action Program (Policy, Revised)
- 1523 – Comprehensive Equity Plan (Policy, Revised)
- 1530 – Equal Employment Opportunities (Policy, Revised)

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

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mrs. Denise Villani reported that the High School Back to School Night went well. She stated that it was well organized and well done by the teachers but felt that there were not a lot of parents in attendance.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the Cresskill 5K is this coming Sunday and Monday is the CEF Concert for the Arts and that they gave over \$25,000 in grants this year.

**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**

- October 12** – Yom Kippur, Schools Closed
- October 16** – Cresskill 5K, Cresskill High School, Race time 9:00 a.m.
- October 17** – CEF Concert for the Arts, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM
- October 17** – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM
- October 25, 26, 27** – NJ School Boards Annual Conference
- November 10 & 11** – NJEA Teachers Convention – Schools Closed
- November 14** – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM
- November 16, 17 & 18** – Minimum Days for Elementary Schools ONLY – Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 23** – Minimum Day – Thanksgiving Recess
- November 24 & 25** – Thanksgiving Recess – Schools Closed

**PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT**

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Mr. Dan Green of 40 Jefferson Avenue stated that his understand is that there was \$4,000,000 either available in the budget or reserves to pay for a new building.

Mrs. Antoinette Kelly responded that the district does not have \$4,000,000 in the budget or in reserves to pay for a new building. Originally when the mayor and council had presented their option for a new building the district had stated that the district could lease the property from the town for no more than \$4,000,000. After review of that option the district came to the conclusion that the cost would be much more than \$4,000,000 and that it did not appear to be a feasible option.

Mr. Dan Green asked to reiterate what the plan was for the properties.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that the plan is to relocate the Pre-K program to the high school for the 2017-2018 school year and move the Board of Education offices to the two (2) properties that would be leased.

Ms. Orly Gal of 8 Kennedy Road asked if the roofs at Bryan and Merritt schools are safe.

Mrs. Antoinette Kelly responded that the architect had completed a roof survey of both properties and that the roofs are ending their useful life and will need to be replaced but there is no indication that they are unsafe.

Mr. Steve Mehlbrech of 32 Douglas commented that he thought the Back to School night was well organized but felt it was under attended but all in all a great night.

Mr. Mehlbrech stated that he received an e-mail about sophomore class dues and just wanted to let the Board know that he felt the e-mail was a bit harsh and stated that if the class dues were not paid right away the parents would be blocked from using the parent portal. He just wanted to state that there probably is a better way to collect class dues.

Mr. Michael Burke stated he would address this.

Ms. Elisa Silver of 120 Messine Drive wanted to know if there was a plan in place for short term and long term options.

Mr. Michael Burke said yes and everything will be explained in the next presentation to the community.

Mr. David Spelbrink of 156 South Street wanted to know if eight (8) classrooms would be enough.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that eight (8) classrooms would be enough.

Mr. David Spelbrink asked if there is an option to build in the future.

Mr. Michael Burke said there is.

Mr. Spelbrink suggested to have as much transparency as possible.

Mr. Michael Burke state there would be and we will have as many presentations as possible for the community.

Mr. David Spelbrink asked if the 40% funding is definite.

Mrs. Antoinette Kelly replied that the 40% funding is definite for specific parts of the project such as the renovation to Bryan School building and the windows and roof. The new addition qualifies for a different percentage, possibly 15 to 25%. We won't know the total percentage of funding until the project is approved.

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Ms. Barbara Costa of 19 Park Street wanted to know when we will present the numbers.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the numbers would be present by the end of the year.

Mr. Dan Green of 40 Jefferson Avenue wanted to know how we were going to market this idea and if we would hire someone to do it.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that we could hire someone to market this plan but it would be very expensive and we are not going to that.

Ms. Alba Shick of 27 Churchill wanted to know if we could use social media to promote the referendum.

Mr. Michael Burke replied yes.

Ms. Shick wanted to know if the referendum does not pass can we present it again or is there a limit.

Mr. Michael Burke replied if it does not pass we can go out for a referendum again; there is no limit

Ms. Shick asked what the new building would house.

Mr. Michael Burke said he will present that to the community at the next presentation.

Mr. Adam Rubinstein of 27 Milton Street wanted to know if there is anything in the referendum to include computer labs or any extras.

Mr. Michael Burke stated there are no extras in the referendum. He said the question is do you put in extras or go out for what is essential.

Ms. Orly Gal of 8 Kennedy asked where is the aide for Ms. Coffman's class.

Mr. Michael Burke state that we are looking for an aide that would be good for that class. Right now they are sharing an aide in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and in light of the enrollment issues in several grades the need for an aide may be more essential in those grades.

**TRUSTEE COMMENT**

No action taken at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss bullying was made by Sally Cummings, seconded by John Park at 8:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:    AYES 6    NAYS 0    ABSTAINED 0    ABSENT 3**

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 Cindy Wolfer at 9 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:    AYES 6    NAYS 0    ABSTAINED 0    ABSENT 3**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

On a motion by Sally Cummings, seconded by Cindy Wolfer and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of October 10, 2016 was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:    AYES 6    NAYS 0    ABSTAINED 0    ABSENT 3**

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary