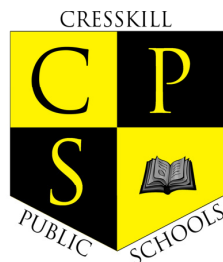


CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION



Regular Meeting, February 9, 2015

BOE Conference Room, 7:30 PM

Board of Education

Denise Villani, President

Mary Klein, Vice-President

Bill Anastassatos

Caryn Aronson

Sally Cummings

Stephen Moldt

John Park

Rosanne Rabinowitz

Cindy Wolfer

Michael Burke, Superintendent

Antoinette Kelly, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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 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."

MINUTES

- **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of:
December 8, 2014 – Regular Session
December 22, 2014 - Regular Session

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

As a courtesy, this time is provided for public comment on agenda items only.

PRESENTATION: Cresskill High School A Capella group performance

A. PERSONNEL

1. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve movement on the salary guide effective February 1, 2015 for the following teacher:

Lindsay Welker	Social Worker, District	MA + 30, Step 2	\$67,385
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2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve, in accordance with the current agreement between the Board and Association, Article XXIV, the following teachers will be reimbursed \$50 for attending more than one (1) back to school night:
- **Kristen Cebulski**
 - **Michael Brennan**
 - **David Fried**
 - **Anthony Giannantonio**
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year: **Ji Kim, Alexandr Paspalas and Heather Rockwell**.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of **Dina DeQuino**, Head Softball Coach, for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Sheila Serafin**, Head Softball Coach, Year 1, Step 4, \$6,285 for the 2014-2015 school year.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Melissa Gustray**, Middle School Softball Coach, Year 1, Step 1, \$2,098 for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Lauren Son**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Jennifer Wood, Elementary teacher, Merritt Memorial School, \$263 per diem, effective February 10, 2015 through June 23, 2015.
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of **Cynthia Mackowicz**, maternity leave replacement teacher for Lindsay Gaffney, Elementary teacher, Edward H. Bryan School, \$263 per diem, effective February 12, 2015 through June 23, 2015.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

B. 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: Natan Mello
Dates: February 19 – 20, 2015
Conference Location: NJ Music Educators Conference
Hilton Hotel Conference Ctr., East Brunswick, NJ
Fee: \$150
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

Name: Christy Luburger
Dates: February 19 – 20, 2015
Conference Location: NJ Music Educators Conference
Hilton Hotel Conference Ctr., East Brunswick, NJ
Fee: \$150
Mileage: as per GSA guidelines

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve **School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, January 2015**

Cresskill Board of Education

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Cresskill Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Cresskill Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Cresskill Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in

observing January 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cresskill Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#9559699376**, 1:1 Aide, Norma Shalhoub, 3.5 hours at \$23.19/hour totaling \$81.17 for December 18, 2014.
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#9048414883**, developmental service, St. Joseph's Hospital, 1 visit, \$400, on January 15, 2015. (NEW)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#5699135973**, Speech/language Bilingual service, Elizabeth Harriman, 1 visit, \$450 and Neurological service, St. Joseph's hospital, 1 visit \$400 on January 13, 2015. (ADDIT'L)
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#7343080607**, educational costs in residential rehabilitation program, \$45.00/hour, 4 hours/week effective January 20, 2015, until further notice. (ADDIT'L)
7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#6547356779**, after school social skills program at JCC, \$900, effective January 29, 2015 – June 11, 2015. (CONT.)
8. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, in accordance with the student's IEP for the 2014-2015 school year, approve the following service for student **#2103873476**, Psychiatric service, Dr. Silva, 1 visit, \$650, on February 6, 2015. (NEW)
9. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the attached list of **Field Trips** for the 2014-2015 school year.
10. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the interventions implemented for the reported incidents for the 2014-2015 school year.
11. **RESOLVE**, that the Board of Education approve the Annual Schedule of Public Meetings and that the Board Secretary post the following notice as required in Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, and make copies available to all interested persons.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING DATES

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION

2015

The Board meets twice a month unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are open to the public. Your Board encourages your attendance and participation in all meetings. Please feel free to express your comments,

questions and concerns. During all board meetings, opportunities are provided for public comment.

Effective October 6, 2014

"Regular Bi-Monthly Meetings of the Board of Education shall in general be held the second and fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. They shall be held in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Cresskill Middle/High School at **7:30 p.m.**

Regular Bi-Monthly Meetings are not held on holidays or when school is closed as per school calendar. Change of the date of a Regular Meeting will be announced and posted in advance.

REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS
BOE Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
January 5, 2015**
Reorganization and Regular Meeting
January 20, 2015 – Special Meeting**
January 26, 2015 - <i>Cancelled</i>
February 9, 2015
February 23, 2015
March 9, 2015
March 23, 2015
April 13, 2015
April 27, 2015
May 11, 2015
June 8, 2015
July 27, 2015
August 24, 2015
September 28, 2015
October 26, 2015
November 9, 2015
November 23, 2015
December 7, 2015**
December 21, 2015**
January 4, 2016**
Reorganization and Regular Meeting

(** Indicates exception to the second or fourth Monday meeting date practice)

- 12. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the District's Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan for the 2014-2015 school year. (Attachment E-1)

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

C. FINANCE

- 1. Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Bill List for January 2015. The signing of the warrants for the January 2015 check register to be offered by Sally Cummings and John Park. (Attachment F-1)

Fund 10	General Fund	\$1,523,364.11
Fund 20	Special Revenue	\$33,826.17
Fund 30	Referendum Checks	\$0.00
Fund 40	Debt Service	\$0.00
Fund 60	Cafeteria Account	\$27,604.65
Total		\$1,584,794.93

Fund 10 Voided Checks (\$21,203.51)

2. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Board Secretary's Report for the month ending December 2014 and certify that no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11© 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)
3. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Monthly Reconciliation Report for the month ending December 31, 2014. (Attachment F-3)
4. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the budget transfers for the month of December 2014. (Attachment F-4)
5. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Business Administrator to pay February 2015 bills.
6. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following donations:

Donor	Purpose	Amount
Bryan School PTA	Classroom Activities	\$1,300.00
CEA Foundation, Inc.	Teacher Grants	\$25,105.37

7. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the contract between the Cresskill Board of Education and On-Tech Consulting, Inc. to provide E-Rate funding services for the 2015-2016 E-Rate application. The District will pay On-Tech Consulting, Inc. an amount equal to 20% of any funding received.
8. **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 2015-2016, 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 2015-2016 school year.

9. **Whereas**, the Cresskill High School ADA Toilet Renovation project was completed under budget, and

Whereas, the balance remaining in the Capital Projects Fund is \$31,961.85,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator to transfer \$31,961.85 back into the Capital Reserve account.

10. **Whereas**, the Edward H. Bryan Toilet Renovation project was completed under budget, and

Whereas, the balance remaining in the Capital Projects Fund is \$12,269.49,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the School Business Administrator to transfer \$12,269.49 back into the Capital Reserve account.

11. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the transfer of \$151,380 from Capital Reserve to the Capital Projects Fund for local share of the ADA renovation of toilets at the Cresskill Middle School

The Cresskill Middle School Facilities Project is identified as DOE Project No. 0990-45-14-1002, SDA Project No. 0990—45-14-G2UT and Grant No. G5-5961.

12. **Resolved**, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the transfer of \$188,867 from Capital Reserve to the Capital Projects Fund for local share of the cost of the ADA renovation of toilets at the Merritt Memorial Elementary School.

The Merritt Memorial School Facilities Project is identified as DOE Project No. 0990-060-14-1003, SDA Project No. 0990-060-14-G1DB and Grant No. G5-4833.

13. **Resolved**, that the Cresskill Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorize the Business Administrator to request approval from the Division of Local Government Services Department of Community Affairs to authorize the District to utilize the competitive contracting process pursuant to N.J. S.A. 40A:11-4.1(k) to secure proposals for the management, operations, and staffing of the District's para-professional program.

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

D. POLICY

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS

- Policy
- Finance & Operations

- Negotiations

INFORMATION ITEMS

February 16-17 – President's Day Recess, All Schools Closed

February 23 – CBOE Regular Meeting, BOE Conf. Room, 7:30 PM

February 27, 28 – Principal Players Spring Musical – A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 7:30 PM

March 1 - Principal Players Spring Musical – A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum, CMS/CHS Auditorium, 2:00 PM

*March 4, 5, 6 – Minimum Day for Elementary Schools **ONLY** for Parent/Teacher Conferences*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community members may address the Board of Education on any item. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited at the discretion of the Board President. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer, no participant may address or question Board members individually.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion by: _____ **Seconded by:** _____

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