

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 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 (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Mrs. Greifer, Ms. Iannazzi (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Stycos, Mr. Traficante, and Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway. Also present were Mr. Scherza, Mr. Nero, Mr. Votto, Mr. Balducci, Mrs. Lundsten, and Mr. Laliberte.

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Lombardi and unanimously carried that the members adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation.

Chairman Traficante reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The roll was called and the Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

There was a moment of silence in memory of Petty Officer Ronald Gill, Jr., a member of the United States Coast Guard, who passed away in a tragic accident on March 25th. Petty Officer Gill was a graduate of Cranston High School West.

I. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – April 9, 2007

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and unanimously carried that the April 9, 2007 Executive Session minutes remain confidential.

II. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – March 14, 2007; March 19, 2007; March 22, 2007

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi, seconded by Mr. Lombardi and unanimously carried that the minutes of March 14, 2007, March 19, 2007, and March 22, 2007 be approved.

III. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

1. Scholastic Art Award Recipients

Mrs. Carolyn Peck, Art Program Supervisor, presented a power point presentation for the Scholastic Art Award recipients for this year. Mr. Traficante commented that it was quite obvious from the presentation that the district has many artistically talented students. He thanked Mrs. Peck and her staff for promoting that talent. He thanked her for a job well done.

IV. Chairperson Communications

Mr. Traficante encouraged everyone to be present at Cranston East auditorium at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Cranston School Committee will present the adopted school budget to the Cranston City Council and to the City Administration. He thanked Superintendent Scherza and his entire staff and School Committee member Donna Tocco-Greenaway for all the work they put into the presentation of that particular budget for tomorrow night.

Mr. Traficante further commented that for the first time in a long time the committee took the budget show on the road at a variety of PTG and PTO meetings. It was very successful. He again thanked Superintendent Scherza, Assistant Superintendent Peter Nero, School Committee members Frank Lombardi and Deb Greifer for assisting him in those presentations.

V. Superintendent Communications

Superintendent Scherza echoed Chairman Traficante's comments regarding the importance of being at the presentation to the City Council tomorrow evening at Cranston East at 7:00 p.m.

VI. School Committee Member Communications

Mrs. Greifer mentioned that for Resolution No. 07-4-17, the grant applications this month totaled of \$306,487.00 in grant applications.

VII. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

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

Chris Haskins, Principal, Glen Hills School – He wished to speak on Resolution No. 07-4-1. He stated that he was proud that Cranston Public Schools has chosen to acknowledge Mrs. Driscoll for her efforts in achieving National Board Certification. Moreover, he was pleased to describe a true teacher, leader, and child advocate. For

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the past four years, he has served as principal of Glen Hills School.

At the end his first year as principal, he was asked if Glen Hills School could accommodate two pre-school special education classrooms, and he immediately said yes. Although he understood that this opportunity would be more work for himself and others in his school, he also knew that schools who receive special education students, especially in the self-contained program, also receive a tremendous benefit. Non-disabled students learn the important life lessons of empathy and tolerance when they work with students who have special needs. Attached to these pre-school programs were two teachers of high caliber, one of whom is Mrs. Julie Driscoll. Julie arrived at Glen Hills School as an advocate for their youngest and neediest students. She immediately sought opportunities for these students to interact with non-disabled peers. Knowing relatively little about early childhood special education, he relied heavily on Julie's expertise. Since her decision making is based on research and student advocacy, they were able to guide decisions that served those neediest students well. Julie Driscoll is a highly valued member of the Glen Hills faculty because she actively seeks opportunities to help students improve. This year Mrs. Driscoll made the move to regular education where she currently teaches the Kindergarten class. Her knowledge and expertise about early childhood and special education allows Glen Hills School to provide inclusion opportunities for Kindergarten aged pre-school students who need and deserve peer models but do not have opportunities to integrate because they are in self-contained classrooms made up entirely of students with special needs. With

Mrs. Driscoll's support, many of these students who are Kindergarten age are now able to spend a portion of their day in the regular education classroom. These students benefit by learning from their peer models the behaviors and dispositions necessary for success in less restrictive environments. Additionally, Mrs. Driscoll is a member of the Glen Hills School Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Leadership Team. Representing the early childhood and special education, Mrs. Driscoll helps plan and support practices and procedures that allow all students in our school to experience success regardless of academic or behavioral challenges. There are many good teachers in Cranston Public Schools; it is the great teacher who works beyond the four walls of the classroom to help all students achieve. He was pleased to congratulate Julie Driscoll who is a great teacher.

VIII. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda

Mr. Traficante stated that the following resolutions were under the consent agenda:

Resolution No.'s 07-4-5, 07-4-6, 07-4-7, 07-4-8, 07-4-9, 07-4-10, 07-4-11, 07-4-12 with addendum, 07-4-13, 07-4-14 with addendum, 07-4-17, 07-4-19 with addendum, and 07-4-23.

SPONSORED BY MR. ARCHETTO

NO. 07-4-5 – RESOLVED, that all School Committee members receive

photo identification cards forwarded by the school department. The photo identification cards

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will have a picture of each member, the name of each member, the address of each member, and the ward the member represents.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 07-4-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Lee Marcello General Subject Matter

Wennzdehl Powell General Subject Matter

**Stefanie Blais Early Childhood/Special Education
Elementary/Middle**

Janice Gomes Art, PK-12

Sarah Watterson ESL Elementary

Tara Barone Early Childhood (PK-2)

Ilana Feinberg Elementary

Dacia Nelson Elementary/Middle Special Education

Christina Ash Elementary

NO. 07-4-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member 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:

John A. Palumbo, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: August 2007 to September 2008

Magdalene Bochner, Teacher

Guidance

March 28, 2007 to June 30, 2007

NO. 07-4-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section F of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers’ Alliance:

Dena Chamberland, Teacher

Reading

Effective Dates: August 2007 to September 2008

NO. 07-4-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Debra Messenger

Occupational Therapist

Effective Date: April 27, 2007

NO. 07-4-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Keith Medbury, Head Baseball, Bain Middle School

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Babe Ruth League

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Danielle Bishop, Head Fastpitch Softball, Bain Middle School

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – West Warwick

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Eric Washburn, Assistant Boys' Volleyball, Cranston High School East

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Volunteer, Cranston High School East Program

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certification

Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Jason Hogan, Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: March 21, 2007

NO. 07-4-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed:

Calvin Bridges, Behavioral Technical Assistant

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: April 23, 2007

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11532032 510500 (50%) / 14347542 519500 (50%)²

Gia Garzone, Behavioral Technician

Horton School

Effective Date of Employment: April 2, 2007

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347542 519500

NO. 07-4-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARY

Susan Dubuque

BUS DRIVER

Keicia McCarthy

NO. 07-4-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Lori Paolantonio, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

Jennifer M. McCarthy, Phlebotomy

Alternated Education Program

Effective Date: March 13, 2007

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Joyce Gaulin, Technical Assistant

Cranston Area Career & Technical Center

Effective Date: April 1, 2007

Raymond Corsetti, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date: April 9, 2007

NO. 07-4-17 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit the following grants:

Rhode Island Foundation

**Supporting Data Decision Making for Strategic Planning \$ 5,000
Across the Educational Community – Bain Middle School,
Park View Middle School, and Western Hills Middle School**

GOPHER Extreme Room Make Over

Extreme Equipment Room Make Over – Bain Middle School \$ 25,000

Tommy Hilfiger Foundation

**Schools Highlight Autism Partnership and Early Education \$ 19,987
(SHAPE)**

Early Childhood Center

Rhode Island Department of Education

**Enhancing Education Through Technology – MCG (The \$256,000
Model Classroom Grant)**

**Cranston High School East, Cranston High School West,
and the New England Laborers’/Cranston Public Schools’**

Charter School

Rhode Island Educators' Media Association (RIEMA)

Building a Bridge to First Grade \$ 500

NO. 07-4-19- - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Custodial Supplies in the amount of \$74,573.20

Number of bids issued 45

Number of bids received 16

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Medical/Dental Supplies in the amount of \$8,524.51

Number of bids issued 18

Number of bids received 11

NO. 07-4-23 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

Mary Susan Mulligan, Principal of W. R. Dutemple School, to travel to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from May 13, 2007 to May 16, 2007 to attend the International Reading Association Conference.

Mary Ann Casale, Principal of Garden City School and Carolyn Frey, teacher at Garden City School, to travel to Hyannis, Massachusetts, from May 2, 2007 to May 4, 2007 to attend the “Turning Around Schools and School Systems” Conference.

Karen Verrengia, Energy Manager, to travel to Schaumburg, Illinois from June 25, 2007 to June 27, 2007 to attend a “Summer 2007 Seminar” on energy education and requirement.

James Dillon, Director of Student Information Services, to travel to Atlanta, Georgia from June 24, 2007 to June 27, 2007 to attend the “National Conference on Educational Technology.

Kathleen Magiera, HIPPA Director, to travel to Washington, DC from May 9, 2007 to May 11, 2007 to attend the “LEA Net National Conference” for latest information on Medicaid cuts.

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Ms. Iannazzi and unanimously carried that these Resolutions be adopted.

IX. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-1 - Whereas, Julie Driscoll has achieved National Board Certification, the highest standard for the teaching profession, and

Whereas, Julie Driscoll is one of 47 teachers in the State of Rhode Island and one of 7,800 teachers nationally who has earned the highest professional credential – National Board Certification – during the 2006-2007 school year; and

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Whereas, National Board Certification, a voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes almost a year to complete. Through the assessment process, teachers document their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning; and

Whereas, Julie Driscoll has been a member of the teaching profession in Cranston since 2001 where she has taught developmental pre-school and Kindergarten and prior to that she worked at the Trudeau Center, and

Whereas, Julie Driscoll is a member of the National Association of Education of Young Children and was a member of the team of Cranston educators who reviewed and implemented the Rhode Island

Early Learning Standards;

Be it RESOLVED that Julie Driscoll be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for her outstanding achievements, and

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

Moved by Mrs. Greifer, seconded by Mr. Archetto and unanimously carried that this Resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Greifer read the Resolution and presented it to Mrs. Driscoll. A photo was taken.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-2 - Whereas, sixty-six students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves at the 2007 Rhode Island State DECA Competition by winning sixty-one awards and, in the fifteen events in which the students were entered, they were awarded fifteen 1st Place, seven 2nd Place, and four 3rd Place finishes; and

Whereas, the overall winners are:

Kyle Marnane 1st Place Public Relations Project

Shayna Matzner 1st Place Public Relations Project

Samantha Pezza 1st Place Public Relations Project

Megan Allaire 1st Place Community Service Project

Tiffany Anderson 1st Place Community Service Project

Alisa Langley 1st Place Community Service Project

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Crystal Hidalgo 1st Place International Business Plan

Medgine Pierre-Louis 1st Place International Business Plan

Tonisha Pierre 1st Place International Business Plan

Audrey Burniston 1st Place Entrepreneurship Written

Cheri Melvin 1st Place Entrepreneurship Written

Mike Petrocelli 1st Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Sergio Orlando 1st Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Franchise

Morgan Patricio 1st Place E-Commerce Business Plan

Leigh Smith 1st Place E-Commerce Business Plan

Chad Cowan 1st Place General Marketing Research Event

Sherri Tallo 1st Place General Marketing Research Event

Kayla Ruhle 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research
Alex Freitas 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research
Ling Dang 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research

Brittany Dias 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event
Katie Champagne 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event
Paige Carson 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Donnie St. Angelo 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Veronica Morena 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Chelsea Kelvey 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Matthew Thomas 1st Place Creative Marketing Project

Chris O'Brien 1st Place Creative Marketing Project

Zach Okolowicz 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Breana Quinn 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Talia Sinapi 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Yadira Ramirez 1st Place Advertising Campaign

Gianna Vessella 1st Place Advertising Campaign

Jenn Keogh 1st Place Accounting Applications

Kellie Moore 2nd Place International Business Plan

Danielle Mott 2nd Place International Business Plan

Peter Stuckey 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

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Evan Lancia 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

Cory Nichols 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

**Mike Saccoccio 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research
Event**

**Brittney Deschenes 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research
Event**

Jaime Zuena 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

**Andrea DiMeglio 2nd Place Business and Financial Services
Research**

Alex Palumbo 2nd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Basirat Falomi 2nd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Shane Murphy 2nd Place General Marketing Research Event

Rob Esposito 2nd Place General Marketing Research Event

Jess Soccio 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Aleks Alekhina 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Kim Roberts 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Maritzabel Cuz 2nd Place Advertising Campaign

Randall Rivera 2nd Place Advertising Campaign

Alex Mendez 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Cassie Baker 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Written Event

Christine Passet 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Written Event

Jon Moffat 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Steve Larsson 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Omar Tazi 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Rob DelGallo 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Lorenzo Lonardo 3rd Place Advertising Campaign

Edwin Morales 3rd Place Advertising Campaign

Whereas, fifty-five students qualified from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center at Cranston High School West to represent the State of Rhode Island at the International DECA Competitions in Orlando, Florida, April 27, 2007 through May 2, 2007,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee extend its

congratulations to all of these students for their exceptional accomplishments, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to their teachers, Mr. Richard Abruzzini and Ms. Meaghan McGonagle, Mrs. Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and Mr. Steven Knowlton, Principal of Cranston High School West, and that they

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receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway, seconded by Mr. Archetto and unanimously carried that this Resolution be adopted.

Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway read the Resolution and presented it to Mr. Knowlton and Ms. Coutu. A photo was taken.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-3 – Whereas, on Sunday, March 11, 2007, twenty-two schools competed in the Academic DeCathlon at the CCRI Warwick Campus, and

Whereas, students who studied for this day began in the summer of 2006 until the day of the events, and

Whereas, this is a one-time opportunity for the winner to take all, in this instance an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii, and

Whereas, under the coaching direction of Christine Luther-Morris the Cranston High School West Academic Decathlon Team captured Second Place in the overall competition and Second Place in the Super Quiz, and

Whereas, the individual medal recipients are:

Dan Olson Top Scorer for the Team

Gold Medal – Speech

Gold Medal – Mathematics

Gold Medal – Interview

Silver Medal – Super Quiz

Matthew Cournoyer Bronze Medal – Mathematics

Nicole Carnevale Silver Medal – Essay

Bronze Medal – Speech

Bronze Medal – Interview

Silver Medal – Super Quiz

Alexander Gaines Bronze Medal – Essay

Gold Medal – Social Science

James D’Aloisio Silver Medal – Economics

Bronze Medal – Interview

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**Deven Blau and Silver Medal for Overall and Super Quiz as Part of
Joelle Harrington the Team**

Karam Habchi , Alternates

Terace Genest, and

Tho Phan

Matthew Palumbo

**Be it RESOLVED that these dedicated students and their coach be
congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for their
outstanding achievements, and**

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

**Moved by Mr. Archetto, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously
carried that this Resolution be adopted.**

Mr. Archetto read the Resolution and presented it to the students.

SPONSORED BY MR. LOMBARDI

NO. 07-4-4 – Whereas, forty-one students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center distinguished themselves by winning awards in the Rhode Island SkillsUSA Competitions presented at Rhodes on-the-Pawtuxet on Monday, March 26, 2007, and

Whereas, the group included eleven Bronze Medalists, twelve Silver Medalists, and eighteen Gold Medalists; and Sam Kashuk, a graphic arts student, was also recognized with the Skills USA Rhode Island Pin Design Award; and

Whereas, the Gold Medal winners will be eligible to compete in the National Skills Championships in Kansas City, Missouri June 24 to June 30, 2007; and

Whereas, the following students have distinguished themselves at the State level by finishing in the top of their respective competitions:

Student	Place	Contest
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Jennifer Gay	1st	Dental Assisting
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Mikayla Flynn	2nd	Health Knowledge Bowl
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Lauren Costa 2nd Health Knowledge Bowl

Michaela DelGallo 2nd Health Knowledge Bowl

Sokkorn Soun 2nd Health Knowledge Bowl

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Brandon Lozowski 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Sheryl Johnson 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Ian Cahir 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Linh Dang 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Sean Mattson 3rd Web Design

Serenna Boland 3rd Web Design

Tanya Wang 1st Robotics Workcell

Maria Briones 1st Robotics Workcell

Nicolas O'Connell 2nd Robotics Workcell

Jerred Jordan 2nd Robotics Workcell

Troy Beauparlant 3rd Robotics Workcell

Vincent Schuele 3rd Robotics Workcell

Haley Pezza 3rd Promotional Bulletin Board

Yhinan Izzo 3rd Promotional Bulletin Board

David Vendettuoli 1st Action Skills

Nick Catlow 2nd Action Skills

Kyle Kwasniewski 1st Prepared Speech

Darren Bathgate 1st Electronics Applications

Jordan Petit 3rd Computer Maintenance Technology

Melissa Martinelli 1st Job Skills Demonstration "A"

Joelle Koslowski 2nd Job Skills Demonstration "A"

Briana Rampino 1st Job Skills Demonstration "B"

Tiffany DellaVentura 2nd Job Skills Demonstration "B"

Amanda Beaudoin 2nd Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Amanda Johnson 3rd Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Nicholas Parrillo 3rd Cabinetmaking

Samantha Pezza 1st Extemporaneous Speaking

Olayemi Owojori 2nd Extemporaneous Speaking

Jillian Giarrusso 3rd Extemporaneous Speaking

James Moran 1st Food and Beverage Service

Devin Blau 1st Technical Math

Benjamin Hines 3rd Technical Math

Caitlin Farrar 1st Customer Service

Azim Celik 2nd Customer Service

Erika Sgambato 1st Job Interview

Sam Kashuk 1st Graphic Communications

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students, Ms. Suzanne Coutu, Director of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and to their teachers, Edd Spidell, Aimee Duarte, Giani Petterti, Al DiFazio, Steve DeRosa, Steven Versacci, Martha Sylvestre, Michael Cornachione, Len Baker, Charlene Barbieri, Elaine Arbor, Jeanne Silva, Lou Giglietti, Regina Poethke, Deborah Hornung, Janice Baker, Bill Carcieri, Harold Winstanley, Meaghan McGonagle, Rick Abrussini, and Lori Velino; and

Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee be presented to each successful student, teacher and advisor.

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

Mr. Lombardi read the Resolution and presented it to the students. A photo was taken.

NO. 07-4-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee A be accepted.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi, seconded by Mrs. Greifer, and unanimously carried that this Resolution be withdrawn.

NO. 07-4-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee B be accepted.

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi, seconded by Mrs. Greifer, and unanimously carried that this Resolution be withdrawn.

NO. 07-4-18- - RESOLVED, that the second revision of the 2006-2007 budget be approved as recommended.

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

Mr. Balducci explained that the committee had in front of them the second major revision to the 06-07 school budget. For the members of the committee who were new to the committee, he gave a brief overview of what was in this document. He indicated that there was a two-page summary which highlighted the major areas where adjustments had been made, upward and downward to the budget. After that is the revenue page. The bottom line of the revenue page has not been adjusted up or down. He is making changes within the expenditure side of the budget moving down from one expenditure category to the other. On page 1 of 77 is the expenditure side, and it has been the practice of the district that any time there is a budget adjustment of \$2,000 or greater, he accompanies that adjustment by giving the committee a brief explanation of why that adjustment is being made.

Mr. Stycos stated that the State makes their revisions to their budget once a year and the City does it once a year, but the school department does it four times a year. He asked Mr. Balducci to explain why the district doesn't do it just once a year. In response, Mr. Balducci explained that the first major revision is done usually in November to accommodate all of the movement in personnel based upon the prior year Jamboree. As an example, the Jamboree this year will take place in May. Next year's budget assumes that the

teachers will stay put in the positions they are currently in now. Based on the Jamboree, a teacher who is currently teaching at Oak Lawn may move to Arlington. So, next year when the actual expenditures are hitting Arlington because that is where the teacher's home base is, he wants to make sure the budget dollars that were budgeted in Oak Lawn follow that teacher to Arlington. The major purposes of the first revision is to make adjustments in personnel after the dust has settled, and secondly this revision is done because it becomes the basis so that when his office does a comparison from one year to the next for budgeting purposes, when they are looking for budget changes up or down from one year to the next, they want to make sure that the base year or the prior year is set. When someone asks why an account went up \$2,000 or \$3,000, they want to make sure it is an appropriate increase or decrease from one year to the next. The second revision usually takes place in March or April to accommodate the utilities area. Hopefully by then, the district is finishing the winter months and has a good handle on the utilities. The third revision is to accommodate requests that come in from the various departments and/or schools where they want to move money that is at their discretion before the fiscal year ends. The clean-up revision takes place in July to get his office ready so that when the external auditors come in they take care of all the accounts. Doing it the number of times they do it gives his office a better handle on where they stand from one point to the next instead of waiting until May or June when they would have to fix 300 accounts and not having a handle on where they stand.

Mr. Stycos referred to page 74 of the revision document and noted that there is \$1/4 million for an energy manager and energy training and materials. Yet, when he goes to the summary regarding utilities, they have been revised \$38,000. When the committee entered into that contract, it was supposed to be a break-even situation. He asked if it was a break-in, and if so, why were the numbers the way they appear. Mr. Balducci responded that the break-even year starts at a time in point when the Energy Manager comes on board. That Energy Manager was hired in November. From November 2007 to November 2008 will be the first-year window. Right now the district is accommodating its obligation with the outside consultant by bringing their fee on board and also the salary associated with the Energy Manager. There was going to be a first-year budget hit because of the timing when it took place. The district initiated the contract in July, and the Energy Manager didn't come on board until November. That is one of the reasons he looks at the utilities this time of year, and he had to make some accommodations. Even the overall savings in the utilities did not take care of their obligations this year so he had to look for money in different areas to make up the short fall. Mr. Stycos commented that he thought the contract said that the district would have no financial impact. Mr. Balducci explained that the contract is

looked at after the Energy Manager comes on board. When the district looks at its first year which is November of 2008, at that point it will become the first year that they look to see if it was a break-even point or a windfall or a deficit position where the company will reimburse the district the money. He will not achieve any type of savings this year. Mr. Stycos asked if this meant there was an additional \$240,000 for next year because at worst the company will have to pay the district back for the cost. Mr. Balducci responded that he would have to look at the contract language.

Mr. Stycos referred to page 73 of the revision and noted that the certified pension contribution had gone down \$135,000 from what the committee estimated. He asked if this would be reflected as well. He knows that this year's numbers are based on last year's numbers. He asked if the certified pension contribution would be going down \$135,000 starting in July for the next year. Mr. Balducci responded that it would not be going down, but when he built this line item in next year's budget, he didn't look at the budget amount; he actually looked at what they were projected to spend. The increase is not as great because the district is achieving a budget surplus this year. Instead of going from budget to budget, he actually compared actual and then moved it forward one year for budgeting purposes.

Mr. Stycos referred to page 73 and indicated that the unemployment has gone up \$56,000 more than they expected and asked the reason for this. Mr. Balducci stated that it was the timing of the number of

personnel collecting unemployment. As an example, this was level funded in next year's budget, so when they come down to the final reconciliation of next year's budget, that line item will have to be revisited because that amount was moved forward and level funded. Mr. Stycos asked who the district was paying unemployment to, and Mr. Votto commented that this is the first time this

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has happened. The substitutes applied for unemployment, and according to the Department of Labor, they qualify if they don't work a full week. If they work three days this week, they can apply for two days, so the substitutes receive some unemployment. There is a bus driver who is receiving it, and also there were past teachers who were laid off for cause and had twenty-six weeks in this fiscal year. Mr. Stycos asked if the district had contested the substitute issue, and Mr. Votto responded that he had called the Department of Labor and asked how this could happen. This is the first time he has seen it in the three years he has been in the district where substitutes have applied and have been granted unemployment. There is a form the Department of Labor uses for unemployment where they qualify for a certain sum of money. Mr. Stycos asked how a bus driver could collect because the district is always short of drivers. Mr. Votto responded that there was one driver in particular who under unemployment was actually terminated and qualified.

Mr. Stycos referred to page 59 and noted that there was a reduction of an ESL teacher. Mr. Votto explained that this was a reduction in FTE; it doesn't mean a complete teacher. At the elementary level because the district went to a different model in ESL, they have reduced the need for ESL at the elementary level; but as they go forward, the middle school had to pick up ESL resources. As the budget goes forward, this will balance itself out.

Mr. Lombardi asked the level for these unemployment cases and if the district was taking appeals for these cases. Mr. Votto responded that the district has appealed all cases where they believe they don't qualify for it. There are times when a person appeals and is unsuccessful when they appeal it themselves, and he appears in person to fight this matter. He takes every step to make sure the district doesn't pay. Mr. Lombardi asked if there was a group of substitutes who have prevailed, and Mr. Votto said there are individual cases; but they seem to have spoken to one another. There are three or four who constantly apply for unemployment.

Mr. Traficante noted that these revisions will be posted on the website tomorrow morning. Mr. Balducci added that once the revisions have been rolled into the general ledger system they will be posted on line.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

NO. 07-4-20 - RESOLVED, that the following grant purchases be approved:

Chain Link Fence in the amount of \$4,670.00 (Perkins)

Number of bids issued 14

Number of bids received 6

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

Mr. Balducci stated that this Resolution seeks the approval of a chain link fence to surround the greenhouse that is located at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center. Mr. Scherza added that this fence will be subsidized and paid for with money from the Perkins Grant. He further stated that the greenhouse was purchased approximately one year ago, and it can't be put up without a chain link fence around it. There is a grant to purchase a greenhouse, and it can't be erected until the district makes provisions to have it secured.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 07-4-21 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 6161.2, Access to Networked Information Resource Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), as amended, be approved for first reading.

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

Mr. Stycos referred to the second page of the proposed policy, Prohibited Uses, with the computer system. He noted that under “h” political lobbying is not allowed through the CPSnet. He noted that this is in the current policy, but he felt that it shouldn’t be in the policy because everyone on the committee has been lobbied through CPSnet; and the committee is setting itself up for a rule that won’t be enforced or a situation where someone could get in trouble for something that a lot of people do and everyone assumes is fine. They have received e-mails from students, teachers, library aides, etc. He asked if it should be removed from the proposed policy.

Mr. Nero responded that Administration received a lot of advice from their attorneys on this. It refers to the more blatant type of political advertising for a candidate. He understands that the committee members have been involved in e-mails. He reminded the committee that this section was in before and appears now. He and Mr. Votto met with the attorneys, and they are trying to close some loopholes for this year regarding some teacher use of certain things that they

needed to address. The attorneys gave Administration four or five proposed policies of which some are local and national, and this policy could be examined again in the future. There are things they wanted to include because they found that sometimes teachers were abusing the privilege of the CPSnet; and they wanted to let the teachers and staff know that there were certain things they couldn't do. If the committee changes something in this proposed policy, it will have to go to two more readings. Some time in May this policy has to be on disk so it can be printed for the student planners. If anything is removed from this policy, they will not be able to get the planners printed. Mr. Stycos asked if Mr. Nero was suggesting that the committee pass this Resolution so that there is something in place

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and that they amend the policy later. Mr. Nero responded that Administration wanted to include something about the consequences for faculty, staff, and students or anyone who uses the district's system. If it is changed, they will risk the chance of not having the policy in the student planners. Mr. Stycos stated that he could offer an amendment at the next meeting that would be effective July 1st and pass this tonight. Mr. Nero suggested that the committee thoroughly read through this document. Mr. Nero explained the changes to the policy. The committee can do something after next month because this will go out to be printed for the planners. He

noted that there is also a sign-off for employees when they get hired as well as students. Mr. Stycos commented that he would propose changes in the future.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously for first reading.

Mr. Traficante turned the Chair over to Ms. Iannazzi.

NO. 07-4-22 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, policy No. 1330, Use of School Facilities, as amended, be approved for first reading.

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

Mr. Traficante stated that he, Mrs. Greifer, and Mr. Zisseron met to incorporate some of the thoughts the committee had at the previous School Committee meeting regarding use of school facilities. There are some typographical errors in the policy, and he indicated to the committee where some of the changes were in the proposed policy. He referred to page 1 and noted that no changes or corrections were made. On page 2, they changed the title of Rental Fees to User Fees, and they put in "Part A" which was one of the committee's concerns regarding non-profit organizations. They added the following words: "Parent advisory boards, PTO, civic/recreation sponsored, school department sponsored and non-profit (501C3) community

organizations shall not be charged user fees as prescribed in this policy.” He added that many members had voiced concern regarding the non-profit groups such as CLCF and parent organizations.

Under “General Provisions”, they added a “Section E” re-emphasizing that Cranston’s youth organizations that have a legitimate 501C3 status would be exempt from payment of user fees. He also noted that the word “rental” should be “user” fee. Mr. Stycos noted that “A” covered all 501C3 organizations, but in the “General Provisions” it seemed to cover only 501C3’s that are Cranston youth organizations. He asked if this was a typographical error or agreeing that user fees would be paid by any 501C3. Mr. Traficante responded that they had focused on the Cranston youth organizations that have a legitimate 501C3 status. Mr. Stycos stated that he would prefer that the committee cover all Cranston non-profits and take out the youth section.

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Mr. Stycos offered a friendly amendment to remove the word “youth” from “General Provision “1. E” and the “s”. It would read: “Cranston organizations instead of “Cranston’s youth organizations”.

Mr. Traficante accepted this friendly amendment.

Mr. Stycos asked if any 501C3 should be eligible, and Mr. Traficante responded that they were focusing on Cranston 501C3's.

Mr. Stycos offered a second friendly amendment to "Under User Fees "A", to add the word "Cranston" before "non-profit".

Mr. Traficante accepted this friendly amendment.

Mr. Stycos offered a third friendly amendment under "General Provisions 1." to change the word "rental" into the word "user".

Mr. Traficante accepted this friendly amendment. He noted that this was a typographical error.

Mr. Traficante went on to explain that "Procedure for Obtaining School Facility Usage" remained the same for No. 1 and No. 2. Where it states "Rental Fees", the word "Rental" should be eliminated, and it should be titled "Fees". In the statement, it should read, "Fees will be established each year based upon custodial hourly rate and facility "user" fees. The word "rental" has been changed to "user" fees.

Mr. Stycos offered it as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Traficante accepted it as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Traficante referred to page 3 and noted that they added those suggestions from the committee that they saw in the application process. They added No.'s 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 which came directly from the application process.

Mr. Lombardi stated that he recalled a conversation regarding an indemnity provision where the applicant indemnifies the school department's many liabilities associated with that activity for a hold-harmless agreement. He asked if the contract itself has that indemnity language in it. Mr. Traficante stated that he was unsure. Mr. Lombardi suggested that if the contract didn't have the indemnity language item No. 17 should be added that the applicant sign a hold-harmless application agreement indemnifying the school department and the City from any liability related to that activity unless it is occasioned by the school department's own negligence.

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Mr. Traficante accepted this friendly amendment.

Mr. Stycos referred to No. 9 relating to the PA system and asked if this is the policy now, and Mr. Traficante responded that it was; he took it from the application.

Mr. Traficante referred to "Types of Activities Prohibited", and they

took this directly from the application. The sub-committee added the items the committee was concerned about. They added F, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 which came from the application and the former policy.

Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway referred to "C", regarding the distribution of commercial advertising materials and political advertising. She was concerned about this paragraph mostly because of political speech. Because schools are public buildings, at times the League of Women Voters or civic organizations sponsor a forum where all candidates are invited to participate. She understood where the policy was going, but she felt it needed to be looked at a little more carefully because of political speech being the type of speech that is protected absolutely constitutionally. No one wants to see something challenged on the basis that the committee is silencing speech in an environment of a public building which is the essence of civic involvement. If there is a concern about a particular activity, the committee needs to make sure that it is done in a way that is lawful. Mr. Traficante commented that the League of Women Voters conducted a debate, and political materials were being distributed; and it became a bone of contention that particular evening. He further commented that Mr. Scherza and Mrs. Greifer are reviewing all the school policies. When they come to policy No. 1112.1, they can get an opinion on it. If it is part of an academic situation, it is permitted such as the League of Women Voters coming into a class to speak. Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway suggested getting advice on that area so that they are observing the law.

Mr. Scherza stated that with any policy, administration asks Counsel to review any action. He and Mrs. Greifer are going through policies that are obsolete and redundant and conflict with other policies. Mr. Stycos suggested removing “and political advertising materials” from section “C”. Mr. Lombardi stated that if the drafter’s intent was to merely codify what the statute says, and the RI Statute 16-38-6 deals with fund raising, he suggested that it should simply state any activity that is prohibited under RI General Law 16-38-6 rather than get into political advertising. Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway stated that the essence of political speech is exactly passing out the literature which is not the same as political fund raising. If what the committee is trying to avoid is what is forbidden under the law, they don’t want to forbid lawful political speech because that is the essence of an open public forum.

Mr. Lombardi stated that he agreed with Mrs. Tocco-Greenaway. If the intent of “C” is to mirror what the statute says the policy could state “those activities that are prohibited under the RI General Laws Section 16-38-6.

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Mrs. Greifer commented that the committee also wanted to prevent during an election season a person running for office walking into a high school building handing out political literature to all the seniors.

They wanted to permit under controlled circumstances a political forum such as the League of Women Voters but not that politicians can go wandering the hallways of the schools distributing literature. She believed that this is what policy No. 1112.1 is trying to accomplish.

Mr. Stycos agreed with Mr. Lombardi that the committee should go with Section 16-38-6 because no one should walk into a school and hand out anything unless it has been approved by the principal. He felt that this was a different problem. He asked Mr. Lombardi to offer his ideas as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Lombardi pointed out that the statute would prohibit that kind of activity because it talks about commercial materials and/or solicitations being sent home with the students. That may already be a prohibited activity under the statute.

Mr. Lombardi offered the friendly amendment under “C” to say any activity codified under Rhode Island General Laws 16-38-6.

Mr. Traficante accepted this friendly amendment.

Mr. Stycos stated that Section “B” is the type of language that invites lawsuits. Anything that talks about good morals gets down to who is going to decide what is moral and what is immoral. He believed that in the general laws there has to be some kind of objective standard; it

can't be what the Superintendent thinks is moral or what he thinks is moral.

Mr. Stycos offered a friendly amendment under section "C" that any activity that violates (and remove the words, "the canons of good morals, manners or taste and contravenes) the licensing requirements set forth in..."

Mr. Traficante accepted the friendly amendment.

Mr. Traficante noted that there were no changes to page 5.

On page 6 under Conditions and Appeal Process, it should read 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 rather than 1, 2, A, B, C.

This Resolution was adopted unanimously for first reading with friendly amendments.

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TABLED RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 07-3-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee B be accepted:

NO. 07-2-23 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, policy No. 1330, Use of School Facilities, as amended, be approved for first reading.

X. Public Hearing for Pre-termination Hearing on Non-tenured Certified Teacher A.

This hearing was postponed to a later date.

XI. New Business

There was no new business.

XII. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

No one from the public wished to speak on a non-agenda item.

XIII. Announcement of Future Meetings

Mr. Traficante stated that on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cranston High School East auditorium the school budget will be discussed before the Cranston City Council. On April 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Briggs Building a hearing will take place. On April 16th, the Capital

Budget Hearing will take place before the City Council in Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. On April 21st, a special education briefing will take place by the RI Association of School Committees in Building No. 6 at Rhode Island College.

Mr. Archetto stated that he regretted he was unable to attend the budget presentation at Cranston East because he was teaching a class at CCRI.

XIV. Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Iannazzi, seconded by Mrs. Greifer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

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**There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at
8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea M. Iannazzi

Clerk

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(a)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy shall be to establish regulatory guidelines and general expectations for the use of school facilities (buildings and / or grounds) outside of those uses directly related to the normal educational programs.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Cranston School Committee believes that the public schools should be considered as community schools and is, therefore, committed to the concept of making Cranston School facilities available for use outside normal educational programs. While school facilities are owned by the public and paid for by tax dollars, the general public should not be considered as having an obligation to fund extra costs for private or for-profit groups' use of facilities. It is for this reason that the School Committee feels it reasonable to expect groups authorized to use facilities to pay all related personnel costs as well as minimal costs so incurred for said use of buildings and/or grounds. The Committee further recognizes, however, that there are certain instances wherein the cost for use of school facilities should be borne by the school district.

DESCRIPTION:

1. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

An educational program shall be considered as any activity sponsored by the

Cranston Public Schools, which takes its base in the educational offerings of the

School Committee as provided for within its operating budget.

2. CIVIC / RECREATIONAL PROGRAM:

A civic / recreational program shall be any activity sponsored by the

Mayor's office, City Council and / or the City's Department of Recreation.

3. COMMUNITY GROUPS:

A community group shall be considered as a formally organized non-profit or for-profit group of persons wherein the majority of its members are residents of the City of Cranston and whose base of operation is located in Cranston.

4. NON-RESIDENT GROUPS:

A non-resident group shall be considered as a formally organized non-profit or for-profit group wherein the majority of its members are not residents of the City of Cranston.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(b)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

USER FEES

User fees for facility use shall be considered as those expenses incurred above and beyond the fulfillment of the educational, civic or recreational mission. These costs are specifically detailed in the user fee schedule.

A. Parent advisory boards, PTO, civic / recreation sponsored, school department sponsored and Cranston non-profit (501C3) community

organizations shall not be charged user fees as prescribed in this policy.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Facility use(s) not requiring payment of the established user fee include:

A. Educational activities sponsored by the Cranston Public Schools.

B. Civic activities sponsored by the Mayor's office, and / or City Council.

C. Recreational events sponsored and supervised by the City of Cranston Parks and Recreation Department.

D. Parent and / or teacher organizations and advisory committee meetings.

E. Cranston organizations having a 501C3 stature.

2. Other educational, civic or recreational activities or services provided throughout the school year will be conducted through an annual contract setting forth all user fees, conditions and requirements for school facility uses.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING SCHOOL FACILITY USAGE

1. The Superintendent or designee shall have the responsibility of

authorizing all requests for the use of school buildings and / or grounds.

2. All requests for facility use should be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of desired use and made directly with the Plant Operations Office. Said request shall include the filing of an official application as provided by the school district and Safety Service Departments. (see sample).

FEES

Fees will be established each year based upon custodial hourly rate and facility user fees.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(c)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

CONDITIONS OF USE

In recognition of the regulations governing school buildings and / or grounds, certain rules and regulations, which might not apply to other public facilities, must be enforced on school property. For this reason, use of school facilities, which takes its authorization from

this policy must comply with the following expectations:

- 1. A 50% deposit toward fees shall be made at least five (5) days prior to the use of any facility, check make payable to Cranston Public Schools.**
- 2. A certificate of insurance of \$1,000,000 liability in the name of Cranston Public Schools must be delivered to the Plant Operations Office five (5) days before rental date.**
- 3. No organization is to enter the school building until a custodian or other authorized person arrives and the adult responsible for the program is present to take charge of the group.**
- 4. Elected city, state and federal officials may use school buildings for public forums on the same night as other meetings are being conducted at no usage cost. Such meetings will not be allowed for partisan political purposes or ninety (90) days prior to state, national or special elections.**
- 5. If it is determined that a firefighter or police detail is required, the organization is responsible for payment.**
- 6. Responsible supervision be required of the group using the facility.**
- 7. Custodian will be on duty prior to the event and after the event until all facilities are properly maintained and secured. This is paid for by the organization.**
- 8. In accordance with the fire code, decorations may not be placed of walls, ceilings, windows, etc.**
- 9. If school equipment such as PA system is to be used, an additional approved department employee to operate equipment must be hired**

at a cost to the organization.

10. Any group misusing the facilities will be responsible for damages and forfeit rights for future use.

11. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the building or on the premises.

12. Organization is responsible to the Cranston Public Schools for payment of services within ten (10) days after billing.

13. Activities or services are limited to those areas specified in the official application.

14. Organizations are required to leave the school premises in the same condition as they were found.

15. A Cranston school lab technician will be present during usage of any school

computer laboratory. Furthermore, the lab technician's hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

16. Utilization of auditorium equipment will require the presence of a school employed

technician whose hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(d)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

A. Those that promulgate the overthrow of the United States or any

political

subdivision thereof advocating governmental change by violence.

B. Any activity that violates the licensing requirements set forth in the Code of

the City of Cranston Sections 16A-4 and 16A-5, or those activities that would

be injurious to school buildings, grounds, or equipment.

C. The distribution of commercial advertising materials and political advertising

materials more specifically defined in RIGL Section 16-38-6, respectively,

shall be prohibited unless a part of course materials being academically

presented as part of the school curriculum.

D. Any activity in conflict with regularly scheduled school activities.

E. Fund-raising campaigns except as permitted by School Committee policy or

special action of the Committee.

F. All conditions set forth by the Cranston School Committee to include:

1. No smoking is permitted in any part of school facilities and grounds.

2. Liquor or drugs are prohibited on school premises.

3. Audience control is the responsibility of the organization using the facility.

- 4. Activities or services are limited to those areas specified in the official application.**
- 5. Organizations are required to leave the school premises in the same condition as they were found.**
- 6. A Cranston school lab technician will be present during usage of any school computer laboratory. Furthermore, the lab technician's hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.**
- 7. Utilization of auditorium equipment will require the presence of a school employed technician whose hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.**
- 8. Civic / recreation sponsored, school department sponsored and non-profit community organizations shall not be charged facility use fees as prescribed in this policy.**

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(e)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

USER FEES

The following fees are established for use of facilities. These fees are in addition to the custodial hourly rate fees and / or technician fees.

A. FACILITY (Minimum of 3 hours)

Classrooms \$10 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Gymnasium \$35 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Cafeteria \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Auditorium \$200 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Computer Lab \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Pool Facilities \$25 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Outdoor / Grounds \$15 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Auditorium Technician \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Computer Lab Technician \$28 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

CONDITIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

1. The Director of the School Facilities will determine whether or not a group meets the guidelines established by the Cranston School Committee.

2. The Director of the School Facilities will determine the appropriate time that any group might use the school facilities.

3. The Director of School Facilities will be responsible to insure that no school

sponsored activities are interfered with regarding scheduling conflicts.

4. Any decision of the Director of School Facilities to deny school facility use

may first be appealed to the Superintendent of Cranston Public Schools and then to the Cranston School Committee.

5. Under conditions and appeal process, the School Committee reserves the

right to revoke any such permit, without liability, should such action be deemed necessary or desirable.

**Policy Amended: February 10, 1997 CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Resolution No. 97-2-30) CRANSTON, RI**

Policy Amended:

(Resolution No.

Regulations Repealed:

(Resolution No.

INSTRUCTION 6161.2

Access to Networked Information Resources

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

TECHNOLGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

This policy's intent is to ensure appropriate educational and business operational access to computers, the CPS Network of computers, and the Internet for students and staff while accessing their school

account from within any Cranston Public School or non-school location.

Students/staff found in violation of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy will be referred to the building principal or appropriate administrator. In the case of a student, the parent or guardian will be notified. The building administrators will have the right and responsibility to exercise judgment for all users regarding technology use violations, including those that may not have been specifically outlined in the acceptable use policy. Consequences for students may include suspension of computer privileges, notification of police, and suspension from school and/or recommendation for exclusion from school for up to one calendar year. Consequences for staff may include suspension of computer privileges, notifications of police, as well as the initiation of the discipline process delineated by Cranston Public School policy.

Educational Purpose

1. The Cranston Public Schools Network (CPSnet) has been established for an educational purpose to support and enhance the curriculum. For the purpose of this policy, the term CPSnet shall include Cranston Public Schools' computers, local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), and access to the Internet through CPSnet or other Internet Service Providers.

The CPSnet has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. Cranston Public Schools has the right to place restrictions on the material accessed or posted through the system. Users, including faculty, staff, students, and others granted access shall agree to follow the rules set forth in the Cranston Public Schools Disciplinary Procedure Handbook.

Students/Staff Internet Access

1. Students/staff will have access to the CPSnet information resources through their classrooms, library, or school computer labs/wireless laptop computer and/or any other type of electronic device.

2. Student users and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the “Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement” portion of this handbook. Signatures are required in order for students to be granted access to the Internet. The parent(s)/guardian(s) can withdraw approval at any time.

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3. Staff members are expected to follow the same “Technology

Acceptable Use Policy Agreement” as students as terms of their employment and must sign the “Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement”.

Prohibited Uses

1. Breach of Personal Safety

a. Student users will not post personal contact information about themselves,

their parent(s)/guardian(s) or other people. Personal contact information includes (but is not restricted to) home address, telephone, school address, work address or parent information, etc.

b. Student users will not meet in person with anyone contacted online.

c. Student users will promptly disclose to a teacher or other school employee

any message received that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

d. Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the CPS network or to

any other computer system through the CPSnet or go beyond

authorized access levels. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files, even if only for the purposes of "browsing."

e. Users will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the CPSnet or any other computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.

f. Users will not use the CPSnet to engage in any other illegal act, such as arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal activity, threatening the safety of a person and/or invading the privacy of individuals.

g. The CPSnet shall not be used for private commercial purposes. This means offering, providing or purchasing products or services for non-school related usage, including the electronic distribution from non-CPSnet accounts such as home or personal business account to a CPS account.

h. Political lobbying is not allowed through the CPSnet.

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2. System Security

a. Under no conditions should a password be provided to another person.

Users are responsible for their individual accounts and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their accounts to protect their own liability.

b. Users will immediately notify a teacher or a system administrator if a possible security problem has been identified.

c. Users will avoid the spread of computer viruses by following the district virus protection procedures.

3. Inappropriate Language

a. Users will not send, display or receive any public and/or private messages through the CPSnet that contain inappropriate language. This restriction also applies to material posted on the school web page.

b. Users will not send, display or receive messages through the

CPSnet that use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.

c. Users will not send, display or receive information through the CPSnet that could cause damage or disruption.

d. Users will not send, display or otherwise engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks through the CPSnet.

e. Users will not send, display or receive messages through the CPSnet that harass another person. Harassment includes but is not limited to persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person.

f. Users will not send, display or receive false or defamatory information about a person or organization through the CPSnet.

g. Users will not send, display or receive anonymous messages using pseudonym signatures through the CPSnet

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4. Respect for Privacy

a. Users will respect the privacy of confidential messages and will not repost

those messages without the permission of the person who sent the message.

b. Users will not post private information about another person or organization.

5. Respect for Resource Limits

a. Users will utilize the system only for educational activities and limited, high

quality self-discovery activities. Faculty will provide developmentally appropriate guidance to students as they make use of telecommunications and electronic information resources to conduct research and other studies related to the Cranston Public Schools curriculum. All students will be informed by faculty of their rights and responsibilities as users of the CPSnetwork prior to gaining access to that network, either as an individual user or as a member of a class or group.

b. Student users will not download any file without the expressed permission of the instructor.

c. Users will not post chain letters or engage in “spamming.” Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.

d. All users will check their e-mail frequently and delete unwanted messages promptly.

6. Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

a. Users will provide proper citation for information gathered from CD-ROMs, through the CPSnet or on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.

b. Users will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when a user inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright. A work includes: text, graphics, photos, sounds, music, animation, video and software programs. If a work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, users should follow the expressed requirements. If unsure whether

or not a work may be used, permission from the copyright owner must be requested.

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7. Inappropriate Access to Material

a. Receiving or inputting pornographic materials, promoting violence, engaging in racial, gender or other defamatory slurs or for personal attacks on others through the CPSnet is strictly prohibited.

b. Receiving or transmitting information through the CPSnet pertaining to dangerous instruments such as bombs, automatic weapons, or other illicit firearms, weaponry, or explosive devices is prohibited.

c. The CPSnet does not permit the use of chat rooms.

Individual Rights

1. Search and Seizure

a. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain

system integrity and to ensure that users are utilizing the CPSnet responsibly.

Users should not expect that files stored on district servers or computers will be private.

b. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated this policy.

2. Due Process

a. The Cranston Public Schools will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through the CPSnet.

b. In the event there is a claim that a user has violated this policy, the user will be notified of the suspected violation. An opportunity to present an explanation will be provided.

Limitation of Liability

1. The Cranston Public Schools makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through CPSnet will be error-free or without defect.

**2. The Cranston Public Schools will not be responsible for any damage suffered,
including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service.**

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**3. The Cranston Public Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the
information obtained through or stored on the CPSnet.**

4. The Cranston Public Schools will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the CPSnet system.

It is a privilege, not a right, to use the CPSnet and the information resources found on the network and on the Internet.

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All users (students, staff, and administration) will be required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy. Parent/Guardian of student users must also sign the form.

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' USER

As a user of the Cranston Public Schools' CPSnetwork, I agree to follow rules of the Acceptable Use Policy.

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Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and agree to promote this policy with my son/daughter. Having read the policy, I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Date)