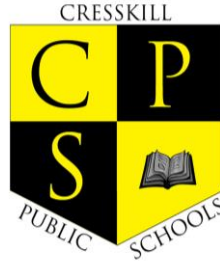


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Regular Meeting, September 12, 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

The Regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday, September 12, 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

Mr. Michael Burke called for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Gary Mioli.

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.

Mr. Eugene Gorfin - 91 Westervelt Place wanted to know where the stipend allocated funds go if the coaching position isn't filled.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the funds would go back into budget.

MINUTES

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

July 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 9 NAYS 0 ABSTAINED 0 ABSENT 0

PRESENTATION

LED lighting presentation by Mike Litvin, Nikki Loveland and Andrew Joensen from Generations Electrical.

PERSONNEL

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resignation of **Michelle Paolacci**, Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, effective September 1, 2016.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resignation of **Josephine Della Fave**, Lunch Aide, Merritt Memorial School, effective August 19, 2016.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resignation of **Veronica Moran**, Lunch Aide, Merritt Memorial School, effective September 1, 2016.

4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the resignation of **Mary Lanni**, Professional School Nurse, Edward H. Bryan School, effective August 19, 2016.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, amend the appointment of **Jessica Fallon**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Jessica Carretta, Merritt Memorial School, \$263 per diem, effective September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Jostine Mejia**, Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach, Step 1, \$2,098, for the 2016-2017 school year.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the appointment of **Virginia Roth**, Secretarial Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School and Merritt Memorial School, \$15.00/hour, effective September 6, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the appointment of **Cathy DeCarlo**, Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, \$12.00/hour, 1.5 hours/day, effective September 6, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve the appointment of **Jude Saoud**, Professional School Nurse, Edward H. Bryan School, \$55,000/year, effective September 1, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year.
10. **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.

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

AYES: Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caron Aronson, Sally Cummings,
Mary Klein, Rosanne Rabinowitz, Cindy Wolfer, Michael DePalo, John Park

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

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: Beth DeVecchio
Dates: December 9th –Dec. 13th, 2016
Conference Location: National Athletic Director's Convention
Nashville, TN
Fee: \$245 Registration
Lodging: \$175 per night
Meals/Transportation: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Michael Burke, Antoinette Kelly, Denise Villani,
Stephen Moldt, Mary Klein, Caryn Aronson, Sally
Cummings, Cindy Wolfer, John Park, Michael
DePalo, Kevin Whitney
Dates: October 24th – October 26th, 2016
Conference Location: NJSBA 2015 Annual Conference
Atlantic City, NJ
Fee: \$1,400 Registration for the group
Lodging: \$99 per person per night
Meal/Transportation: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Sean Conlon
Dates: September 21, 2016
Conference Location: Training for PARCC Coordinators
Foundation of Educational Administration
12 Centre Drive,
Monroe Township, NJ
Fee: \$150 Registration
Meals/Transportation: 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 2016-2017 school year.
3. **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 **#9973443102**, extended day reading program, 1 hour, 2x/week, effective September 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the District Goals and Board Goals.

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

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

FINANCE

1. **Resolved**, that the Cresskill Board of Education approve ABMM Financial/Security Benefit , 11 Central Avenue, Demarest, NJ 07627 as a tax shelter/financial provide/advisor.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve amending the 403(b) pam document as of September 1st, 2016 to include ABMM Financial/Security Benefit and remove Clark Dodge Asset Management/Security Benefit as an authorized provider.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve amending the 457(b) plan document as of September 1st, 2016 to include ABMM Financial/Security Benefit and remove Clark Dodge Asset Management/Security Benefit as an authorized provider.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Generation Electrical Company for district wide LED upgrade projects. Educational Data Services Bid Number 6595/7464.

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

AYES: Denise Villani, Stephen Moldt, Caron 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

Mr. Michael Burke stated that Merritt Memorial School’s Back to School night is tonight and that the Edward H. Bryan School’s Back to School night is on September 22, 2016.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the Marching Band Festival will be held on October 29, 2016.

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

September 22 – EHB Back to School Night, 7:00 PM
September 26 – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM
September 27 – Middle School Back to School Night, 7:00 PM
October 3 & 4 – Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed

October 6 – High School Back to School Night, 7:00 PM

October 10 – Columbus Day, Professional Development Day, Teachers/Staff only

October 10 – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

October 12 – Yom Kippur, Schools Closed

October 17 – CEF Concert for the Arts, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:00 PM

October 17 – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT – ANY SUBJECT

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Mr. Eugene Gorfin of 91 Westervelt Place wanted to know where we stood with the open Vice-Principal position.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that we posted the position and the opportunity to submit an application is coming to a close. Mr. Burke stated that the position was posted externally and internally and we have 70 candidates as of today.

Mr. Eugene Gorfin asked about a follow-up to recommendations by Ms. Denise Pope.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that we are going to review the mid-term schedule and that there will be four (4) no homework week-ends and there will be a 9/11 presentation on Friday for the middle school/high school and today for the elementary schools.

Mr. Eugene Gorfin asked if any more information is available on our enrollment/space issue.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that he will present information very soon on a short term and long term solution.

Ann Shark of 177 6th Street inquired as to the traffic in the morning at the middle school/high school. She stated that it is becoming a dangerous situation at the circle. Traffic at 7:35 am is backed up all the way to the tracks and it appears that the Mezzine Street entrance is closed.

Mr. Michael Burke thanked Ms. Shark for her information and stated that he would talk to the police as he was not aware of this.

Mrs. Alba Shick of 27 Churchill Drive wanted to know if we knew the results of the Newsweek rankings.

Mr. Michael Burke stated that the results will be in his September newsletter and that the results are always very favorable for our district.

Mrs. Alba Shick wanted to know what the increase in enrollment was.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that as of June 2016 we had 1,793 students and as of today we have 1,818. Mr. Burke stated that the two elementary schools combined approximately 30 students with 2nd and 3rd grades showing the highest increase.

Mrs. Alba Shick stated that there are not enough crossing guards at Piermont and County Road.

Mrs. Alba Shick wanted to know if the 5K run signs would be placed throughout town?

Mr. Michael Burke stated that there would be signs posted.

Mrs. Alba Shick wanted to know if we found out the results of the PARCC yet.

Mr. Michael Burke replied that we have not received the results as of yet.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

No action taken at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss property, personnel and legal issues was made by Stephen Moldt and seconded by Mary Klein at 8:30 p.m.

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

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 Mary Klein, seconded by John Park at 10:05 p.m.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

On a motion by Mary Klein, seconded by John Park and carried, the Cresskill Board of Education Regular Meeting of September 12, 2016 was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Kelly, CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary