

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting, February 10, 2020
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, February 10, 2020 at Cresskill Middle/High School in the Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Denise Villani at 7:02 p.m.

President Villani led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Trustee Sally Cummings
Trustee Amy Cusick
Trustee Michael DePalo
Trustee Eugene Gorfin (arrived 7:03 pm)
Trustee Mary Klein
President Denise Villani

ABSENT: Trustee Dionna Griffin
Vice President Stephen Moldt
Trustee Raffi Odabashian

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 the 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.”

INFORMATION ITEMS

February 12 - Cresskill Wellness Committee presents “The Anxiety of Preparing for College,” CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

February 17 & 18 - President’s Day Recess, School Closed

February 24 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

March 4, 5 & 6 - Minimum Days for Elementary Schools ONLY for Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 6 & 7 - Principal Players production of **Curtains**, CMS/CHS Auditorium,
7:30 PM

March 8 - Principal Players production of **Curtains**, CMS/CHS Auditorium,
2:00 PM

March 12 - CMS/CHS H.S.A. Speaker Series, "Share the Keys - Drivers License," CMS/CHS
Cafeteria, 7:00 PM

March 13 - EHB Bulldog Night Fundraiser, Rockleigh Country Club, 6:30 PM

March 16 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

March 30 - CBOE Regular Meeting, CMS/CHS Media Center, 7:00 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion to Introduce Consent Agenda

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

Personnel:	1 THROUGH 3
Educational Planning:	1 THROUGH 5
Finance:	1 THROUGH 4
Policy:	1

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

Trustee Klein asked about Finance #4 and if we are holding any funds back on the contract with Bennett Company. Ms. Delasandro explained that we still have retainage of \$131,000.

Mr. Burke spoke about Education Planning #5 and our participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program, our hope for grants through the program and having a point person at each school.

Trustee Klein commented on the Safety Patrol policy and use of the word representative. Mr. Burke said he would amend the policy to use "designated" instead of representative.

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

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

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Villani spoke about the basketball game she attended on Saturday. She also spoke about the workshop she attended called Equity from the Boardroom to the Classroom. She noted she’s scheduled the Board Goal Setting for June 1, 2020. The Board Self Evaluation will be due May 15th. Tomorrow is Senior Day for Girls’ Basketball. She encouraged everyone to get your tickets to the high school’s production of Curtains.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Burke spoke about various sports events including the well attended Boys’ Basketball game and upcoming Girls’s Basketball Senior Night. High School senior Tim Coffey has potential for his 100th win, and Junior Colleen McQuillen is ready to set a Cresskill all-time record for points in high school basketball. We’re hoping she can do it at the upcoming home game. Moving into the new addition at Edward H. Bryan is going well. Mr. Burke commended pre-school teacher Mrs. Sicheri on working well in the new classroom. We are on the lookout for rain at the high school tomorrow and potential flooding. Mr. Burke noted he’s been contacted by a few parents about the school calendar. Next year we are adding one day to the winter recess to be able to not end the year or graduate on a Friday or Monday.

PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY SUBJECT:

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There was no public comment this evening.

TRUSTEE COMMENT

Trustee Gorfin thanked everyone who contributed to his daughter's fundraiser. She has raised \$15,000 so far for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Trustee Klein reminded all that there is a parent speaker presentation on March 12th on wellness.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Klein, seconded by Trustee DePalo, and approved by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 7:18pm to discuss student matters.

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 motion to end Closed Session and resume a Public Session was made by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Klein and approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:46pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm on the motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Klein, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Delasandro

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CRESSKILL, NEW JERSEY

CONSENT AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2020

PERSONNEL

1. Approval - Observation hours for Courtney Flood, Speech/Pathology student at MSU with Shara Hirsch, District, February 2020
2. Approval - Deduction in compensation for Pene Weber, Special Ed., CSI, one (1) day, \$443.83 for 02/14/20
3. Approval - Maternity related disability paid leave of absence (FMLA) of Leigh-Ann Dauble, Art teacher, CHS, effective 05/05/20 through 06/23/20 and the unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) effective on or about 09/01/20 through 10/14/20

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

1. Approval - Conferences/Workshops/Travel
2. Approval - Field Trips for 2019-2020
3. Approval - Affirms the interventions implemented for the reported incident(s) for the 2019-2020 school year
4. Approval - Transportation provided by Dumont Board of Education to Suspension Alternative Program, Hackensack, NJ, four trips, \$45/trip on 02/04/20-02/06/20
5. Approval - Participation in Sustainable Jersey for Schools program

FINANCE

1. Approval - Board Secretary's Report for December 2020
2. Approval - Monthly Reconciliation for December 2020
3. Approval - Waiver of Requirements-Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
4. Approval - Payment Request #7 from The Bennett Company, Inc. for **\$472,850.00** for work completed to date on Project 3301-Addition/Renovation at EHB

POLICY

1. Approval - Approval of the following Policies and Regulations
5335 - Treatment of Asthma, Policy (New)
5860 - Safety Patrol, Policy (New)
5860 - Rules for Safety Patrol Members, Regulation (New)
7441 - Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds, Policy and Regulation (New)

PERSONNEL:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the observation hours of **Courtney Flood**, Speech/Pathology student at Montclair State University, with Shara Hirsch, Speech & Language Specialist, District, 20 hours during the month of February 2020.
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the deduction in compensation for **Pene Weber**, Special Education teacher, CSI, one (1) day, \$443.83, for a personal day on February 14, 2020.
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity related disability paid leave of absence (FMLA) of **Leigh-Ann Dauble**, Art teacher, Cresskill High School, effective May 5, 2020 through June 23, 2020 and the unpaid leave of absence (NJFLA) effective on or about September 1, 2020 through October 14, 2020.

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: John Von Glahn
Date(s): February 20-22, 2020
Conference: NJMEA State Convention
Location: Tropicana Hotel and Casino
Atlantic City, NJ
Registration Fee: \$175
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines
Meals/Lodging: as per GSA guidelines
Other (tolls): as per GSA guidelines

Name: Maureen Martin
Date(s): February 27, 2020
Conference: Knowing Science Curriculum Workshop
Location: Fair Lawn Elementary School
Fair Lawn, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0
Mileage: \$0

Name: John Von Glahn
Date(s): March 17, 2020
Conference: American Young Voices Teachers' Workshop
Location: Prudential Center
Newark, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0
Mileage: \$0

Name: Kristen Sellix
Date(s): April 20, 2020
Conference: Ramapo College Social work Field Supervisors Spring Conference
Location: Ramapo College
Mahwah, NJ
Registration Fee: \$0
Mileage: \$0

Name: Judith Beekman
Date(s): May 29, 2020
Conference: NJTESOL/NJBE 2020 Conference
Location: Hyatt Regency
New Brunswick, NJ
Registration Fee: \$234
Mileage: \$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, affirms the interventions implemented for the reported incident(s) for the 2019-2020 school year.
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 #6234031875**, transportation provided by **Dumont Board of Education** to Suspension Alternative Program, Hackensack, NJ, four (4) trips, \$45/trip, totaling \$180, for February 4, 5 and 6, 2020.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Cresskill School District's participation in **Sustainable Jersey for Schools**, which recognizes and promotes best practices that result in a healthier school climate, improve the educational program, and conserve our schools' limited physical and financial resources.

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools. (See the “Create A Green Team” action. Your district “Green Team” can be designated from a pre-existing group within the district if desired.)

Whereas, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Cresskill Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Christine Hickey to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize our School(s) as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

FINANCE:

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 31, 2019 and certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 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)
2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending December 2019. (Attachment F-3)
3. **WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS-SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) PROGRAM**

Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020 - 2021 school year, and

Whereas, the Cresskill Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cresskill Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and district architect, DiCara Rubino Architects, approve **Payment Request #7** from **The Bennett Company, Inc.** in the amount of **\$472,850.00** for work completed to date on Project 3301-Addition and Building Renovation at Edward H. Bryan School.

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