

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MAY 26, 2011

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

MINUTES

The regular 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: Chairperson Iannazzi, Mr. Lombardi, Mr. Traficante, Mrs. Ruggieri, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Culhane arrived at 6:15 p.m.

This meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried that the members convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel (Teacher Pre-suspension Hearing); PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Contract Negotiations' Update- Bus Drivers/Tradespeople/Mechanics, Custodians);(Teacher Negotiations; Teacher Assistants/Technical Assistants/Bus Aides Negotiations), (Secretary Negotiations), (Transportation Contract), (Memorandum of Agreement).

Call to Order – Public Session was called to order at 6:57 p.m. The

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and the roll was called. A quorum was present. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session Minutes Sealed – May 26, 2011. A motion to seal these minutes was made by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – April 4, 13, and 25, 2011. Moved by Mr. Traficante and seconded by Mr. Lombardi. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Chairperson’s Communications – There is going to be a special meeting of the School Committee to be held on June 8 at Hope Highlands with Executive Session at 5 p.m. to discuss budget and also a resolution in opposition to the proposed Mayoral Academy.

Superintendent’s Communications

(Mr. Nero left after Executive Session to attend the meeting at City Hall regarding the Mayoral Academy).

School Committee Member Communications

Mr. Lombardi stated – I would like to congratulate Mr. Mike Traficante, recently inducted into the Rhode Island Interscholastic Hall of Fame – well deserved.

Secondly, congratulations go out to our chairperson, Andrea

Iannazzi. Andrea co-chaired the Relay for Life, not just as the local group but the entire Relay for Life for Cranston. It was a huge success. We raised over \$40,000. The Cranston Public Schools' team raised over \$10,000 for cancer. Andrea and Jessica Soccio did it all on their shoulders...congratulations.

Mrs. Culhane stated – I would just like to let everyone know that BASICS is having their end of the year concert for the Music is Instrumental Group that will feature 200 of Cranston's learning to be finest musicians, elementary school students from throughout the city. It will at 7 p.m. at Cranston West, June 10, admission is free.

Public Hearing

- a. Students (agenda/non-agenda matters) – no speakers.**
- b. Members of the Public (agenda matters only)**

Valerie Schuele – Farm Street

Ms. Schuele stated – I want to speak about the renewing of Sodexo's contract for the next year. I am, for the record, 100% in favor of this. I will tell you I am somewhat of a dinosaur and change is not something that is easy for me. So needless to say at the beginning of this school year I was a wee bit anxious and nervous. I am happy to stand here before you tonight and say that fear was all unfounded. I believe there have been good changes in the lunches for the students. The students were champions through all the changes. We learned together. The Point of Sales system, the registers are wonderful. Fresh fruits and vegetables abound. Working for

Cranston Public Schools and now working for Sodexo I would like some stability. You can give us that by renewing the contract. I have put some serious thought into this and I cannot think of one reason not to renew the contract but I can think of many good and positive reasons to renew the contract. The top of that list would be the students we serve, the employees who go into work with a smile on their face and I would like to continue to do that so please renew their contract.

Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

The proposed Consent Agenda are: 11-5-7, 8, 9 w/addendum, 10, 11, 12 w/addendum, 13 w/addendum, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 26. Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Dr. Lundsten stated – it is my pleasure tonight to speak about our retirees. (Dr. Lundsten then read off the names of each retiree).

RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-02 – Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves by being awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award.

Whereas, the following nine students and one teacher have

distinguished themselves at the national level through volunteer service and civic participation.

Alexcia Bouressa, Gold Medal, Michael Ferranti, Gold Medal, Lianna Amadis, Bronze Medal, Dana Marcotte, Bronze Medal, Leah Belogolovsky, Bronze Medal, Brandon Landry, Bronze Medal, Alicia Laramée, Bronze Medal, Meredith Glick, Bronze Medal, Talia Pirri, Bronze Medal, and Lori Velino, Bronze Medal

Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and SkillsUSA Advisor Lori Velino.

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 and advisor.

Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-03 – Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves

through competing in the Rhode Island SkillsUSA State Competitions.

Whereas, the following thirty-four students have distinguished themselves on the state level by medaling in their respective competitions

Gold Medals: Health Knowledge Bowl -Danielle Crosby, Meredith Glick, Dana Marcotte, and Sonia Sanchez. Robotics - Mkrkich Arslanyan and Steven O'Brien. Preschool Teaching - Jessica DelFarno. Job Skills Demo "O"- Andrew Marsella. Prepared Speech - Alva Poulos. Technical Math - Dhruv Jain. Job Interview - Leah Belogolovsky. Graphic Communications - Shane Ranger. Commercial Baking - Daisy Lam. Food & Beverage Service - Marilyn Recinos. Culinary Arts - Tarek Haddada.

Silver Medals: Robotics - Alex Nyzio and Marwan Taman. Medical Math - Danielle Bomzer. Preschool Teaching - Michaela Canning. Culinary Arts - Kaitlin Boussonneau. Medical Terminology - Hayley Doyon.

Bronze Medals: Web Design - Brendan Cody and Robert Bowen. Robotics - Michael Aceto and Elio Manzi. Preschool Teaching -Dionisia Grammas. Computer Maintenance - Michael Ferranti. Computer Internetworking - Kenneth Gilkenson. Action Skills -Amanda Bassett. Job Skills Demo "O" - Emily Tilton. Prepared Speech - Derek Colantuono. Extemporaneous Speaking - Joseph

Zanfagna. Technical Math - Andrew Havales. Medical Terminology - Ilse Iglesias.

Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and SkillsUSA Advisor Lori Velino, and teachers Aimee Duarte, Edd Spidell, Lou Giglietti Leonard Baker, Steven Versacci, Martha Sylvestre, Meaghan McGonagle, Charlene Barbieri, Brenda Coutu, Steve DeRosa, Bill Carcieri, Richard Lonardo, Beth Correia and Teresa Coppa.

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 Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-04 - Whereas, students from the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves through competing in the Rhode Island DECA Career Development Conference.

Whereas, the following 25 students have distinguished themselves on the state level by medaling in their respective competitions

Gold Medals:

Business Operations Research-Business Services Event - Michael Beck. Business Operations Research-Buying and Merchandising - Natalie Conley, Rebecca Farland and Brandon McDonnell . Business Operations Research-Finance - Dantes Carrasco, Ryan D'Ercole and Nicholas Minutelli

Business Operations Research-Sports & Entertainment Mktg. - Anthony Crudale and Jared Elice. Entrepreneurship Participating Event- Independent Business - Jason Rosa. Advertising Campaign - Samantha Bomzer, Nicole Corbin and Cindy Segama

Silver Medals:

Sports & Entertainment Marketing Series Event - Christopher Castagliuolo. Principles of Business Administration-Business Event - Lesedi Makgate

Business Operations Research-Business Services Event - Asia Baez, Sheila DeMoura, Bryan Smith and Tyler Salk. Business Operations Research-Buying and Merchandising- Amanda DeLuca and Victoria Ruggieri

Bronze Medals:

Sports&Entertainment Marketing Mgmt. Team Decision Making - Louis Collado and Jordan Levesque. Business Operations

Research-Business Services Event - Caitlyn Blankenship and Cynthia Polanco

Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director and DECA Advisor Meaghan McGonagle.

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 Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Bloom. The roll was called; all were in favor.

SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-05 - Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves by scoring in the top 20 percent of high school students taking the 2011 National Financial Capability Challenge.

Whereas, the following 10 students have distinguished themselves at the national level in the area of financial literacy.

Nicholas G. Andreozzi, Caitlyn M. Blankenship, Louis G. Collado, Nicole E. Corbin, Jordan J. Levesque, Caitlin A. McGrath, Matthew J.

Pagano, Claudia F. Rei, Jason N. Rosa, and Bryan P. Smith

Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and Global Economics & Marketing teacher Meaghan McGonagle.

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 and advisor.

Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

SPONSORED BY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LUNDSTEN

RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-06 – Whereas, Kimberly Perry, Program Supervisor and her trained staff of Social Workers; Keri Anthony, Meredith Armstrong, Kevin Ascoli, Sheri Brown, Gerardo Codola, Karen Cryan, Marissa Daly, Michael DelRosso, Annette Harris, Victoria Lacroix, Jeanmarie Manni, Kathryn Marks, Julie Merolla, Maureen Puglia, Patricia Sammartino, Barbara Swanson, Lorna Thompson and Rebecca Zuena have gone above and beyond for the students and teachers by offering support and guidance and

Whereas Kimberly Perry and her staff do an outstanding job with assisting Cranston Public Schools in times of disruption by coming together as a community to assist our students and staff.

Be it RESOLVED that they all be congratulated and commended for their hard work and dedication to the Cranston Public Schools and to the students.

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

Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

At this point in the meeting Chairperson Iannazzi stated – it has just been brought to my attention, for the record, that the mayor has apologized for his tone (in the op ed piece that was placed in the Cranston Herald). However, he did not apologize to the Cranston School Committee, he did not apologize to the Superintendent of Cranston Public Schools, he did not apologize to Central Administration, he did not apologize to our over 1,000 staff members, he did not apologize to our over 10,000 students and he did not apologize on talk radio all across the city where he has been bad-mouthing our school system so until he apologizes to all the individuals involved I don't think we are going to recognize that apology.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 11-5-7- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Paul Pignatelli, Secondary Math

Tiffany Casale, Special Education Elementary\Middle

Belton Copp, Secondary Physics

Arianna Petrocelli, Special Education Elementary\Middle

NO. 11-5-8- 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:

Shannon Gesualdi, Teacher

Cranston West

Effective Date...May 10, 2011 to August 29, 2011

NO. 11-5-9- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Elaine Desjardins, Teacher
Program Supervisor
Effective Date...June 30, 2011

Patricia Charpentier, Teacher
Cranston East
Effective Date...June 30, 2011

Add to Resolution No. 11-5-9 – Certified Retirement (Addendum)

Patricia Capuano, Teacher
Program Supervisor
Effective Date...June 30, 2011

Elaine Cardente, Teacher
Itinerant
Effective Date...June 30, 2011

Joanne DiMario, Teacher
Math Coach
Effective Date...June 29, 2011

Joan Borden, Teacher
Arlington School
Effective Date...June 30, 2011

NO. 11-5-10- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

**Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel
be accepted:**

(CORRECTION)

Phyllis DeMaio, Teacher

Leave

Effective Date...June 23, 2011

**NO. 11-5-11- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be
accepted:**

Emily Godfrey, Head Coach Field Hockey

CHSE

Effective Date...April 25, 2011

**NO. 11-5-12- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be
appointed:**

Kayla Oden, Bus Aide

Transportation

Effective Date...May 17, 2011

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...12345120\12245120\12845120 51110

Add to Resolution 11-5-12 – Non-Certified Appointments (Addendum)

Lisa Caetano, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...May 24, 2011

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...10345192 51110

Jose Adams, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...July 1, 2011

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note... 10345192 51110

Samantha Mattera, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective date...July 1, 2011

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...10345192 51110

Lisa Faella, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective date...July 1, 2011

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...10345192 51110

NO. 11-5-13- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Susan Martinka, Teacher Assistant

Stone Hill

Effective Date...May 6, 2011

William Almeida, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...April 29, 2011

Marjorie Ford, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date ...June 30, 2011

Linda Bianchi, Bus Aide

Transportation

Effective Date...June 30, 2011

Diane Nascenzi-Marrocco, Teacher Assistant

Cranston East

Effective Date...June 23, 2011

**Add to Resolution No. 11-5-13 – Non-certified Retirements
(Addendum)**

Lourdes Ciarlo, Secretary

Literacy

Effective....July 30, 2011

Deborah Sock, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective....June 30, 2011

Patricia Roche, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective...June 30, 2011

Ellen Fortin, Bus Aide

Transportation

Effective....June 30, 2011

POLICIES

NO. 11-5-14- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Tutoring Policy Guidelines #5112.3, be approved for second reading (policy attached).

PURCHASES AND PURCHASED SERVICES

NO. 11-5-15- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Computer Supplies in the amount of \$12,943.60. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-2012)

Number of bids issued 3

Number of bids received 2

NO. 11-5-16- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Audio Visual supplies in the amount of \$13,499.13. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 8

Number of bids received 5

NO. 11-5-17- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Employee Assistance Program in the amount of \$22,060 for 2011-12; \$24,253.36 for 2012-13; \$26,672.16 for 2013-14.

Number of bids issued 3

Number of bids received 2

NO. 11-5-18- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Printed Forms in the amount of \$3,589.01 (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 1

NO. 11-5-19- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Physical Education Uniforms for the Middle Schools in the amount of \$3.29 for shirts and \$5.19 for shorts. Uniforms are paid for by the students.

Number of bids issued 8

Number of bids received 4

NO. 11-5-20- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Medical and Dental supplies in the amount of \$3,451.67. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 7

Number of bids received 6

NO. 11-5-21- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Photocopy supplies in the amount of \$27,894.26. . (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 5

Number of bids received 4

NO. 11-5-22- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Physical Education supplies in the amount of \$6,518.64. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 11

Number of bids received 7

NO. 11-5-23- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Music supplies in the amount of \$4,027.60. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 10

Number of bids received 8

NO. 11-5-24- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:

Math Manipulatives in the amount of \$8,449.53. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)

Number of bids issued 6

Number of bids received 5

BUSINESS

NO. 11-5-25- RESOLVED, that the following contract be approved:

The contract for Food Service Management to Sodexo be renewed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Lynne Conca from Sodexo did a Power Point presentation (attached for the record).

**Moved by Mr. Lombardi and seconded by Mrs. McFarland.
Discussion.**

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – the cost of the meal equivalent has increased. Under 2.8 in the Agreement Renewal and I was just wondering why that changed.

Ms. Conca stated – there was an increase in the commodity allocation. Last year it was 19 ½ cents and this time it is 20 cents. So every time there is an adjustment to either the meal equivalency rate or if there is an adjustment to the Federal Reimbursement Commodity entitlement high school prices, that changes the meal equivalency rate. That function will more than likely change every year.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – the liability insurance increased by \$2 million dollars and I was just wondering is there any cost to the district associated with that and why that was such a large increase.

Mr. Balducci stated – that was actually our requirement. As a district we have a \$3 million dollar liability so we had asked the vendor to match that. There is no cost to the district; that expense is being borne by the company.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – we had surplus level threshold changes. Is that tied into the commodities too or is that different?

Ms. Conca stated – there was a difference in the beginning because of the employees transitioning over to us in November, not the beginning of the year. There was a difference of about \$6,000 and that's the only change to it and that was the reason.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – there were also some management service fees that increased. Was that still the same because it was November....

Ms. Conca stated – no, every year we are allowed to increase our management and administrative fees by the CPI and that went up 1.6%.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – the district operating costs; what is that that will be added to the monthly statement?

Ms. Conca stated – what we've been asked to do is to take any costs that the district charges against the programs so that everything is all in one operating statement.

Mr. Balducci stated – if you recall when I provide you with the monthly statement I actually have two columns, one being food service and one being Cranston Public Schools and in speaking with Sodexo as part of their renewal we asked them to incorporate our in-district expenses as a line item in the monthly report they provide my office so hopefully going forward next year we can just give you one column which will be the entire food service program going forward.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – but we will still be able to see what our costs were verses what

Mr. Balducci stated – by all means again I can track those separately because they are in a separate fund...yes.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – do we know at this point what the final cost to

the district will be on improvements that were needed for the POS system?

Ms. Conca stated – the POS system I believe we have spent a total of \$91,000 out of the \$100,000 that we had set aside.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – are you seeing it going over that amount?

Ms. Conca stated – no, the only thing there may be some additional training days in the fall when the employees come back unless we have to purchase more for some reason. I don't anticipate that.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – and Joe, our cost to the district, insofar as the point of sale system. Are you right around what you had thought? Originally it was around \$14-\$15,000 dollars.

Mr. Balducci stated – actually I believe it is going to come in less because Donna-Marie Frappier was very aggressive in getting a company to assist Sodexo in the wiring so it's looks like we are going to be ahead of that.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated – okay now I am moving onto the survey that was done by the Cranston Educational Advisory Board (CEAB). There were some complaints regarding the freshness of milk at some of the schools, especially the middle schools so I just wanted to bring that up as a point that needed to be addressed. There was a request to include plain water as a beverage choice. We do have students who are lactose intolerant.

Ms. Conca stated – as of July 1 water has to be available for all the students. That is part of the new regulations. We are waiting for some

information from the State because they haven't really said this is how you need to do it but we are looking at providing water. Water is considered extra and does not take the place of milk; nothing can replace milk as an option in the National School Lunch Program.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – is there any discussion about offering a lactose free option for kids if milk is the requirement?

Ms. Conca stated – we currently do that already and it is available at every level.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – portion control continues to be an issue for our older children, especially our 5th and 6th grade because there still seems to be some confusion as to what the portion should be for these kids so that is something we would like to see addressed.

Ms. Conca stated – we can take a look at that.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated – the temperature of food seems to also be a problem for the schools that are having things delivered obviously. By the third lunch some of the colder items are not as cold as they should be and the hot items are not really kept as warm as they could be so from a safety issue you know I think that would be a big concern so I think that is something we need to have a look at and have addressed as well

Ms. Conca stated – just so you are aware when the food is delivered at the beginning of every meal period they are instructed to take the temperatures so that we know a cold item is going to be 40 or below

and a hot item would be above 145. If that isn't the case then they are supposed to get in touch with one of the managers or a production site person so that they can either reheat the food or some corrective action takes place.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated - then I am thinking this is something that can be addressed with the employees at the right level.

Ms. Conca stated – sure.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated – the last thing regarding food quality is the sodium content. On some of the foods it was noticed that it doesn't meet RI standards. I guess they had kind of done a sampling of a couple of

Ms. Iannazzi asked Ms. Conca if she had received a copy of the report from CEAB. Ms. Conca stated yes. Ms. Iannazzi asked if the Sodexo people would be willing to go to the CEAB meeting and talk with the parents and address their concerns. Ms. Conca stated – we would love to do that. We really want the opportunity to talk to people in the district and get their feedback so we can improve the program.

Ms. Conca commented on the sodium content – you have to realize those menus are analyzed over the week they are not analyzed on a daily basis and if they are comparing, for example, a chicken patty luncheon, if they are comparing that with a chicken patty from McDonald's they are comparing the patty. Ours is the entire meal so you are going to have a higher sodium content. All your nutrients are going to be higher because it's an entire meal. It is not an individual portion.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated – the management issue. There seemed to be in some schools not enough staff. That may have been because the POS, I'm not really sure but that may be something you would want to address with CEAB.

Mr. Bloom asked – Lynne I would just like to request that you prepare a response to this for submittal to the School Committee and that could be used as a basis for a follow up meeting with CEAB to discuss these particular concerns. I think the overall tone was they were pleased but there is room for improvement. It would be constructive to have something to start discussions with.

Ms. Conca stated – we would be happy to do that.

Mr. Votto stated – Madam Chair I would like to point out something – we are responsible as a district, which is in the contract, to form an advisory committee. It is outlined in the contract and Mr. Nero, myself and Joe had spoken recently about it so for the next school year we have to form our own advisory committee consisting of parents, students. They actually will help Sodexo in advising in terms of the menu and the options and the issues.

Mrs. Culhane stated – I think you are doing a great job, I think obviously CEAB put a lot of effort into this and some of the things that CEAB mentioned is the lines move so slowly that sometimes the kids that are at the very back of the line literally have five minutes to

eat or don't have time to finish so I think that is something I would like to see analyzed at each of the schools.

Mr. Bloom stated – Ray, just a follow up. We have to have a committee put together by the beginning of next year? Is there any reason why this committee couldn't meet in the summer before the beginning of the school year so if there is anything that needs to be addressed...

Mr. Votto stated – it's really our responsibility so I will share that with Mr. Nero and get back to you.

Mrs. Ruggieri asked – this wouldn't fall under Wellness?

Mr. Votto stated – it's totally different.

Ms. Iannazzi asked Mrs. Ruggieri if she would like to chair the committee.

Mrs. Ruggieri stated – sure.

There being no further questions the roll was called:

Mr. Bloom Yes

Ms. Culhane Yes

Mrs. McFarland Yes

Mrs. Ruggieri Yes

Ms. Iannazzi Yes

Resolution passed.

NO. 11-5-26- Whereas, a dispute has arisen between the National

Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153 and the Cranston School Committee regarding a grievance filed by the Union alleging a violation of the terms of the collective bargaining agreement as to the scheduling of vacation time, and

Whereas the Committee and the Union are desirous of resolving said dispute without resort to the arbitration procedures contained in the bargaining agreement,

Now be it Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Association of Government Employees and the Cranston School Committee be accepted.

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

New Business – none.

Public Hearing on Non-agenda items

Annette Bourne – CEAB

Ms. Bourne thanked the members for discussing the survey and stated this is her last school year as CEAB chair. She gave a brief history of her time in CEAB. She thanked the members for all their support.

Valerie Schuele – Farm Street

Ms. Schuele spoke again and asked the members to continue to fight for the children.

Announcement of Future Meetings – June 8, June 15 and June 21, 2011

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Culhane and seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank S. Lombardi

Clerk

POLICY #5112.3

Tutoring Policy

In accordance with state law, the student's home school will make every attempt to accommodate the student's illness, while keeping them in school as much as possible. Consideration will be given to an abbreviated schedule, use of the school's planning center (if

applicable), and accommodations within the schedule for therapeutic time, etc., to enable the student full access to the curriculum and instruction offered by the district.

It is important to consider that any time out of school, especially at the high school level, could negatively affect a student's ability to complete state-mandated graduation requirements. Students are expected to be in school in order to have access to a full range of educational opportunities, which tutoring cannot provide. For example, if a student needs tutoring in Chemistry, it is extremely difficult to replicate effectively the laboratory experiences that a child would have in a classroom setting.

It is the belief of this district that student's should have every opportunity to be in school to fully access all of the educational opportunities that a classroom and school setting offers. Please consider this when deciding on the appropriateness of tutoring.

If attempts fail to keep the child in school, and the consideration of homebound tutoring is appropriate and necessary, the following criteria must be met:

a. Parent/guardian must provide the school with a physician's letter stating that the child has been examined and a determination has been made that the child cannot attend school full-time for at least twenty (20) consecutive school days, due to a medical diagnosis. This

letter should clearly include such diagnosis of the student's illness, and course of treatment to assist the child in returning to school. It should also state an expected time for student to return to school.

b. Physician's notes on prescription pads will not be accepted.

c. The physician's letter will be one of the factors in considering home tutoring eligibility. Other factors that may be reviewed are child's attendance history, academic needs, counselor and administrator feedback, etc. If necessary, an IEP Team will be convened, to change placement for homebound tutoring.

d. Parents will be required to sign a medical release for the district to contact the physician, have the physician provide a diagnosis and if necessary, coordinate with the district to provide an appropriate program for your child.

e. The district will have discretion to forward the physician's request to the district's medical staff (i.e. district physician, psychiatrist, etc.) for review and input.

f. If the Superintendent or his/her designee makes a determination that a student may receive home tutoring for a period of time, the approval will be given in accordance with the physician's plan for treatment and diagnosis for approximate time of absence from school. The maximum will be one quarter's time (45 days) with a

potential for extension, if medically necessary and with appropriate updated evaluations.

g. Parent/guardian will be required to provide the district with an updated physician's letter when seeking an extension.

h. Tutoring sessions shall occur outside of the student's home (hospital, local library, etc.), unless the student is physically unable to leave home.

i. Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the receipt and understanding of guidelines for tutoring.

If the above criteria are met, the district will arrange a schedule of tutoring with the following time allotments:

Grade Level Kindergarten Elementary Middle/High School

Time 2.5 hours/week 5 hours/week 1 hour per subject up to a maximum of 6 hours per week

If the parent cancels more than three (3) times, the tutoring schedule will be suspended. It may be reinstated if the sending school meets with the parent to discuss why the sessions were cancelled and to verify that home tutoring is still an appropriate option for the student. A parent may be required to provide an additional physician's letter stating continued tutoring should be considered.

The student's academic teacher of record will be responsible for

providing materials for the tutor to use with the student. Also, the child's teacher of record will be responsible for grading the returned material and for submitting the grades for the work on the child's report card.

The district will make every attempt to find a highly qualified and/or certified person to tutor in an academic area. Exceptions will be made only by the Executive Director of Educational Programs.

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