

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, September 9, 2019
Cresskill Middle/High School Media Center, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The regular Meeting of the Cresskill Board of Education was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the Cresskill Middle School – High School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 7:00 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings
Trustee Amy Cusick (arrived 7:02pm)
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Eugene Gorfin (arrived 7:03pm)
Trustee Dionna Griffin
Trustee Mary Klein
Vice President Stephen Moldt
Trustee Raffi Odabashian
President Denise Villani

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 Cresskill Middle/High School 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.”

PRESENTATION

Mr. Sean Conlon, World Challenge Peru trip
Mr. Conlon gave a thorough presentation of the World Challenge Peru trip including the company's great safety record and the structure of the trip (planning, city/cultural exploration, community, trek, rest/relax/reflect). The students are very independent and learned how to travel on their own.

INFORMATION ITEMS

September 12 - MMS Back to School Night
September 19 - CMS Back to School Night, 7:00 PM

September 23 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

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

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

On a motion by Trustee Moldt, seconded by Trustee Klein and carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Personnel:	1 THROUGH 12
Educational Planning:	1 THROUGH 2
Finance:	1 THROUGH 3
Policy:	1 THROUGH 1

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

Trustee Gorfin asked about the location of the Gaga ball pit.

Mr. Burke explained that it is right off of the kindergarten play area where the Varsity baseball field was. Cresskill town offered the Crestron field for Varsity Baseball. HSA is replacing two Basketball hoops. Trustee Gorfin asked for an explanation of Finance resolution #2.

Mr. Burke explained that the Fire Chief recommended replacing the system. Surplus referendum funds are being used.

Trustee Moldt asked if the fire system was tied into a Building Management system.

Mr. Burke replied that there is no Building Management System. He then explained the incident at Merritt Middle School on Saturday 9/7/19, when fire alarms went off due to a rooftop HVAC system malfunction.

Trustee Gorfin asked if the fire system is near the end of its useful life?

Mr. Burke replied that at CHS, no, but at MMS yes.

Trustee Gorfin asked if the parking space rental was temporary.

Mr. Burke replied yes.

Trustee Klein asked about the giant 6th grade class and overages.

Mr. Burke replied that it is a challenge, but when Pre-K moves out, space will be freed up.

Trustee Klein asked about the timing of the Chromebook issuance (from the HSA donation).

Mr. Burke replied that the Chromebooks will be issued shortly, they are replacing old units.

Chromebooks will be reviewed in this year's technology audit.

Trustee Cummings, as relates to Pre-K spaces in CMS/CHS, asked if work will need to be done to the space to be used by CMS/CHS.

Mr. Burke replied that it is being reviewed.

Trustee Klein questioned the transgender child policy and the opioid antidote policy.

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Mr. Burke commented that the police/EMS will be contacted. A further discussion regarding police/school responsibility ensued.

Trustee Klein asked if Policy 5111 affects exchange students from outside NJ.

Mr. Burke replied no.

- 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.

Bernard Yoo asked when the technology audit was expected to be completed.

Mr. Burke replied that the audit was a goal for the year and is expected to be completed in June.

- D. Close public participation

E. ROLL CALL VOTE - CONSENT AGENDA

	ROLL CALL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Cummings	✓			
Trustee Cusick	✓			
Trustee DePalo	✓			
Trustee Gorfin	✓			
Trustee Griffin	✓			
Trustee Klein	✓	Transgender Policy #5756 Under Policy Res. #1		
Vice President Moldt	✓			
Trustee Odabashian	✓			
President Villani	✓			

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Villani stated that the Band’s Friends and Family night was great and very well attended. President Villani attended the track dedication and stated that the track looks fantastic. At the first football game, Cresskill beat Hasbrouck Heights, for the first time since 2006. Back to School Nights are upcoming.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke commented that all schools had great openings and events went smoothly. Mr. Burke credits President Villani for the successful Band Friends and Family night. He was honored to talk about Rich Miller at the track dedication. Monica Madrazo, Cresskill parent of Zach Garcia, is sponsoring a 5K in his name. President Villani commented that Zach’s 5K is not affiliated with the Cresskill 5K.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT:

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Parent - Regarding changed time for EHB Kindergarten drop off, how should parent handle with more than one child at more than one school?

Mr. Burke confirmed the staggered time, but does not have an answer at this time.

Parent – Pre-K is at the high school now but moving to EHB later this year, what about pick-up?

Mr. Burke replied that there will be a driveway for Pre-K only, parents will not need to park.

Alba Shick, 27 Churchill, asked how big the 6th grade is.

Mr. Burke replied 162 students.

Ms. Shick asked if Kindergarten increased much.

Mr. Burke replied no, it has plateaued.

Ms. Shick asked about providing more school support to return the Cresskill 5K because it is a great fundraiser for the school.

Mr. Burke replied that the staff already participates heavily, and can’t require the staff to do more.

Ms. Shick commented in regards to vaping, there should be hall monitors outside bathrooms or aides in bathroom. Also, how is 9/11 being incorporated into the curriculum.

Mr. Burke replied that 9/11 is included in the Social Studies curriculum and is also observed with a moment of silence in school.

Ms. Shick asked why Cresskill public school is still ranked lower than everyone else?

Mr. Burke stated that he is actively looking at ranking, as it pertains to “Profile of Cresskill student.”

Ms. Shick asked about PARCC scores?

Mr. Burke stated that they are in his office and will be distributed soon.

Continued discussion on vaping.

Bernard Yoo asked what is the root cause of the difficulty in acquiring aides?

Mr. Burke replied that the difficulty has been ongoing. Cresskill has contracted with an outside agency to place aides, in the hope of casting a wider net. It has and hasn’t helped.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Odabashian asked who will pave Mezzine Drive.

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Mr. Burke replied that it is the town of Cresskill's responsibility.

Trustee Odabashian asked for an update on the summer school program.

Mr. Burke will have Michelle Blanco call him.

Trustee Gorfin commented on the security doors at Harrington Park, recent news article.

Mr. Burke had taken a tour at Harrington Park and saw the doors. A parent generously donated the doors. Not all classrooms have the \$2,500 door.

Trustee Moldt stated that films can be applied to door glass to stop bullets.

Trustee Gorfin asked if anyone is using the new parking lot.

Mr. Burke replied that they will be, but many Junior students do not have their license yet; he emphasized that they must cross at the crosswalk.

Trustee Gorfin stated that something must be done about the soccer field. The track and tennis courts have been upgraded.

Trustee Cummings said to add the boys Baseball field also.

Trustee Gorfin asked about the solar roof.

Mr. Burke replied that repairs have started and will continue.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 8:54 PM on the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

There was no closed session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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CONSENT AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
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PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Appointment of Jenny Arizaga, Lunch Aide, EHB, effective 09/10/19
2. Approval - Resignation, John Flaim, Boys JV Basketball Coach
3. Approval - Compensation for Fundations Training for Charlene Malki, Melissa Puentes and Marie Rosato, \$33.84/hour
4. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Vanessa Potenzzone, CMS, 9/5/19-12/11/19, \$3,445
5. Approval - Overage of 1 class for David Fried, CMS, 9/5/19-12/11/19, \$3,445
6. Approval - Overage of 1 class for Zhanna Buzharsky, CMS, full year, \$10,000
7. Approval - Appointment of co-curricular stipends for 2019-2020
8. Approval - Reassignment of location for Caryn Gray to MMS
9. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentor compensation for Amy Grossman, CHS
10. Approval - Provisional Teacher Program Mentor compensation for Vanessa Potenzzone, CMS
11. Approval - Compensation for Kristen O'Connell, summer curriculum work, 10 hours
12. Approval - Appointment of Jonathan Lee, CHS, Head Golf Coach, for 2019-2020 school yr

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Conferences/Workshops/Travel
2. Approval - Votech School, Rockland BOCES, \$12,452.16, for the 2019-2020 school year

FINANCE

1. Approval - Accept donation, Merritt Middle School HSA, \$28,603.32
2. Approval - Change order GC-07 on Project #3301, \$180,000
3. Approval - Rental of 10 parking spaces from St. Therese, 4 months, \$500

POLICY

1. Approval - Approval of Policies and Regulations
2415.20 - No Child Left Behind Complaints, Policy and Regulation
2145.30 - Title I - Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care, Policy
2418 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Students, Policy and Regulation
2431.8 - Varsity Letters for Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities, Policy
5111 - Eligibility of Resident/NonResident Pupils, Policy, Revised
5330.04 - Administering an Opioid Antidote, Policy and Regulation
5756 - Transgender Students, Policy
6620 - Petty Cash, Policy, Revised
8561 - Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs, Policy

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Jenny Arizaga**, Lunch Aide, Edward H. Bryan School, 4 hours/day, \$12.00/hour, pending pre-employment verification, effective September 10, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the resignation of **John Flaim**, Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, effective September 4, 2019.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for the following teachers for Foundations Training, \$33.84/hour, on August 5, 2019:
 - Charlene Malki** - 4 hours
 - Melissa Puentes** - 4 hours
 - Marie Rosato** - 5 hours
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Vanessa Potenzzone**, Study Skills, for Megan Fichter while out on maternity leave, Cresskill Middle School, \$3,445, effective September 5, 2019 through December 11, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **David Fried**, Resource Room US History, for Megan Fichter while out on maternity leave, Cresskill Middle School, \$3,445, effective September 5, 2019 through December 11, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the overage of 1 class, for **Zhanna Buzharsky**, French 7, Cresskill Middle School, \$10,000, for the entire 2019-2020 school year.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following co-curricular stipend positions for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mejia, Jostine	Model UN Advisor	Year 1, Step 1	\$1,500
Papaleo, Marie	Novice CMS Debate Advisor	Year 1, Step 1	\$1,500
Gelchinsky, Catheirne	NHS Art Club Advisor	Year 1, Step 1	\$750

8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the reassignment of location for **Caryn Gray**, elementary teacher, from EHB/MMS to Merritt Memorial School, effective September 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation for **Amy Grossman**, Business Department teacher, CHS, as mentor for provisional teacher, Jason Carini, CHS, \$1,000, for the 2019-2020 school year.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the NJDOE regulation compensation for **Vanessa Potenzzone**, Special Education teacher,

CMS, as mentor for provisional teacher, Maryanna Laferriere, CMS, \$550, for the 2019-2020 school year.

11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the compensation for **Kristin O'Connell**, EHB/MMS, 10 hours, \$33.84/hour, for extended 2019 summer curriculum hours.
12. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Jonathan Lee**, Head Golf Coach, Cresskill High School, Year 1, Step 1, \$2,662, 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: Alex Roberts
Date(s): September 18, 2019
Conference: College Board Counselor Workshop
Location: Fordham University, NY
Fee: \$0

Name: Lana Shtofmakher & Michael Zelizo
Date(s): September 19, 2019
Conference: Bergen Tech HS Admissions Presentation
Location: Bergen Tech, Paramus, NJ
Fee: \$0

Name: Julie Keating, Jill Kurek & Alexis Peck
Date(s): September 26, 2019
Conference: Syracuse University & Project Advance
Location: Sheraton Parsippany Marriott, Parsippany
Fee: \$0
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Jennifer Troy
Date(s): October 4, 2019
Conference: Beyond Decoding: Identifying & Meeting the Needs of All Learners with Dyslexia
Location: Somerset, NJ
Fee: \$0
Mileage/tolls: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Jill Kurek
Date(s): November 1, 2019, February 7, 2020 and June 5, 2020
Conference: North jersey Mathematics Supervisor Meetings
Location: West Essex, Parsippany and Livingston, NJ
Fee: \$0
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

- 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 #3230043774**, Votech School, Rockland BOCES, \$12,452.16, effective September 1, 2019 through June 2020.

FINANCE:

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

Donor	Purpose	Amount
Merritt Middle School Home and School Association (HSA)	School: MMS . 100 Chromebooks	\$25,000
	School: MMS . 2 Basketball Pole Gooseneck System	\$2,129.32
	School: MMS . 15' Gaga Ball Pit	\$1,474

- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve change order GC-07 for Project #3301 (EHB Addition) in the amount of \$180,000 for the purposes of installing a new addressable fire alarm system in Edward Bryan School.
- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the rental of 10 parking spaces from St. Therese Parish, Cresskill, NJ from September 5, 2019 through December 31, 2019, at a cost of \$500.

POLICY:

- Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following policies and regulations:
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