

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, September 23, 2019
Merritt Memorial School Media Center, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at Merritt Memorial School in the Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 6:00 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings
Trustee Amy Cusick (arrived 6:02pm)
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Dionna Griffin
Vice President Stephen Moldt (arrived 6:02pm)
Trustee Raffi Odabashian
President Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Eugene Gorfin
Trustee Mary Klein

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Dawn Delasandro, 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 Merritt Media Center 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."

INFORMATION ITEMS

September 26- CHS Back to School Night, 7:00 PM
September 30 - Rosh Hashannah - School Closed
October 1 - Rosh Hashannah - School Closed
October 3 - EHB Back to School Night, 7:00 PM
October 9 - Yom Kippur, School Closed
October 14 - Columbus Day, Professional Development Day for Staff ONLY
October 14 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM
October 28 - CBOE Regular Meeting, EHB Media Center, 6:00 PM

Walk through of Merritt Memorial School.

The Board performed a walk-through of the entire building, along with Sean Conlon, Principal, and Tom Steward, Supervisor of Building and Grounds.

Guidance office is new.

Bathrooms were redone 3 years ago.

Chromebook station in all classrooms.

President Villani asked Principal Conlon if there are any issues.

Principal Conlon replied that issues have been resolved. A small group instructional area has been added in the Media Center following county approval.

President Villani stated that the building looks clean, ceiling tiles look good, elevator works.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

On a motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Griffin and carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Minutes	1
Personnel:	1 THROUGH 8
Educational Planning:	1 THROUGH 9
Finance:	1 THROUGH 9

B. Discussion - any item on Consent Agenda - Board of Education Only

Trustee Cusick ask about Personnel Resolution #8 and what duties it involved.

Mr. Burke replied that the Teacher Assistant to the Principal required many Before, Lunchtime, and After school hours, along with other duties during the day. It is a substantial stipend and there are many duties that must be performed.

C. Open floor to public comment on Consent Agenda 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.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

D. Close public participation

E. ROLL CALL VOTE - CONSENT AGENDA

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ROLL CALL VOTE ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	✓			
Trustee Cusick	✓			
Trustee DePalo	✓			
Trustee Gorfin				✓
Trustee Griffin	✓			
Trustee Klein				✓
Vice President Moldt	✓			
Trustee Odabashian	✓			
President Villani	✓			

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

There was no Board President report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke reported that the Back To School Nights went very well. Mr. Burke is working with Judge Dressler to find a family to host an exchange student from the Sioux tribe. He stated that Lara Herman, our exchange student from last year, also wants to return.

Mr. Burke and John Massaro attended the GLAM presentation and workshops. He stated that assessment drives curriculum/instruction. Mr. Massaro will be presenting at the NJSBA convention for GLAM.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT:

Citizens may address the Board of Education on any item not listed on the agenda. Citizens will give their names and addresses 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.

There was no public comment.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Griffin asked if the current 3 Board members were the only candidates on the Official School Election Ballot.

President Villani replied yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:35 PM on the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Griffin, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

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 the closed session will be available. When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be available to the public.

A Closed Session was not necessary at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY

CONSENT AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2019

MINUTES

1. Approval - August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting
July 15, 2019 Regular and Closed Meeting

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Michael Mirkovic, CMS, \$10,000, using Title 1 funding
2. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Nicole Bodine, CHS, \$10,000, using Title 1 funding
3. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Jamie Bricevic, CHS, \$10,000, using Title 1 funding
4. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Joseph Sussman, CMS, \$10,000, using Title 1 funding
5. Approval - Appointment of Henry Surgent, HS Debate Team Advisor, \$2,309, 2019-2020 school year
6. Approval - Appointment of Kathleen Wilkin, MS Soccer Coach, \$2,140, 2019-2020 school year
7. Approval - Additional compensation to Nicholas Calandrino, Valerie Campanella, Michael Doto, Catherine Durakis and Barbara Muller, \$2,000 each for CHS Option II
8. Approval - Appointment of Adam Preciado, Teacher Assistant to Principal, EHB, \$3,888, 2019-2020

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Conferences/Workshops/Travel
2. Approval - Field Trips 2019-2020
3. Approval - Home Instruction, Educere online courses for Math and Science, \$29/week for 6 weeks, effective 9/16/19-10/25/19
4. Approval - Home Instruction, John Orfini, English, Anthony Giannantonio, History, 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour, effective 9/19/19-11/16-19
5. Approval - Revision of Board Resolution #6, Educational Planning of August 26, 2019, In-state approved private school, Reed Academy, 190 days, \$555.25/day, \$105,497.50, effective 8/5/19- 6/20/20.
6. Approval - Home Instruction, Pat Alfieri, Patty Chiavello, Michael Zelizo, 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour, effective 9/10/19 with end date to be determined
7. Approval - In-state private school, Sage Day Middle School, \$62,415, effective 9/5/19-6/16/20
8. Approval - Multisensory reading, Marie Rosato, 2x/week, \$75.00hr, effective 9/16/19-6/23/20
9. Approval - Feeding evaluation, St. Joseph's, 1 visit, \$2,030.35 on 10/7/19

FINANCE

1. Approval - Bills for September 2019

CBOE September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting at MMS Minutes

2. Approval - Additional Bills for August 2019
3. Approval - Board Secretary's Report for August 2019
4. Approval - Monthly Reconciliation for August 2019
5. Approval - Transfer Report for August 2019
6. Approval - Payment of bills for October 2019
7. Approval - Non-Public Aid Entitlement for the 2019-2020 school year
8. Approval - Non-Public School Textbook Aid Program, \$5,587, for 2019-2020 (St. Therese)
9. Approval - Insured Vision Benefit Plan Proposal submitted by National Vision Administrators, LLC

MINUTES:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
August 26, 2019 - Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019 - Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Michael Mirkovic**, Collaborative Math 7, Cresskill Middle School, \$10,000, for the entire 2019-2020 school year, using Title 1 funding.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Nicole Bodine**, Collaborative English III, Cresskill High School, \$10,000, for the entire 2019-2020 school year, using Title 1 funding.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Jamie Baricevic**, Collaborative Geometry, Cresskill High School, \$10,000, for the entire 2019-2020 school year, using Title 1 funding.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Joseph Sussman**, Collaborative US History I, Cresskill High School, \$10,000, for the entire 2019-2020 school year, using Title 1 funding.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Henry Surgent**, HS Debate Team Advisor, year 1, step 1, \$2,309, for the 2019-2020 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Kathleen Wilkin**, Middle School Girls Soccer Coach, year 1, step 1, \$2,140, for the 2019-2020 school year.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation of \$2,000 each for **Nicholas Calandrino, Valerie Campanella, Michael Doto, Catherine Durakis** and **Barbara Muller**, for overage in relation to Cresskill High School Option II, for the 2019-2020 school year.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Adam Preciado**, Teacher Assistant to the Principal, Edward H. Bryan School, year 1, step 1, \$3,888, for the 2019-2020 school year.

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: Lana Shtofmakher (AM)
Date(s): September 25, 2019
Conference: Bergen County Technical Schools Middle School
Counselor Information Session
Location: Paramus, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Julie Keating
Date(s): October 4, 2019, December 6, 2019, February 7, 2020,
April 3, 2020 and June 5, 2020
Conference: NJ Music Administrators Meetings
Location: Rutgers Club
Piscataway, NJ
Fee: \$70
Mileage/tolls: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Nathan Mello
Date(s): October 14, 2019
Conference: NJSMA-Elementary Music Division-Meaningful
Movement Presentation
Location: The Mansion
Mountain Lakes, NJ
Fee: \$95

Name: Alina Duran
Date(s): October 15, 2019 (PM)
Conference: Northern New Jersey AP Computer Science
Consortium
Location: Parsippany Hills High School
Parsippany, NJ
Fee: \$0
Mileage/tolls: as per GSA guidelines

Name: John Massaro
Date(s): October 22, 2019
Conference: NJSBA Convention - Panel Presentation with GLAM
committee
Location: Atlantic City, NJ
Fee: \$0
Mileage/tolls: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Kristen Sellix
Date(s): October 22, 2019
Conference: NJASSW - Effective School Counseling
Location: FEA Building

Monroe Township, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Kristen Sellix
Date(s): October 24, 2019
Conference: Promotion LGBTQ Students Well-being in School
Location: CarePlus NJ
Paramus, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Dana Valencia & Diana Zoino
Date(s): October 25, 2019
Conference: Teaching Italian Symposium/Workshop XII
Enriching Your Classroom with Digital Media
Location: Montclair State University
Upper Montclair, NJ
Fee: \$100 (\$50 each)

Name: Nathan Mello
Date(s): October 28, 2019 (PM)
Conference: Special Area-Music-Roundtable-K-8
Location: South Bergen Jointure Commission
Carlstadt Public School, Carlstadt, NJ
Fee: \$25

Name: Lynda Nienstedt
Date(s): October 29, 2019 (AM)
Conference: Issuing Officer Training for Employment Certificates
Location: Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands
Lyndhurst, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Jill Kurek
Date(s): November 11, 2019
Conference: NJ Association of Mathematics Supervisors & Leaders
Location: Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Ne Providence, NJ
Fee: \$15
Mileage/tolls as per GSA Guidelines

Name: Kristen Sellix
Date(s): January 24, 2020 (AM)
Conference: Mitigating the Psychological Effects of Lockdowns
Location: CarePlus NJ
Paramus, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Kristen Sellix
Date(s): March 19, 2020 (AM)
Conference: Anxiety and School Avoidance
Location: CarePlus NJ
Paramus, NJ
Fee: \$0

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #1879340183**, Home Instruction, Educere online courses, Math, \$29.00/week, 6 weeks, \$174.00 and Science \$29.00/week, 6 weeks, \$174.00, totaling \$348.00, effective September 16, 2019 through October 25, 2019.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #1879340183**, Home Instruction with the following teachers, effective September 16, 2019 through November 16, 2019:
John Orfini, English - 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hr, totaling 22.5 hours
Anthony Giannantonio - 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour, totaling 22.5 hours
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the **revision** to the Board of Education Regular Meeting Agenda dated August 26, 2019, Resolution #6, Educational Planning, to read as follows: in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #2847974857**, In-state approved private school, Reed Academy, 190 days, \$555.25/day, \$105,497.50, effective August 5, 2019 - June 20, 2020.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #5529261958**, Home Instruction with the following teachers, \$33.84/hour, effective September 10, 2019 with end date to be determined:
Pat Alfieri, Social Studies - 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour
Patty Chiavello, English - 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour
Michael Zelizo, Math - 2.5 hours/week, \$33.84/hour
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #28015**, In-state private school, Sage Day Middle School, \$62,415, effective September 5, 2019 through June 16, 2020.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #3289478147**, multisensory reading, **Marie Rosato**, 2x/week, \$75/hour, effective September 16, 2019 through June 23, 2020.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2019-2020 school year approve the following service for **student #0203**, Feeding evaluation, **St. Joseph's**, 1 visit, \$2,030.35, on October 7, 2019.

FINANCE:

6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay October 2019 bills.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the Non-Public Aid Entitlement for the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Entitlement	Amount
Non-Public Technology	\$3,816
Non-Public Textbooks	\$5,587
Non-Public Nursing	\$10,282
Non-Public Security	\$15,900

8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Nonpublic Textbook Program Agreement between the Cresskill Board of Education and the Academy of St. Therese for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$5,587.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK PROGRAM AGREEMENT

This is to certify that the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic School Textbook Program have been read and further certified that the pupils who will use the items purchased under this program qualify under the guidelines. Specifically:

- a) It is understood that the textbooks purchased with the state aid funds are to be used solely for the purpose of enhancing the instructional process for nonpublic school students. The use of textbooks purchased with state aid funds for religious purposes; the administration of the nonpublic school or other purposes contrary to law is strictly prohibited. State aid funds must be used to meet the specific educational needs of students and teaching staff members. State aid funds cannot be used to supplant benefits normally provided by the nonpublic school. All textbooks provided under this program to nonpublic school pupils must be used for secular, neutral, non-religious and non-ideological purposes.
- b) It is understood that the textbooks purchased with the state aid are the property of the Cresskill school district. Textbooks will be purchased by the Cresskill school district and delivered to the nonpublic school. The receiving copy of the purchase order will then be returned to the Cresskill school district for payment. Upon receipt, textbooks will be labeled by the Cresskill school district with the labels provided by the Cresskill school district. It is agreed that the nonpublic school will store the textbooks at the end of the school year at no cost to the Cresskill school district. Further, it is understood that only the Cresskill school district may dispose of textbooks purchased for this program. Textbooks may only be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the "Public School Contracts Law".

It is agreed that funds must be committed before January 1, 2020 in order to ensure processing before the end of the fiscal year.

9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the agreement with National Vision Administrators, LLC for vision benefits for employees, at no cost to the Cresskill Board of Education.