

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of the Cranston School Committee was held on the evening of the above date at Western Hills Middle School with the following members present: Mr. Archetto, Mrs. Greifer, Ms. Iannazzi, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Stycos, and Mr. Traficante. Mr. Palumbo was absent due to illness. Also present were Mrs. Ciarlo, Mr. Scherza, Mr. Balducci, Mr. Votto, Mr. Laliberte, Mr. Nero, and Attorney Gregory Piccirilli.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and unanimously carried that the members adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(1), and contract and litigation pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(2).

Mr. Lupino, acting Chair, reconvened the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

I. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – March 20, 2006

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Archetto and unanimously carried that the March 20, 2006 Executive Session minutes remain confidential.

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings – February 27, 2006; March 1, 2006

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and unanimously carried that the minutes of February 27, 2006 and March 1, 2006 be approved.

III. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

There were no public acknowledgements or communications.

IV. Chairperson Communications

The Chairperson had no communications.

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V. Superintendent Communications

Mrs. Ciarlo acknowledged that the NEASC visit was conducted at Cranston High School East. NEASC realized the things that Cranston East prepared so diligently for, and they were recognized by them. Facilities are a problem, and the committee and the administration know that, but NEASC knows that everyone is working very closely on that. She is very pleased that the visit went as well as it did. She feels they saw the kinds of changes that have been made at Cranston East, and that bodes well for the future.

VI. School Committee Member Communications

Ms. Iannazzi thanked Mr. Al Durand and the IBEW, Local 99. This week they generously donated two new computers to Woodridge Elementary School. In addition, she thanked Council member Barone who joined her on Tuesday touring Woodridge Elementary School, and it was great to have him with them.

Mr. Archetto informed the committee that he attended a PTO meeting at Horton School several days ago. There was a consensus on two issues that arose. One was the issue of the resolution dealing with the closing of Horton School, and there was a request to close Horton by attrition. The organization would like to have a closing ceremonial gathering at the end of the year if Horton School does close. They have requested funding from the committee in the amount of approximately \$500. He asked that the committee work on this in the

near future if that is the direction the committee is going in.

VII. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

There were no students who wished to speak on agenda or non-agenda items.

Mark Lucas, 28 Riverfarm Road – Mr. Lucas stated that he wished to speak on Resolution No.'s 06-3-8 and 06-3-9. Mr. Lucas read the following statement: Regarding 06-3-8, I would encourage the Committee to support this resolution requiring any collective bargaining, wage or benefit agreement be made available to the public 72 hours prior to a vote for ratification. Transparency such as this is the hallmark of good government. The public should never be kept in the dark, especially when our already huge tax burden could be impacted by your actions. Regarding 06-3-9, I would encourage the Committee to table this resolution to effectively kill Horton. In fact, I am outraged that the School Committee is moving so quickly on this matter. Throughout the budget hearing process, the Horton community was continually reassured by some members of the School Committee and the Superintendent that just because Horton wasn't in the budget that it didn't mean that it was closing. Many things could happen, they said, and Horton couldn't be closed without a special resolution from the School Committee. The School

Committee then shot down the two attempts by Mr. Stycos and Mr.

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Archetto to make prudent cuts and save Horton. And here we are at the very next meeting – without Horton in the budget and without any attempts to curtail spending – and the resolution to kill Horton is on the agenda. I have a simple question – what’s the rush? The budget is far from settled, as the Mayor and the City Council still need to weigh in. By passing the special resolution to kill Horton so early in the process, it effectively closes the door on any measures that may arise over the next few months. The closing of a school, and any resolutions to that effect, should be entertained only as a last resort. The prudent thing to do would be for the School Committee to take their finger off the trigger and allow an honest and open budget process to run its course. I implore you to bale this resolution until the budget has made its way through the Mayor’s office and the City Council. Only then will you have a true picture of the circumstances, and only then can you act in good faith on behalf of the taxpayers. Thank you.

Jackie White, 36 Wain Street and 67 Leah Drive – She stated that she wished to address Resolution No. 06-3-7. She thanked Mrs. Greifer for placing this resolution on the agenda to start a process that she hoped would continue throughout the next few months. She believes that Catherine Ciarlo is one of the best leaders the city has ever had,

one that will certainly leave a legacy that will never be forgotten, or it will take a long time to forget it. She has made her mark on this school system, and she believed that not only this facility should have her name attached to it, but also many other things should be done with her name attached to it so that people can always remember her efforts and her hard work in what she has done for the children in this City. She hoped that this resolution would pass unanimously this evening.

Mrs. White addressed Resolution No. 06-3-9, the closing of Horton School. She stated to the committee that she sat in their seat for many years. This is not the first time a school closing has come before a School Committee. If one were to look at her record, they would see that she has always voted no to close any school building. She is a firm believer that the district needs to maintain neighborhood schools. She knows what happens when a school building is closed. The district pumps up numbers in the schools that are receiving the students. A lot of classes are capped. She also feels, and this is her personal opinion, that the district will not save the money that is being projected as savings because she believes there will be other expenses incurred in the other two buildings receiving the students. There will be expenses the committee is not aware of right now because they don't know what will happen to the numbers in those buildings. She was around many years as a parent when Dr. Picano sat in the basement of Horton School and had his screen up telling the parents that it was a must that they had to close May Westcott

School. Meshanticut School had already closed, and he said that it would never be needed again; and it is costing a lot of money. These kids can be absorbed, etc. Everyone bought it tooth and nail. She did not; she spoke out against it. Again, she thought the district should keep the neighborhood concept. It is the beginning of dismantling a school system like Cranston Public Schools when they start taking away kids from their neighborhood schools. When Dr. Picano proposed it, it passed because everyone was thinking dollars and cents. She told the committee that it is not their job to think of just dollars and cents. By closing Horton School, and she understands that the committee is short

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approximately \$10 million of their budget request, \$700,000 is not going to get them anywhere near that \$10 million. She asked the committee to be realistic. They will close a school and kicks their rumps down the road. Once it is closed, it is closed. She realizes that Mrs. Ciarlo is proposing another use for that building. When she read what the uses were, she was not so sure she would have agreed to that either. She can't see closing Horton School and moving those kids into two different parts of the city even though it isn't that far. It is still two different parts of the city because they will be putting a group from another building into that school. They are sacrificing one building for another. That is not what should be done. That is not how money issues should be resolved. She asked the committee

to reconsider and to look at everything before closing a building. They are about to take a very serious step. Norwood Avenue School was closed. She was on the committee, and she voted yes because all of those kids went into one building right around the corner, and the parents weren't in favor of it. They felt the time had come because the building was old, and it was time to close it as a school building. With regard to Horton School having only one classroom of every class, there are many schools in this district that have only one fifth grade, one fourth grade, etc. The committee is starting to close all of the Blue Ribbon Schools, and that is a problem. Obviously, lower class sizes have more of an effect than one grade of every grade level. She asked the committee to think about what they were doing. They would be making a very serious mistake if they do it.

Andre Arrujo, 20 Stevens Road – He thanked Mrs. White because she hit the nail right on the head. He wished to speak on Resolution No. 06-3-9. He stated that after all these meetings, heartache, and sleepless nights, he still does not have an answer as to why Horton is being closed. The committee won't hear anything he has to say; their minds are closed and their hearts have hardened. He is at this meeting for his own sake and for the sake of those he loves. He is just a lonely voice of protest. Closing Horton will not free the committee of a \$10 million burden that they face. Budgetary shortfalls are not uncommon, and they are not sins. School committees have weathered these storms without having to close schools. In his humble opinion, this school committee has coveted

that building for years, and this financial crisis just now is only a convenient excuse to grab it. Horton's closure is not of necessity; it is of choice. By choosing to close Horton, the committee not only endangers their children's future but also they endanger the future of the Forest Hills neighborhood. Already he sees the for sale signs, and they are staying up much longer than before. Already he feels the sense of hopelessness, the sense of pain in the hearts of the people of Horton. A report recently revealed that the Rhode Island schools are in a state of crisis. They were developed in a by-gone era for a by-gone economy and they cannot meet the required demands of a new world; and they must be reformed. Unfunded federal mandates like the No Child Left Behind do not help this situation. School closings are not new, and they are not rare. A quick Google Search tells him at this moment that large numbers of schools all across America are being closed for budgetary reasons. States and cities are feeling the budgetary pain which started in Washington, DC and has trickled down to the people here and now. He asked what the priorities were of those that govern and what were the committee's priorities. He asked if it was the people. It should be noted that tonight marks the third anniversary of the Iraq War.

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This war has depleted the public funds and has cost the souls of more than 2,300 young people, \$9 trillion of public debt while the wealthy see tax cuts and a war is waged. Rising energy and health

care costs cripple the middle class while their incomes do not improve and sometimes fall back. He fears that our nation has come to the point where Eisenhower warned people back in 1961 when he coined the term “the military industrial complex.” People live in a nation whose priority is now to war and not to the people and most definitely not to its schools.

Councilwoman Cindy Fogarty, Ward 2 – Mrs. Fogarty congratulated all the students present and those who couldn’t be here who are recipients of the Scholastic Art Awards for 2006. Mrs. Fogarty asked to speak on Resolution No. 06-3-9. She asked the committee to either deny or table this resolution this evening. The budget process has been moved into the hands of the Mayor. The City Council hasn’t even had a chance to look at the Mayor’s proposals yet. It is not even close to being finalized. She told Mr. Arrujo that he is not a lonely voice in the dark. People have been fighting for weeks and expressing their feelings to the committee about the school. None of the committee members can imagine that closing the small neighborhood schools would be good for the City of Cranston. Most of the administrators and committee members have been involved in the school system for a long time, and they know that the quality of Cranston schools is a direct result of the nature of those schools. If they continue to shut them down, they will end up with a school system that is not the quality that is there now. She asked administration and the committee to reconsider this. They have been given different options to keep Horton open. Again, as a last resort,

she begged them to reconsider that, if they must close it, think of an attrition process. Just hold 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades next year. Use a piece of the building if they need to. She knows that administration wants to bring in some other students from special programs. This could be done while holding the other classes there. She asked them to contemplate this option. She presented it many times to the committee, and to date, she has heard no discussion regarding this. She asked the committee to deny this resolution this evening and to wait until a more opportune time when they know what their budget will be.

Susan Adler, 20 Riverfarm Road – She wished to speak on the closing of Horton School. She stated that this was a very sad moment for the parents and children of Horton. She asked for an extra moment for her remarks this evening. She realizes that part of her disappointment is in herself and how naive she has become in this whole process. She always felt that if one came to a public forum, spoke their mind, use their constitutional right of freedom of speech, one might get somewhere. But, after the last meeting when they were all together, she realized how wrong she was. She made note of some of the remarks that were made privately earlier. She told Mr. Lupino that while she disagreed with the fact that he wants to close Horton, she respected the fact that he has never lied to the parents; he has always been truthful and has never wavered. Even though the parents may be disappointed in what he is feeling, she thanked him because at least they knew where they stood. She was not going to

attack anyone personally. She was terribly disappointed at the last meeting because she had to ask some of the members to look her in the eye. Some she has e-mailed telling them what a sad day it was for Horton, and they didn't e-mail her back. She asked how they could take

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away that enthusiasm. When Channels 10 and 12 interviewed the parents, they asked them if there was any hope; there is always hope, but after Jackie White's remarks, she hoped everyone here was listening. This is a woman who knows what she is talking about on this particular issue. This is a similar situation when parents get divorced. She asked who would go with the mother and who would go with the father. The parents' fight will always be there as long as they have children and they are in this school; and they will fight hard for them. Everyone has a little bit of Superman complex in them. Put the cape on and fly. She asked them to become Superman tonight to get the guts like Jackie White had tonight and make the right decision and not close the school. It has disappointed her that at the last meeting there was more enthusiasm for a bike and more enthusiasm for hockey. She understands about sports, but there seemed to be more general enthusiasm, more warmth, and more eye contact for that one issue than having to once again hear the Horton parents. This is a serious matter. The administration and committee are talking about putting Special Services in the Horton building, moving

basically Sprague Avenue over to Orlando Avenue. Her daughter is in a self-contained special education class. She did not discuss with her daughter what was going into Horton, but, unfortunately, she heard through the rumor mill that Special Services was going there. She came home from school and told her mother that she takes speech and has an OT. She told her mother that she was special too and asked why she couldn't stay there. She asked the committee how she is supposed to explain this to a child. No one can guarantee her because of the fact that her daughter is one of two children at Horton in her self-contained class who is in district that she will go to either Woodridge or Stadium. She is not going with mother or father in the divorced family but rather she will be going with the distant cousin that nobody likes. It is not right to do this to children. She asked what the purpose of this is. She is personally disappointed in some members of the committee, some of whom whose children went to Horton. They should have the guts to stand up and say this is wrong. She is asking the committee to think about the children. The committee is saying it is dollars and cents, but where is the sense part. Their school is a very special school to all of the children. All of them deserve to be together; they don't deserve to be separated. The parents don't deserve it either. She understands there is a budget problem, and as the director of a social service agency, she is responsible for a quarter of a million dollar budget, and she has never gone over. The sad thing is that the committee will probably close the school, but the parents of Horton School won't be quiet; they will become the parents of Woodridge, Stadium, or God knows where

else. Her daughter may be on a bus for forty-five minutes going to Orchard Farms School. These parents will not be silenced, and that is the part that does not make her naive. She begged the committee to stand up and say this is wrong. Keep the school open. She commented further that she agrees with what some people have said on Save Horton. Blogg. This is where they have the constitutional right, and especially when women were allowed to vote. Their votes will make a difference when the committee is up for re-election. It saddens her that she has gotten to the part where she has hardened inside. Trust her, she won't be voting for some of the School Committee members, and that is a darn shame. Save Horton and become that Superman.

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Lori Stadelbauer, 39 Orlando Avenue – She stated to the committee that they plan on taking Horton and plan on putting in Special Services. She asked where the money was coming from to re-configure that building into offices because they are all big classrooms. She asked if this was already padded into the budget. She asked if the committee could explain where they were going to get it from. Mr. Lupino responded that the committee would be discussing it. Mrs. Stadelbauer indicated that it could cost up to the same amount to run Horton turning it into a Special Services building.

Mr. Lupino responded that he didn't say he didn't know but rather they wouldn't discuss it at this point in the meeting. He asked Mrs. Stadelbauer to keep in mind that the proposal to re-configure Horton School came from the administration, the same administration that runs the Cranston schools which is the best school system in the State. Mrs. Stadelbauer responded that the majority of the members approved it. Mr. Lupino stated that the committee approved a recommendation, and that recommendation comes from the Business Office, the Assistant Superintendent, the Superintendent, and the Business Manager knows where the dollars come from. They present it to the committee. That question will take place when the committee has their discussion on that motion. Mrs. Stadelbauer commented that it will be discussed after the committee decides whether or not to close Horton; it will be an after fact. If the committee votes to close Horton, they will close it and then say they found \$500,000 to re-configure. Mr. Lupino explained that there is a motion to approve, and it has to be seconded. There has to be discussion before the vote is taken. Mrs. Stadelbauer asked if the committee would have all that information before they choose to close Horton, and Mr. Lupino indicated that they would have it. Mrs. Stadelbauer then commented that the committee will know what it will cost to re-configure the building, and Mr. Lupino said that they would know, and it would be made public. Mrs. Stadelbauer distributed an invitation to the committee members, in the event the school closes, inviting them to come to the school to explain to the children why they are closing it and why in the fall other students will be going there. Her son

doesn't understand why they will put other kids in the school and have the money to do that. The media also has a copy of this invitation.

XII. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

Mr. Lupino indicated that Resolution No.'s 06-3-10, 06-3-11, 06-3-12, 06-3-14, 06-3-15, 06-3-16, 06-3-17, 06-3-18, 06-3-19, 06-3-21, 06-3-22, 06-3-24, 06-3-26, 06-3-27, and 06-3-28 would be placed under the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 06-3-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from termination, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's action.

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NO. 06-3-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as

substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Christine Solitro General Subject Matter

Sandra Barnes Elementary PK-6

Eileen Kushe Middle Science

Michael Marra Music, K-12

Susan Kolenda Art, PK-12

Jennifer Cast General Subject Matter

Odetta Ciancarelli General Subject Matter

Karen Caranci Elementary 1-6

Ricky Uth Physical Education, PK-12

Kathleen Allen Special Education, Elementary/Middle

Tracy Moran Elementary, 1-6

Nicole Reynolds Elementary, 1-6

NO. 06-3-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff members be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers’ Alliance:

Kathryn A. Flinn, Teacher

Elementary

Effective Dates: September 2006 to September 2007

Jennifer Hedberg, Teacher

Special Services

Effective Dates: September 2006 to September 2007

Maureen Glass, Speech Pathologist

Special Services

Effective Dates: March 2006 to September 2006

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NO. 06-3-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Robert Snow, Principal

Eden Park School

Effective Date: June 30, 2006

NO. 06-3-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be reappointed as athletic coaches:

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Howard Chun Head Girls' Lacrosse

James Dionizio Assistant Baseball

Robert Labanca Head Girls' Outdoor Track

Ronald Lee Head Boys' Volleyball

Andrew Marcaccio Head Boys' Freshman Baseball

Erin Miga Assistant Boys' Volleyball

John Palumbo Head Coed Golf

Richard Perrotta Head Boys' Tennis

Michael Rachiele Head Girls' Softball

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST

Sheila Lagasse Head Girls' Outdoor Track

Gina Bailey Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track

Claire Baggesen Head Boys' Volleyball

James Lucas Assistant Boys' Tennis

Robert Malo Head Freshman Baseball

Steven Matzner Head Boys' Tennis

Michael Soscia Head Girls' Lacrosse

BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Rhonda Asprinio Head Girls' Fastpitch Softball

Robert Manning Head Baseball

PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stephen Faccenda Head Coed Outdoor Track

Donald Grohman Head Girls' Fastpitch Softball

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dina Cesana Head Coed Outdoor Track

Joseph Splendorio Head Baseball

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CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Carl Bishop Head Boys' Outdoor Track

Robert Bouchard Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track

Michael Cantone Head Baseball

Michael Crudale Assistant Girls' Outdoor Track

Brian Flinn Assistant Girls' Fastpitch Softball

Michael Rachiele Head Girls' Fastpitch Softball

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST

Charles Jones Head Baseball

Ronald LaRocca Assistant Baseball

NO. 06-3-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Chris Luppe, Head Girls' Fastpitch Softball, Cranston High School West

Step – 4

Class – B

Playing Competition – None

Experience – Head Coach Fastpitch Softball, Westerly

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CRP/First Aid Certified

Kendrick Whittle, Assistant Girls' Fastpitch Softball, Cranston High School West

Step – 1

Class – C

Playing Competition – None

Experience – None

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CRP/First Aid Certified

Christopher Sullivan, Head Coed Golf, Cranston High School West

Step – 4

Class – B

Playing Experience – Recreational Golfer

Experience – Assistant Coach Coed Golf, Cranston High School West, two years

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Charles Pearson, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse, Cranston High School West

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Experience – None

Experience – Former Cranston High School West Soccer Coach

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CRP/First Aid Certified

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Scott Maynard, Assistant Girls' Lacrosse, Cranston High School East

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Experience – Plays Recreationally

Experience – Former Cranston High School East Soccer Coach

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CRP/First Aid Certified

David Barr, Head Boys' Outdoor Track

Cranston High School West

Step – 3

Class – B

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Head Coach Cranston High School West Boys' Indoor Track

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Steven Hallas, Assistant Coed Golf

Cranston High School West

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Club Pro

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Michelle Dunphy, Head Coed Track

Bain Middle School

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Experience – High School

Experience – Volunteer Outdoor Track Western Hills Middle School

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid

Certified

Victor Caldarone, Head Baseball

Park View Middle School

Step – 4

Class – D

Playing Experience – High School

Experience – Cranston National Little League

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid
Certified**

Carmine Giarrusso, Head Girls' Fastpitch Softball

Western Hills Middle School

Step – 3

Class – D

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Playing Experience – None

Experience – Volunteer Johnston Girls' Fastpitch

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid
Certified**

**NO. 06-3-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the resignations of the following coaches be
accepted:**

Jason Cerro, Junior Varsity Football

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: January 29, 2006

Christopher Sullivan, Assistant Coed Golf

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: February 10, 2006

Richard J. Perrotta, Head Girls' Basketball

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: March 31, 2006

Jason Daniels, Assistant Boys Outdoor Track

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: February 15, 2006

NO. 06-3-18 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Fernando Taveras, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Appointment: February 15, 2006

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Aldo Ricaldy, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Appointment: February 15, 2006

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Kathleen Trigo, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Appointment: February 13, 2006

Fiscal Note: 31747179 511000

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Dawn McGowan, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Appointment: February 7, 2006

Fiscal Note: 31347179 511000

James Corio, Custodian

Woodridge School

Effective Date of Appointment: March 21, 2006

Fiscal Note: 12147481 518200

Vladimir Arevalo, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Appointment: February 15, 2006

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Donna Davis, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Appointment: March 14, 2006

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

NO. 06-3-19 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Roberto Julio, Custodian

Plant

Effective Date: February 20, 2006

Sharon Cavanaugh, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: March 3, 2006

Gordon Cleverly, Custodian

Plant

Effective Date: March 31, 2006

NO. 06-3-21 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee B be accepted.

GRANTS

NO. 06-3-22 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to the Rhode Island Department of Education, the following grant:

Enhancing Education through Technology, Model Classroom Initiative \$87,000

NO. 06-3-24 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Printed Forms in the amount of \$4,997.42

Number of bids issued 12

Number of bids received 4

Subscriptions in the amount of \$5,997.41

Number of bids issued 3

Number of bids received 3

Copy Paper in the amount of \$51,645.83

Number of bids issued 10

Number of bids received 5

Photocopy Supplies in the amount of \$66,964.18

Number of bids issued 28

Number of bids received 9

NO. 06-3-26 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Field Trips of Long Duration and Conferences be authorized:

Lynda Wagner, Principal/Director of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and two supervising teachers, Richard Abruzzini and Janis McGuirl, and twenty-seven

students to travel to Dallas, Texas to attend an compete in the DECA International Center Development Competition from April 28, 2006 to May 3, 2006.

Joanne Kohm, Title 1 teacher at Horton School, Christine E. Cannon, Literacy teacher at Cranston High School East, and Dolores F. Smith, teacher at Cranston High School

East, to travel to Chicago, Illinois to attend the International Reading Association Conference from April 30, 2006 to May 4, 2006.

Judith Lundsten, Principal of Oak Lawn School, to travel to San Antonio, Texas to attend the National Association of Elementary School Principals National Conference from March 28, 2006 to April 2, 2006.

Norma Cole, Principal of Garden City School, to travel to Kansas City, Missouri to attend the National SEA Conference on SLD Determination from April 19, 2006 to April 21, 2006.

Diana Petrosinelli, English teacher and 2005-2006 Administrative Intern from Cranston High School East, to travel to Washington, DC to attend the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference from May 15, 2006 to May 19, 2006.

Michael Marrocco, Director of School Lunch, to travel to Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Tyson University Product Sales Training at the Tyson Management Development Center from March 29, 2006 to April 1, 2006.

NO. 06-3-27 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the adoption of physics textbook, Physics Algebra/Trig Third Edition, Copyright date 2003, published by Brooke Cole-Thompson Learning, be approved.

NO. 06-3-28 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 5140.2, student policy for Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and No. 2520, administration policy for Automated External Defibrillator (AED), be approved for first reading.

Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously carried that these Resolutions be adopted.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 06-3-6 - Whereas, talented art students in grades 7 through 12 in middle, junior and senior high schools of Rhode Island had an opportunity to win recognition for themselves and their school by participating in The Scholastic Art Awards of 2006, and

Whereas, this competition is sponsored regionally by the Providence Journal, in cooperation with the Rhode Island Art Education Association and conducted nationally by The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and

Whereas, approximately 125 Silver Keys have been awarded for outstanding work on the regional level, and 75 Gold Key finalists have been selected and will be forwarded to New York City for the national competition where they will compete with finalists from over sixty other regions across the United States, and

Whereas, five entries have been selected as the outstanding entries to be given the American Vision Award. One of these nominees will be selected to receive the American Vision Award

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of \$100 by the national judges, and Melissa Sternberg and Sara Moore, both students at Park View Middle School are two of the recipients, and

Whereas, students in Cranston Public Schools earned eleven Gold Key Awards, twenty-six Silver Key Awards, one Photography Portfolio Nomination, two American Vision Awards, and Park View students garnered the highest number of awards in this statewide competition,

Be it RESOLVED that these talented artists be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for their outstanding accomplishments, and

Be it further RESOLVED that they be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Michael Anderson, Silver Key in Drawing

Josh Burgoyne, Silver Key in Drawing
Leonardo DeLuzio, Silver Key in Drawing
Brandon Kirk, Silver Key in Drawing
Jared Lafond, Silver Key in Drawing
Sonia Sanchez, Silver Key in Drawing

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST

Ariana Colapietro, Silver Key in Apparel
Caitlin DesJarlais, Portfolio Nominee, Gold Key in Drawing, Silver Key in Drawing
Amanda Flamand, Silver Key in Drawing
Adrienne Gerard, Silver Key in Painting
Alexandra Haskins, Silver Key in Drawing
Benjamin Hines, Gold Key in Drawing
Kaitlin Malloy, Silver Key in Painting
Joseph Piccione, Silver Key in Jewelry Design

BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Panyia Moua, Silver Key in Printmaking
Gabby Corvese, Silver Key in Drawing

PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Nathanial Allen, Gold Key in Printmaking
Cassey Boughter, Gold Key in Sculpture
Daniel Deluzio, Silver Key in Drawing
Lisa Iozzi, Silver Key in Printmaking

Aneesha Jackson, Silver Key in Painting

Kristen Johnson, Gold Key in Painting

Briana Lindia, Gold Key in Mixed Media

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John McEvoy, Gold Key in Sculpture

Anna Meyers, Silver Key in Apparel Design

Sara Moore, Gold Key in Mixed Media, American Vision Award

Amberlee Perry-Gagne, Silver Key in Drawing

Melissa Sternberg, Gold Key in Printmaking, American Vision Award

Michael Rose, Gold Key in Drawing

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Megan Burlingame, Silver Key in Painting

Cory DeFilipo, Silver Key in Drawing

Megan Goyette, Silver Key in Painting

Brittney Huddleston, Silver Key in Product Design

Isabel MarcAurele, Silver Key in Painting

Alison Melillo, Silver Key in Mixed Media

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mrs. Greifer that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Traficante read the Resolution and presented it to the students. A photograph was taken. Mrs. Carolyn Peck, Art Program Supervisor,

conducted a Power Point presentation highlighting the award-winning art work.

SPONSORED BY MRS. GREIFER

NO. 06-3-7 – Whereas, Catherine M. Ciarlo has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the Cranston Public Schools for the last forty-six years, and

Whereas, she has provided outstanding leadership as Superintendent for the last nine years, and

Whereas, her expertise in the field of reading has resulted in the district's focus on literacy for all students,

Be it RESOLVED that the facility located at 205 Norwood Avenue be dedicated as the Cranston Alternate Education Program, Catherine M. Ciarlo Campus.

Moved by Mrs. Greifer and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Greifer thanked Mrs. Deb Salone for requesting that this Resolution be placed on the agenda. She is the Director of the Alternative Education Program. She wishes to honor Catherine Ciarlo, and Mrs. Greifer stated that she couldn't agree more.

Mr. Lupino stated that Mrs. Salone approached several committee members early on. He stated that he would support this Resolution. He indicated that it was not the place he would have chosen to honor Catherine, and not for any reason other than that the program may not

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be there for a very long time. There may be alternative education changes at that facility that may cease to exist at some point in time. He would support Mrs. Greifer in her motion. He would like the committee to name the library media center at Cranston High School East after Catherine Ciarlo, and he would endear any members that are still on the committee that when that project is completed that they so honor Catherine at that time. It is fitting that the committee honor her in this way and many other ways.

Mr. Stycos stated that the school department has a policy on dedicating buildings, and it calls for a committee that reviews these things. As far as he knows, they have not had a committee to do that.

Mr. Lupino responded that the policy states “a committee”, and the School Committee is certainly members of a committee. They did receive this in advance of voting on it this evening, so that would constitute a committee, and they are a committee. They can vote the way they like on this. Mr. Stycos stated that the policy says that schools may be dedicated to a political figure not active politically at the time of dedication. Frankly, Mrs. Greifer made reference to this at

one meeting, and there has been a lot of talk that Mrs. Ciarlo, after she retires, plans to run for the School Committee. Mrs. Ciarlo stated, “No way; she was cured.” Mr. Stycos asked Mrs. Ciarlo if she had absolutely no plans to run for the School Committee, and Mrs. Ciarlo responded, “Absolutely, none whatsoever.” Mr. Stycos commented that when the name of a school is changed the community should be involved, and the community hasn’t been involved in this decision. The Edgewood community has not been consulted, and it should be consulted. There is a process for a committee to do this type of thing, therefore, the proper thing to do would be to table this, form a committee and then that committee could come back to the School Committee.

There was no second to Mr. Stycos’s motion to table.

Mr. Traficante stated that he didn’t believe that the committee was naming a school. He believed it was going to remain the Norwood Avenue School. The committee is dedicating the campus of that school, and Mrs. Greifer responded that this was her intention. Mr. Traficante stated that the committee is well within its rights, according to policy.

Mrs. Greifer commented that the policy about naming a school refers to naming a new school; it is not a new school, and they would be designating it as a campus of the Alternative Education Program. She agreed with Mr. Lupino’s suggestion in naming the Library Media

Center, but why wait. Catherine may be in Virginia by the time the center is built.

Mrs. Ciarlo thanked the committee. She stated that it was an honor to name any facility, or any part of a program and especially since Mrs. Greifer mentioned reading, it is very near and dear to her heart. She thanked the committee for the honor and considered it a considerable one.

A photograph was taken.

This Resolution was adopted with Mr. Stycos opposed.

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SPONSORED BY MR. STYCOS

NO. 06-3-8 - RESOLVED, that policy No. 3172, Financial Impact Analysis, Collective Bargaining Agreements, be approved for first reading.

Moved by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Ms. Iannazzi that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Stycos stated that this Resolution was modeled after the ordinance that the City Council passed that was offered by Councilman Jeffrey Barone. The wording is a little different, but the

substance is exactly the same. He felt that this was very important for the committee to do. This has not always been done in the past. It was not done with the teachers' contract, and this is something that should be standard policy so that the committee knows what the money is and so that the public knows what the costs are and can tell the committee their opinions.

Mr. Lupino commented to Mr. Stycos that the policy states that the Superintendent shall present a financial impact analysis for each fiscal year of the proposed bargaining agreement prior to consideration. In a lot of cases, the committee does not know specifically what that is beyond the first year. They don't know how many retirements the district might get and how many teachers might leave the system. He asked Mr. Stycos if there was any way to quantify that to show that it would not necessarily be a definitive figure in years two or three.

Mr. Lupino offered a friendly amendment to quantify the policy that it is a projection. Mr. Stycos responded that any estimate of future costs is a projection. The words "financial impact analysis" are right out of the City Council ordinance. The difficulty of making financial projections is a constant, and what is important when making a projection is that the district would have to explain how the projection was made. The analysis can be questioned based on those assumptions. If one is just given a number that is not very helpful. The financial impact analysis is right out of the Council ordinance,

and that is why those words were chosen.

Mr. Lupino asked Mr. Piccirilli that if the committee approved it the way it stands could a future school committee be held accountable for a miscalculation in that situation. Mr. Piccirilli responded that a financial impact analysis is just an estimation of what the costs are going to be. When the committee negotiates contracts and comes to some type of resolution, he is sure that during the negotiations they try to have a handle on what the potential impact is going to be. He wouldn't expect it to be any more than that. It is just an analysis; it is not a definitive statement.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

SPONSORED BY MR. PALUMBO

NO. 06-3-9 – Whereas, the School Administration has determined that the John W. Horton School and the Special Services Center should be reconfigured as set forth in its plan as presented at the February 9, 2006 public hearing, and

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Whereas, the School Committee has approved its 2006-2007 school budget to reflect the changes in the school configuration as set forth in the School Administration's Plan,

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee hereby approves the School Administration's Plan to reconfigure the Horton School by eliminating the K-5 classes, creating two integrated pre-school classes, and two all-day Kindergarten classes, and creating office space for special education directors, coordinators, program supervisors, nursing supervisor, and central registration; and to reconfigure the Special Services Center to create two classrooms for behaviorally involved students, and offices for program supervisors; or such other similar configurations for said schools as the School Administration deems appropriate.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Archetto, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and carried that this Resolution be tabled to the April 10, 2006 School Committee meeting. Mr. Lupino was opposed.

No. 06-3-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Jean Larkin, Assistant Principal

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: July 30, 2006

**Debra Lynn-Abilheira, Teacher
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: January 26, 2007**

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mr. Traficante that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Lupino noted the additional name of Debra Lynn-Abilheira from the addendum to the agenda.

This Resolution was adopted with Mr. Archetto and Mr. Lupino abstaining.

NO. 06-3-20 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee A be accepted.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mrs. Greifer that this Resolution be adopted.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi, seconded by Mr. Archetto and unanimously carried that this Resolution be tabled to the April 10, 2006 School Committee meeting.

BUSINESS

NO. 06-3-23 - RESOLVED, that the second revision of the 2005-2006 budget be approved as recommended by the Superintendent.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mrs. Greifer that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Stycos referred to the \$450,000 surplus and asked Mr. Balducci to explain what is happening in this budget proposal. Mr. Balducci referred to the revenue page and indicated to the committee that they had used the prior year surplus, \$450,000, to balance this year's budget. The Mayor has proposed giving the school department approximately \$1.3 million, \$927,000 being the exercise he and Mr. Edge went through as part of the \$1 million equation. With the other \$450,000, the Mayor was asking the school district to put back \$450,000 into reserves, and he would give that to the school department as a part of the state aid that the City received. In total, the City is giving the school department \$1.377 million, and it is made up of a piece of the \$1 million that the school district has been going back and forth with city administration, and the balance of that is the \$450,000. The \$450,000 will be placed back in reserve to be used for future years, and the City's appropriation will increase by \$1.3 million.

Mr. Lupino commented that it was his impression as a member of the former School Committee that they had discussion on this actual surplus or reserve and that this be set up because of the volatility of the health care account. It is prudent financial responsibility to accomplish that. He was sure that Mr. Walsh would say that the \$450,000 is not enough, however, it is a start.

Mr. Stycos distributed a page from the audit. He indicated that there was a circled undesignated surplus of \$81,479, and he wanted to have a vote that this \$81,479, the surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, be put into reserve and not spent in fiscal year 2006 so that the district would have it for next year in addition to the \$450,000 that Mr. Balducci just identified.

Mr. Stycos moved to amend this Resolution that the \$81,479 should be set aside in reserve.

Mr. Archetto seconded the motion.

Mr. Balducci stated that Mr. Stycos was correct. At the conclusion of last year's audit, they did identify approximately \$81,000 that is available. He cautioned the committee that to make a decision this early because the district is just coming out of the winter months, and there are a few more months of health care costs. If at the end of the year, the district is able to complete the fiscal year in the black, he

would be making that recommendation to this board to place that additional money into a reserve; but he would not do it at this point.

Mr. Stycos remarked that what Mr. Balducci stated may be correct. If it is put in reserve for the coming fiscal year that makes the district tighten its belt a little bit more in the current fiscal

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year, and if down the line they have to change their minds, they can do that. It would be a statement by the committee that the next fiscal year is going to be worse than the current fiscal year. If the committee has a chance to put \$81,000 aside for next year to make things a little more manageable, they should do that. Obviously, if there is some kind of catastrophe, the committee can put the \$81,000 back if they so choose. Mr. Lupino commented that as it stands right now the committee has that option; if they adhere to Mr. Stycos's amendment, they would not have it. They would be voting to put it aside and not use it in this current year. Mr. Stycos interjected and said that it could be if it was voted otherwise. Mr. Archetto added that the committee can vote to reconsider it. They can take it back if they need to. Ms. Iannazzi suggested that Mr. Archetto offer a friendly amendment to Mr. Stycos's amendment.

Mr. Lupino requested that Mr. Stycos restate his amendment. Mr. Stycos stated that his amendment is to take the \$81,479 in

undesignated surplus from fiscal year June 30, 2005 and set that aside in reserve for the budget that begins July 1, 2006.

Mr. Lupino asked Mr. Balducci if the district has those funds and if they were encumbered somewhere. Mr. Balducci responded that they are not encumbered. It is unreserved, and it is equity that is built up of \$81,000. Mr. Lupino indicated to Mr. Balducci that it was his recommendation not to do it at this time as the Business Manager. Mr. Balducci indicated that Mr. Lupino was correct. Mr. Lupino commented that he agreed with Mr. Balducci.

Mrs. Greifer stated that she was in favor of setting this money aside but not at this time. It has always been her belief that these kinds of adjustments are made at the end of the year and not in the middle of the year. She would be in favor of this unequivocally in June.

Mr. Traficante asked Mr. Balducci if there were two more budget revisions, and Mr. Balducci said that there would be a minimum of two and possibly three depending on where the district is at the end of the year. They would be done in May, June, and possibly July or it may be just May and July. Mr. Traficante asked Mr. Balducci if the committee could have his assurances that this money will remain undesignated, and if he has to use it, he would come before this committee to get that permission in the budget revision. Mr. Balducci responded that there is a revenue page, and if that money is needed, the committee would see it as a revenue source in one of the future

budget revisions before they end the fiscal year.

Mr. Archetto commented that Mr. Stycos would like to take \$81,000 and remove it from this year's budget and keep it for next year's budget. Mr. Balducci said that it was not a wise thing to do. He asked why this couldn't be kept for this year's budget but keep it in some type of rainy day fund or slush fund not to be used. Mr. Lupino interjected that this is what Mr. Balducci alluded to. He would only move those funds with permission and a vote of the School Committee. Mr. Archetto asked if Mr. Stycos accepts that answer. Mr. Stycos responded that what happens historically is that if there is money to be spent, it gets spent. That is natural to do. If at the end of the year there are different administrators coming in to the Superintendent asking for those things they haven't been able to purchase all year, and they are good things;

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but the money gets spent. It is brought to the committee in a budget revision, and the committee never gets to decide if they think it should be spent on those things. His main concern is that the district should have a little more money for next year because it is going to be a really bad year. He wants to have some committee control over that money.

Mr. Scherza stated that on the sheet that Mr. Stycos passed out the

fund balances are designated. Fund balances cannot be re-appropriated without the designation of this committee. It would take committee action in order for administration to use it.

Mrs. Ciarlo left the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Mr. Stycos agreed that it would take committee action, but the committee is presented with this very complex document; and everything is already appropriated. The committee never gets a situation where the administration comes to them and asks them what to do with \$80,000. Instead, they indicate that they are adding \$80,000 to the revenue side of the budget and they had to put it over here. That is what will happen to this \$80,000 this year, and they won't have it for next year. Next year is going to be awful as a budget, and if the committee has a chance to put \$80,000 aside, they ought to do it.

This Amendment was adopted with Mr. Lupino and Mr. Traficante opposed.

Mr. Stycos distributed to the committee a memo from Mr. Laliberte that was sent after the current budget was passed indicating that there would be \$12,000 in tuition payments that were obviously not budgeted because the memo came after the budget passed. Mr. Stycos asked if this was approximately correct today, and Mr. Laliberte responded that he did not know what was collected thus far.

There weren't as many students or parents desiring to put their children in that program. He advertised earlier this year, and the advertisements are out now. He hoped to fill both sessions.

Mr. Stycos moved to amend that the money realized from these tuition payments, up to \$12,000, be allocated to the two high schools for music, art, and drama programs and that they be allocated equally, half to East and half to West, and that the principal be in charge of deciding how that money is spent in the music, art, and drama areas.

Mr. Traficante seconded the motion for discussion.

Mr. Stycos commented that the reason he is stating that it should be up to the principal is that there is a very good drama program at West, and the woman who is running the East program is out on leave, so their program is on hold. He imagined that there are other differences between East and West when it comes to music and art. Rather than designate a certain amount to each one, he thought that the principal should be given the flexibility of putting the money where the programs most need it.

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Mrs. Greifer stated that she is all in favor of giving money to these

programs, however, she is mindful that the budget this year is over \$4 million less than requested. Even though \$12,000 doesn't sound like much, she is concerned that as they get closer and closer to July 1st, they will start finding out that they are so tight, that she wouldn't want to start designating these monies now but rather wait until they get a little closer to the end of the fiscal year and have a better understanding of how tight the budget is. If it isn't too bad in June, they could come back for reconsideration.

This Amendment failed with Ms. Iannazzi, Mrs. Greifer, Mr. Lupino, and Mr. Traficante opposed. Mr. Archetto and Mr. Stycos were in favor.

Mr. Stycos moved that the committee put the money realized from tuition payments into the same reserve account with the \$81,000.

Ms. Iannazzi seconded the motion.

This Amendment was adopted with Mr. Lupino and Mr. Traficante opposed. Mr. Archetto, Mrs. Greifer, Ms. Iannazzi, and Mr. Stycos were in favor.

This Resolution as amended twice was adopted unanimously.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 06-3-25 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the 2006-2007 School Calendar be adopted.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi and seconded by Mrs. Greifer that this Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Stycos mentioned the idea of a two-week Christmas break in order to save on energy costs. He asked administration to comment on this idea. He indicated that some years, depending on where Christmas and New Years falls, some years do have a two-week break. This year in the calendar it is only a one-week break. He is inclined to make a motion to have a two-week break at Christmas and extend the year out five days in June.

Mr. Scherza commented that the calendar is developed by the State Association of School Superintendents to try to make a common calendar with minor variances. With regard to the energy savings for one week at the mid year, the district wouldn't be able to shut down completely. They would still have to heat the buildings; there would still be some staff in there other than teachers and students. The district would not realize a full shutdown savings. In addition, the proposed calendar has the students attending school until June 19th. If they were to close an additional week, it would put them up to June 26th, and if there were any snow days, they would be going into July. By state statute, the 180 days of school must be completed by June 30th. As it is, it is going to be tight.

Mr. Stycos agreed that they wouldn't get the full energy shutdown as if they were shutting off everything, but they would save something. He is worried about the finances next year. If they did extend the week at Christmas, they would still have room for three snow days in June. Mr. Scherza commented that if they had more than that, which some years they do although they haven't this year or last year, that would take them into real warm and uncomfortable weather. That also impacts their ability to clean buildings and to do repairs and projects during the summer to get ready for the following year. It really cuts the time frame down. As it is they are going fairly late.

Mr. Lupino commented to Mr. Stycos that he would be particularly concerned about the Cranston East project that will be taking place and any of the other projects. The district is under a very tight schedule with a lot of these projects. Schools close one day, and they move equipment in the very next day. These contractors have other projects. The district pays a premium on some of these projects because of the time frame, but there is nothing else they can do. He would not want to do anything that would jeopardize those time frames.

Ms. Iannazzi noted that this year the committee had to amend the calendar because there was a problem with the January 2nd holiday.

She asked if it would be a problem with this calendar. Mr. Scherza responded that it has been taken into account, and noted that the calendar has to be amended every time there is a snow day. The district has to obtain approval from the RI Department of Education.

Mrs. Greifer stated that she believed one of the reasons all the districts try to coordinate their calendars is because not all Cranston teachers live in Cranston. If they are out, their children may not be; and it becomes a child care issue for teachers in the various communities if the communities don't have approximately the same schedule.

Mr. Scherza added that it is also a child care issue for many parents who work because not everyone has two weeks off at Christmas. The district could look to get a savings in energy, and he agreed with Mr. Stycos that they should try to get all the savings they can. However, at the same time, one of the benefits to having a common schedule is that if they all close down at the same time. The special education facilities and out-of-district busing also shut down at approximately the same time. If they are out of sync with that and the Cranston schools are closed, it may be additional days for out-of-district and special needs busing for those students who don't have the common schedule.

Mr. Stycos stated that he wouldn't propose it as an amendment. He asked that in the future when the superintendents meet Mr. Scherza

should try to convince the others to try to do some kind of extension for saving energy. Mr. Scherza responded to Mr. Stycos that his point was well taken.

Mr. Lupino referred to the staggered opening of school for grades 6 and grade 9, and Mr. Scherza commented that he didn't think they were going to be able to accomplish it. The

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district was informed at the beginning of the year by the Commissioner's office that the current school year was the last year to have a staggered opening. Approximately two weeks ago he received a memorandum, and the State Department of Education is changing it. As long as it is a full day of school for 6th and 9th graders, they will allow it. This is a reversal on their part that the district was unaware of. Mr. Lupino added that he felt the district should be allowed to do this.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

XIII. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

Motion to reconsider Resolution No. 06-2-16 to change coaching assignment for Brian Flinn from Cranston High School West to

Cranston High School East.

Moved by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Ms. Iannazzi that this Resolution be reconsidered.

Mr. Lupino explained that this was an oversight. The assignment should have read Cranston East, and inadvertently the committee approved Cranston West as the assignment.

This reconsideration was adopted unanimously.

XIV. New Business

Mr. Stycos requested that at the April 5th work session the committee discuss outside rentals of gyms and the possibility of making some money. During one of the budget work sessions, Mr. Zisseron had commented that he would not rent to out-of-town people. Mr. Lupino indicated that he thought Mr. Zisseron had commented that he would not rent to for-profit organizations. Mr. Stycos responded that he would like to explore the possibility with Mr. Zisseron with the possibility of raising some revenue by renting gyms.

Mr. Stycos referred to the 2006-2007 budget that was passed at the last School Committee meeting. He requested that administration provide the committee with a list of what numbers were changed as a

result of the amendments that were made and where those changes were made. There was the hockey team, the teacher aides, and the outside rentals. He asked administration to tell the committee how those changes were made in the budget. He was asking for this because he had made an amendment that he thought was very specific. He wanted the outside rentals as a separate line item in revenues and a separate line item in expenses. When he looked at the budget, it was neither there as a separate line item in revenues nor expenses. The committee did pass an amendment regarding energy conservation which he knows didn't change any numbers in the budget, but that was an amendment to the budget and should be in the budget. He didn't see that either. He

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requested that those numbers be put forward, and if there were any corrections to be made based on the amendments that were passed at that meeting, that those corrections be made.

Mr. Lupino indicated to Mr. Laliberte that he recently read that a new appropriation was recently passed in the House and the Senate for \$30 million for IDEA. He asked Mr. Laliberte to prepare a small notation about this and how it might affect the district. \$30 million does not sound like a lot of money to be spent throughout the nation.

XV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

David Shein, 173 Norwood Avenue – He stated that he wished to speak on Resolution No. 06-3-7. It was discussed that it was going to be named after a campus and not after a school. He was concerned about the precedence that this would set in the future when he thinks of a school, when he steps off a sidewalk and steps on the green of the grass before stepping into the school, and he has the same image of a campus that it is basically synonymous. Mr. Lupino asked Mr. Shein to keep in mind that a big sign won't be erected outside that says "Catherine Ciarlo School". It is still the Norwood Avenue School, and the function of the school is the Alternative Education Program. He assumed that there would be a small plaque inside that says this has been dedicated on such a date as the Catherine Ciarlo Campus. Mr. Shein stated that his concern was for the future. It appears that it is settled for today, but asked for the future if there would be a difference between a campus and a school. This should be addressed. He further indicated that today Mrs. Ciarlo indicated that she was not running. It was his understanding prior to announcing that she was running for office. If that were to happen, it would appear that city monies would be used to endorse someone who is running for a citywide office which he felt should be of concern to every taxpayer in Cranston.

Mr. Lupino commented that he didn't think it would be any different if

there was someone who was Chester Barrows III who now ran for the School Committee and the school is named after him. There are people who have common names. The way he reads the resolution it says someone who is actively at the time it is named a political figure.

This doesn't say at some point in the future or some point in the past. Mr. Shein commented that if it was someone who was actively considering it, and the people who voted for that knew that, at some point in the future there might be some taxpayer who would want to bring suit which would cost the city even more money saying that the city was endorsing that candidate. It now appears to be an issue that is moot at this point.

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

Mr. Lupino announced that the next meeting is a work session that will be held on Wednesday, April 5th. April 10th is the next regular School Committee meeting. The first meeting before the Finance Committee is tentatively set for April 6th. Due to some conflicts, the committee is trying to negotiate a change on this date. It will be published in the newspaper by then.

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XVII. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Archetto and unanimously

carried that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony J. Lupino

Clerk

BUSINESS 3172

FINANCIAL IMPACT ANALYSIS / COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Whenever a collective bargaining agreement or other employee wage and benefit agreement is proposed, the Superintendent shall present a financial impact analysis for each fiscal year of the proposed bargaining agreement prior to consideration and vote for ratification.

The impact analysis and terms of the agreement must be made public consistent with the terms of postings of public meetings at least 72 hours prior to a vote for ratification.

Policy Adopted: CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resolution No. CRANSTON, RI

ADMINISTRATION 2520(a)

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To provide guidance in the management and administration of a workplace AED program for the Cranston Public Schools. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a condition that occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing disturbance in the heart's electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). This erratic and ineffective electrical heart rhythm causes complete cessation of the heart's normal function of pumping blood resulting in sudden death. The most effective treatment for this condition is

the administration of an electrical current to the heart by a defibrillator delivered within a short time of the onset of VF. An AED is used to treat victims who experience SCA. It is only to be applied to victims, who are unconscious, without pulse, signs of circulation and normal breathing. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

Accordingly, Cranston Public Schools has adopted this policy to assist trained lay rescuers to be better prepared in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest situation.

SYSTEM OWNER:

Cranston Public Schools

To assist all employees in understanding the requirements of the Policy, a Program Coordinator has been designated to answer any questions that may arise concerning the AED Policy.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:**

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 Understanding and complying with requirements of this policy.

EQUIPMENT:

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) AED that is easy to use such as but not limited to:

Cardiac Science Phillips Medical Systems/Heartstream

Corporate Headquarters 3000 Minuteman Road

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LOCATION OF AEDs:

 Schools and school department buildings

ADDITIONAL RESCUITATION EQUIPMENT:

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TRAINING:

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Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Policy

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

To provide guidance in the management and administration of a workplace AED program for the Cranston Public Schools. Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a condition that occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing disturbance in the heart's electrical rhythm called ventricular fibrillation (VF). This erratic and ineffective electrical heart rhythm causes complete cessation of the heart's normal function of pumping blood resulting in sudden death. The most effective treatment for this condition is the administration of an electrical current to the heart by a defibrillator delivered within a short time of the onset of VF. An AED is used to treat victims who experience SCA. It is only to be applied to victims, who are unconscious, without pulse, signs of circulation and normal breathing. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

Accordingly, Cranston Public Schools has adopted this policy to assist trained lay rescuers to be better prepared in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest situation.

SYSTEM OWNER:

Cranston Public Schools

To assist all employees in understanding the requirements of the Policy, a Program Coordinator has been designated to answer any questions that may arise concerning the AED Policy.

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