

# **CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011**

**HOPE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**300 HOPE ROAD**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **MINUTES**

The regular School Committee meeting was held on the evening of the above date in the teachers' lounge at Hope Highlands Elementary School with the following members present: Ms. Iannazzi, Mr. Traficante, Mrs. Ruggieri, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Culhane, and Mrs. McFarland. Mr. Lombardi was absent with cause. Also present were Superintendent Nero, Mr. Balducci, Mr. Dillon, Attorney Cascione, Dr. Lundsten, Mrs. Coogan and Mr. Votto.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried that the members convene to Executive Session Pursuant to R.I. State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Contract Negotiations' Update – Bus Drivers/Trades People/Mechanics, Custodians); (Teacher Negotiations; Teacher Assistants/ Technical Assistants/Bus Aides Negotiations); (Secretary Negotiations); (School Banner); (Consideration of litigation options and legal options regarding status

of aid to education appropriation and legal advice relating to the same).

#### **Call to Order – Public Session**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted and the roll was called. A Quorum was present.

Ms. Iannazzi reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

#### **Executive Session Minutes Sealed – June 21, 2011**

Moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried to seal the Executive Session Minutes from June 21, 2011.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – May 9, May 18 and May 26, 2011**

Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the meetings of May 9th, May 18th and May 26, 2011.

#### **Public Acknowledgements/Communications**

There were none.

#### **Chairperson's Communications**

Ms. Iannazzi reported that the Board of Regents will be voting on the Mayoral Academy Proposal on July 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the R.I.D.E.

office.

Also, Ms. Iannazzi reported that she would like to acknowledge Melissa from Veolia Water who is present to donate a very generous amount to the Cranston Public Schools Sports Program. You may recall, last year when we were seeking donations because of the law that was passed sponsored by the Cranston Delegation. Veolia was the first organization that came to the plate and donated for Cranston's kids and our Athletic Director, Mike Traficante, is present to accept this very generous donation from Veolia.

#### **Superintendent's Communications**

**Superintendent Nero:** As you know every month I highlight schools. Wonderful things have been happening in our schools. Cranston West: We had two great graduations; actually three great graduations and I couldn't do the Charter School because my son was graduating West the next day. Cranston West had a great graduation and a real tribute to the fine leadership and teachers. 96% of the students at Cranston West will be attending college come this fall. In addition to that, we had a great night at McCoy Stadium a couple of weeks ago because the boys came out of nowhere and won the State Baseball Championship, which was another phenomenal thing. At the graduation, we had 11 Eagle Scouts out of one school plus kids' going to George Washington is incredible and a real tribute to what is going on there. We will be honoring sports tonight and it's been a most successful year at Cranston High School West.

**Waterman School:** A lot of community service going on at Waterman School. The kids are involved in all different programs. They had story telling with Mark Binder this year and on May 17th they celebrated the Young Authors and they were presented with their books.

**WHMS:** They outscored the entire State this year on the 8th grade tech literacy exam. The three Middle Schools scored above all other schools this year. On June 14th they had their first flag dedication and on June 1st was their annual Honors' Night, which I attended. 200 8th graders received honors out of approximately 350 students.

**Sanders Academy:** They do some incredible things as well as being involved in a variety of things that we're involved in such as the DANA Center work, Discreet Math and all those different things. In addition, Sanders' students also attended Community Prevention Programs such as the Score Program and the Educational Program through the Department of Corrections and the RI Family Court.

### **School Committee Member Communications**

**Mrs. Culhane:** I'd like to congratulate BASICS. They had their concert two weeks ago and it was really fantastic. 200 students performed in both strings and band. The strings were wonderful as well as the band was wonderful. We had beginner and intermediate for the band and it was a fantastic event. West auditorium was standing room only and they were able to raise some money for next

**year. They're still looking for donations for next years' program. On a personal note, I would like to thank Sean Kelly and Greg Arsenault at Cranston East and the whole entire East custodian staff and tech staff; I had my Eden Park Talent Show there and they were really great at setting everything up and accommodating us. It was a fantastic night and thank you so much for that.**

## **Public Hearing**

**Students (agenda/non-agenda matters) – There were none.**

**Members of the Public (agenda matters only)**

**Mr. Barbieri:**

**Chairwoman Iannazzi, Superintendent Nero, fellow Board Members, I'd like to speak on Resolution 11-6-51; in particular the retirement of one of my staff members Karen Bateson. I wanted you to know that these are some unprecedented times for education as we all know it and our fellow colleagues are making some difficult decisions based on these times. One of them is retirement. I must tell you, as a fellow staff member, we are mentored by our senior people that are out there. They do a lot of work for me out in the field. In speaking regarding Ms. Bateson, I've worked with her in four different capacities; as a fellow teacher, as her assistant principals and as her principal in two different schools and I must tell you that over the years she has been nothing but professional, dedicated and has been one of the leaders that I've had in my school. That being said, I'm not**

going to say good bye to Ms. Bateson but we will see each other in a different capacity hopefully one day. Good luck, health and happiness with you and your family.

**Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda:**

**Our Proposed Consent Agenda is Resolutions 11-6-43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 11-6-48 (withdrawn by the administration), 11-6-49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, and 11-6-70.**

**(See Below Resolutions)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**PERSONNEL**

**NO. 11-6-43 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be renewed as follows:**

**Arlene Garrison, Special Education Administrator**

**Special Education Office – Horton School**

**Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2011**

**See Attached Financial Impact Analysis**

**NO. 11-6-44 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be renewed as follows:**

**Cheryl Coogan, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel & Curriculum**

**Cranston Public Schools Administration Building**

**Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2011**

**See Attached Financial Impact Analysis**

**NO. 11-6-45- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator be renewed as follows:**

**Dennis Charpentier, Principal**

**Orchard Farms Elementary School**

**Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2011**

**See Attached Financial Impact Analysis**

**NO. 11-6-46 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said non-certified administrator be renewed as follows:**

**Joseph Balducci**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2011**

**See Attached Financial Impact Analysis**

**NO. 11-6-47 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said non-certified administrator be renewed as follows:**

**Raymond Votto**

**Chief Operating Officer**

**Contract Effective Date: July 1, 2011**

**See Attached Financial Impact Analysis**

**NO. 11-6-49 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the**

**Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED, that the Superintendent notify those individuals of the committee's actions.**

**NO. 11-6-50 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Lauren Paolino, Special Education Elementary\Middle**

**Jenna Labush, Elementary**

**Katelyn Greene, Elementary**

**NO. 11-6-51 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Karen Bateson**

**Bain Middle School**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2011**

**NO. 11-6-52 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Jacqueline Striano, Assistant Principal**

**Western Hills**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2011**

**NO. 11-6-53 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as an athletic coach:**

**Robert Finelli, Coach Field Hockey**

**CHSE**

**Step-3**

**Class-B**

**Playing Competition-None**

**Experience-Cranston East Hockey**

**Certification-RI Coaches Certification; CPR\AED\First Aid**

**NO. 11-6-54 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:**

**Lauren McGrail, Head Coach Girls' Basketball**

**CHSE**

**Effective Date...June 2, 2011**

**NO. 11-6-55 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Carol Albrecht, Teacher Assistant**

**NO. 11-6-56 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Jonathan Pirolli, Custodian**

**Plant**

**Effective Date...June 2, 2011**

**Jane Dunn, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...June 3, 2011**

**NO. 11-6-57 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee A be accepted.**

#### **POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

**NO. 11-6-58 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2011-2012 School Calendar (as amended) be approved. (See Attached)**

**NO. 11-6-59 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:**

**1. Mrs. Joanne P. Spaziano, teacher at Park View Middle School, and nine (9) students from the Park View NEED Cougars (National Energy Education Development) to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the NEED Youth Awards Program from June 25, 2011 through June 27, 2011, at no cost to the School Department. Expenses to be paid by donations made by parents and teachers of Park View and funds from a dress down event. Please see the attached Field Trip of Long**

**Duration form.**

**PURCHASES AND PURCHASED SERVICES**

**NO. 11-6-60 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Family and Consumer Science Supplies in the amount of \$2,693.60**

**(Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 7**

**Number of bids received 2**

**NO. 11-6-61 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Science Supplies in the amount of \$13,826.81 (Pending the availability**

**of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 14**

**Number of bids received 11**

**NO. 11-6-62 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Library Supplies in the amount of \$2,148.07 (Pending the availability**

**of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 5**

**Number of bids received 4**

**NO. 11-6-63 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Art Supplies in the amount of \$28,836.97 (Pending the availability of**

**funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 13**

**Number of bids received 12**

**NO. 11-6-64 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Technology Education Supplies in the amount of \$12,684.02 (Pending  
the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 16**

**Number of bids received 11**

**NO. 11-6-65 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Cleaning of Boilers in the average yearly amount of \$13,000 over a  
three year period from 2011-2014**

**Number of bids issued 3**

**Number of bids received 1**

**NO. 11-6-66 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Heating Fuel Oil based on pricing in the Journal of Commerce with a  
.0384 increment over low posting for the period 9/1/11 through 8/31/12**

**Number of bids issued 2**

**Number of bids received 1**

**NO. 11-6-67 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Property and Liability Insurance be awarded to the Rhode Island  
Interlocal Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$740,471.**

**Number of bids issued 7**

**Number of bids received 1**

**NO. 11-6-68 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Snow Plowing be awarded to Salo Construction (please see attached specifications for pricing)**

**Number of bids issued 6**

**Number of bids received 4**

**NO. 11-6-69 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Pumping of Waste Water, Grease Traps, and Sewer Ejector Tanks in  
the amount of \$9,900 per year for 2011-12; 2012-13; and 2013-14.**

**Number of bids issued 4**

**Number of bids received 2**

**NO. 11-6-70 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:  
Engineering Services for the CACTC in the amount of \$77,962  
through state funding.**

**Number of bids issued 7**

**Number of bids received 4**

**Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously  
carried to approve the above Consent Agenda.**

**Superintendent Nero: Once again we have several administrators on  
this whose contracts were renewed and I would like to reiterate what I  
said last month as well as my administrators. I wish I could do more  
during these difficult times but obviously we can't and I'm just happy  
to have everybody on board. I would also like to congratulate some  
people that I know better than others who are retiring and all have at**

least 6 or 7 years less than me. I'd like to say congratulations to all. I hope you all stay healthy and enjoy life and do all things that are important to you. I'd also like to say congratulations to Dr. Striano who is going to be leaving us. I would like to thank her for her five years of service; she will be going out to the hills, as they say. I wish you well and congratulate you.

Mrs. Ruggieri: I just wanted to wish Dr. Striano well as well. I think it's a real loss to this district and I think it's a loss to the kids. I wish you well and I know that it is definitely our loss. Thank you.

#### **SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Read and Presented by Mrs. Culhane. Moved by Mrs. Culhane, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried.

**NO. 11-6-32 – WHEREAS, the Park View NEED (National Energy Education Development) Cougars have been selected as the RI Junior Level School of the Year and Junior Level School of the Year at the National Level for 2011, and**

**WHEREAS, thirty (30) students from the NEED Program distinguished themselves by being involved in several after school activities of Kids Teaching Kids about Energy, and**

**WHEREAS, these students are:**

**Alex Barnes    Madora Bertrand    Curtis Bitton**

**Axel Bourdiel    Alex Brooks    Carlos Caneo**

**Jeannette Chin Songling Chen Leslie Defran  
Erillis DeJesus Arlette Deju Frances Deju  
Keenan Dunleavy Donna EILaham Betsy Escobar  
Maylleine Espinosa Cynthia Gatua Jessica Gonzalez  
Shastery Gonzalez Rashard Hinds Ambar Olivares  
Keila Pena Jessica Pineda Justin Reyes  
Julianna Roberti Sebastain Trabucco Chanda Uy  
Minette Vargas Thea Vargas Liz Wong**

**WHEREAS, these students earned their US National recognition by doing community service projects including a full day conference for a local CCD group, making donations to the Thanksgiving food baskets and paying for the busses for local schools to come to our conferences; holding conferences for teachers and students for RI State Energy office which was also sponsored by National Grid; put NEED news on the school website, and**

**WHEREAS, their big event was The Energy Fair with National Grid in attendance along with a Spanish speaking rep who encouraged the bilingual students to also speak in their own languages to their parents and over 500 people were reached directly and over 5,000 people were reached through the newspapers and online news, and**

**WHEREAS, these students are invited to attend the NEED National Recognition Ceremonies in June 2011 in Washington, D.C.**

**Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and the three teachers who were involved: Mrs. Joanne Spaziano, Mrs. Sheila Hopkins, and Mrs. Nancy DeCosta, on an outstanding energy education project.**

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

**SPONSORED BY MRS. RUGGIERI**

**Read and presented by Mrs. Ruggieri. Moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-33 - Whereas, Robert Allen, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West boys' cross country and indoor track teams during the 2010-2011 fall and winter sport seasons, and**

**Whereas, with an extremely intense off season training program and an unwavering determination to be the very best in his sports Robert Allen became the very first two time first team Providence Journal All State selection from Cranston West in both cross country and indoor track, and**

**Whereas, with a tireless work ethic in the sport of cross country finished 1st at both the Class "A" and RIIL Championship Races and became only the eighth Rhode Island runner to ever win the New**

**England Championship Race, and**

**Whereas, maintaining that same drive and determination during the indoor track season Robert captured both the 3,000m race in a time of 8:46 and the 1,500m race in a time of 4:03 at the RILL Championship Meet, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire cross country and indoor track seasons has been recognized as a 2010-2011 Providence Journal First Team All State selection in the sports of cross country and indoor track, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Robert Allen, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of CROSS COUNTRY and INDOOR TRACK by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read and presented by Mr. Bloom. Moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-34 – WHEREAS, Cranston High School East Unified Basketball Team became Division Two State Champions on May 14, 2011 with a 31-30 victory over Smithfield High School, and**

**WHEREAS, the Bolts were undefeated throughout the playoffs, with the team consisting of the following players:**

**Rebecca Fantasia Vincent Richards Bruce Silva**

**Jacob Calkins Justin Smith David Evans**

**Tobi Akanji Kayleigh Carney Natalia Congdon**

**Lauren Giarrusso Erin Torres Michael Lempitsky**

**Vincenzo Lempitsky Juan Santos**

**Head Coach: Tara Barone Assistant Coach: Mike Rachiele**

**WHEREAS, this was Cranston East's first year participating in the Interscholastic League's Unified Basketball Program.**

**Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee would like to thank the following for entering the team in the league: Mike Traficante, Sean Kelly, Dave Aulenbach and most importantly Chris D'Ambrosio.**

**Be it further RESOLVED, that we extend a special thank you to our Resource Officer, Matt Davis for all of his help, our alumni member Angel Starks for keeping score at our home games and Cranston East alumnus, John Cardillo for announcing all of our home games.**

**Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee, be presented to each student and person involved in making this Cranston East Unified Basketball Team an accomplished team.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read and Presented by Mrs. McFarland. (Student is not present)**

**Moved by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Traficante and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-35 - Whereas, MICHAELA HACKETT, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West girls' cross country team during the 2010 fall sports' season, and**

**Whereas, with a sound off season training program and a great work ethic during the season Michaela went from a 100th place finish in the 2009 RIIL State Championship Meet to a 2nd place finish in 2010 with a time of 19:03, and**

**Whereas, through her continued hard work, and a strong determination, finished 13th in the very prestigious Manhattan Invitational Varsity "C" Race with a time of 16:34, finished 5th in the RIIL Class "A" Race with a time of 19:45, was the 5th Rhode Island runner to finish at the New England Championship Race with a time of 21:05 and was the very first Rhode Island runner to finish at the Footlocker Northeast Regional Race with a time of 20:20, and**

**Whereas, because of her outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire cross country season has been recognized as a 2010 Providence Journal First Team All State selection, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Michaela Hackett, be congratulated for her hard work and dedication in the sport of CROSS COUNTRY by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that she be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read by Mr. Traficante (Student not present). Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-36- Whereas, RICONDO COLE, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West WRESTLING TEAM throughout the entire 2010-2011 winter sport season, and**

**Whereas, with a very regimented year round training program, relentless work ethic and great leadership skills Ricondo was a two time captain of the team, and**

**Whereas, through continued hard work and dedication throughout the entire season was undefeated against Rhode Island competition compiling an overall 46-2 record in the 135lb weight class, finished 1st at the RILL State Championship Meet and 3rd at the New England Championship Meet, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire wrestling season for the second consecutive year has been recognized as a 2010-2011 Providence Journal First**

**Team All State selection in the sport of wrestling, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Ricondo Cole, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of wrestling by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read by Mrs. Culhane – Student not present. Moved by Mrs. Culhane, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-37- Whereas, EVERET DESILETS, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West WRESTLING TEAM throughout the entire 2010-2011 winter sport season, and**

**Whereas, with a very regimented year round training program, relentless work ethic and great leadership skills Everet served as co-captain of the team, and**

**Whereas, through continued hard work and dedication throughout the entire wrestling season compiled an overall record of 45-0, became a two time State Champion in the 140lb weight class and captured the New England Championship title as well, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments**

**throughout the entire wrestling season for the second consecutive year has been recognized as a 2010-2011 Providence Journal First Team All State selection in the sport of wrestling, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Everet Desilets, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of wrestling by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read by Mr. Bloom – Student not present. Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-38 - Whereas, ROBERT BELL, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School East FOOTBALL TEAM throughout the entire 2010 fall sport season, and**

**Whereas, after three very successful seasons in Division II Robert trained extremely hard during the off season to prepare for the programs' first appearance in Division I in over twenty years, and**

**Whereas, through continued hard work and dedication throughout the entire football season averaged 25 yards per punt return, had 578 yards of pass receiving (including 4 touchdowns) and had 5 pass interceptions on defense, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season has been recognized as a Providence Journal First Team All State selection in the sport of football, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Robert Bell, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of football by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read by Mrs. McFarland – Student not present. Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-39- Whereas, ROB REARDON, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School East FOOTBALL TEAM throughout the entire 2010 fall sport season, and**

**Whereas, after three very successful seasons in Division II Rob was named a co-captain and trained extremely hard during the off season to prepare for the programs' first appearance in Division I in over twenty years, and**

**Whereas, through continued hard work and dedication throughout the entire football season Rob accounted for 1,789 yards of total offense (1,187 passing and 612 rushing), threw 12 touchdown passes,**

**ran for 8 touchdowns and had 2 interceptions on defense as well, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season Rob has been recognized as a Providence Journal First Team All State selection in the sport of football, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Rob Reardon, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of football by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Read by Mrs. Ruggieri – Student not present. Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and unanimously carried.**

**NO. 11-6-40- Whereas, BRYAN YARCE, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West BASKETBALL TEAM throughout the entire 2010-2011 winter sport season, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding leadership skills was named co-captain of the team and led them to an overall record of 24-4 and the Division I Championship title, and**

**Whereas, through continued hard work and dedication throughout**

**the entire basketball season Bryan averaged 18.2 points per game, became only the second male 1,000 point scorer at Cranston West and was a McDonalds All American nominee, and**

**Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire basketball season has been recognized as a Providence Journal First Team All State selection in the sport of basketball, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that Bryan Yarce, be congratulated for his hard work and dedication in the sport of basketball by the Cranston School Committee, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of this committee.**

**SPONSORED BY THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Read by Mr. Nero. Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried.**

**Accepting this award for Mr. Musco and Mr. Boutin was Karen Verrengia.**

**NO. 11-6-41 - WHEREAS, Paul Musco Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) technician and Joseph Boutin, High School West Foreman, have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) prestigious Environmental Merit Award; an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who**

**have made a significant contribution to preserving and protecting our natural resources, and**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Musco and Mr. Boutin embraced the challenge of the CPS Energy Program without hesitation through their excellent work, commitment and their significant attention to energy efficiency and conservation measures, and**

**WHEREAS, Cranston Public Schools consists of thirty-one (31) buildings, five (5) of which make up the West High School complex with construction ranging from 1925-2004, and**

**WHEREAS, maintaining several decades of technology efficiently is extremely challenging and both faced the daunting task of learning, in depth, about the building's HVAC systems and functionality, and**

**WHEREAS, Mr. Musco and Mr. Boutin have obtained the Building Operator Certification furthering their knowledge through continued education, and**

**WHEREAS, West High School is the largest contributor to energy savings incurred by the district and is also the recipient of over \$400,000 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for HVAC and lighting restoration projects which Mr. Musco and Mr. Boutin have collaboratively overseen, and**

**WHEREAS, twelve (12) Cranston Public School buildings earned the Energy Star Commendation, this honor was fundamentally reached, through the work performed by Mr. Musco and through the efforts of Mr. Boutin at Cranston High School West.**

**Be it RESOLVED, that Mr. Paul Musco and Mr. Joseph Boutin be recognized for this prestigious accomplishment which has greatly benefited the district and improved the quality of our environment.**

**Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee, be presented to Mr. Paul Musco and Mr. Joseph Boutin.**

**SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Read and Presented by Mr. Traficante. Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried.**

**Mr. Traficante: I think I speak for the entire School Committee when I say I am proud to present this certificate and proclamation to Mr. Barbieri. Bain has always been known as a highly traditional school; a school that's well disciplined in academics. It has an outstanding legacy in many areas. Mr. Barbieri over the last several years, has enhanced that legacy through his hard work and dedication and we're very proud that the RI Association of School Principals has named and honored him and recognized him as the Middle School Principal of the year for the State of Rhode Island. Congratulations.**

**Superintendent Nero:** Everybody knows how I feel about Tom and he has an incredibly bright future in this district; I've known Tom for many years. When he was a teacher for just a few years, I was part of the administrative team at Cranston East and certainly he was incredible working there and you could see that he was going to be an incredible principal. What this does in saying here and this is what I told the committee, is that Tom is a gentleman; he's loyal; he believes in his school and his mission and above and beyond that, he's a great husband; he's a great father. When you start with qualities like that, the rest just flows and that's the reflection of Tom in his school. His school is a classy school because Tommy leads by example and it's my honor and privilege to know him and work with him.

**Mrs. McFarland:** I just wanted to say "Thank you" on behalf of the community as well. If it wasn't for you and your teachers who took time out of their summer to walk our neighborhoods and really create a community culture at Bain, which was never seen before. It just enriches the tradition there so much, I want to say "Thank You". What a positive role model your school has been with your leadership.

**Ms. Iannazzi:** Tom, we have been asked repeatedly in the last couple of months to show where collaboration is happening; to show where students of color are performing; to show where teachers have

**dedication and respect and we have always said here in Cranston and it is really you and your building that are setting the example for Cranston, through all of the great things that you're doing. I just wanted to thank you for that. Also, what the Superintendent didn't say is you also have a great ability to surround yourself with phenomenal Assistant Principals who really do most of the work.....so but with all the ribbing aside, Mr. Lombardi can't be here this evening because he is working but he wanted to make sure to let you know that he will rib you privately and I'm sure that he will have some very entertaining things to say to you.**

**NO. 11-6-42 – WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Association of School Principals has named Thomas Barbieri as the Middle School Principal of the year for Rhode Island, and**

**Whereas, an award ceremony and dinner was held on June 1, 2011 to honor Principal Thomas Barbieri for exemplary leadership and for the exemplary contributions he has made to the profession, and**

**Whereas, Mr. Barbieri will be attending the all State Principals of the Year Awards' Banquet held each year at the Principal's Institute in Washington, DC., that not only salutes the principalship but also provides a forum for honorees to share best practices and expertise, and**

**Whereas, this award recognizes outstanding school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, and**

**Whereas, this Awards' Program honors school principals who have demonstrated excellence in collaborative leadership; curriculum, instruction, assessment and personalization.**

**Be it Resolved, that Mr. Barbieri be recognized by the Cranston School Committee and the Administration for his outstanding accomplishments in earning this prestigious award from the Rhode Island Association of School Principals.**

**Be it further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution, signed by the members of the School Committee, be presented to Mr. Barbieri.**

**Ms. Iannazzi: On Resolution No. 11-6-47 there was an error in the fiscal impact and it will be posted and voted on again at the 28th meeting.**

**NO. 11-6-48 - RESOLVED, that the recommendation of the Superintendent to non-renew the contract of Administrator A, be accepted.**

**The above resolution was withdrawn unanimously.**

## **BUSINESS**

**Mr. Cascione had to leave so if there are any questions on the next resolution, we will have to table it.**

**Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. McFarland for discussion:**

**Mrs. Ruggieri: I do have some questions on this resolution so I would like to table this to next month. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFarland and unanimously carried to table Resolution No. 11-6-71.**

**NO. 11-6-71 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Retainer Agreement between The Becket Fund and the Cranston School Committee be accepted.**

#### **TABLED RESOLUTION**

**Moved by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Culhane and unanimously carried to remove the following resolution from the table.**

**NO. 11-6-31 - RESOLVED, that the 2011-2012 Operating Budget, as adopted by the School Committee, be revised.**

**Mr. Traficante: Moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$81,270 due to the fact that we have increase in State Aid. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri.**

**Mrs. Culhane: Is this something that's been documented and is it definite and voted on at this point in time?**

**Mr. Balducci: The information was received by the Department of Education to my office; as far as a vote, no, it has not been voted on**

**by the entire General Assembly. It is based on what has come out of the House Finance Committee. That's where the information has been derived from.**

**Mrs. Culhane: Expressed her concerns about voting on a number and then what happens if they change their mind or they take that money and put it else where. A discussion ensued.**

**Ms. Iannazzi: We have the budget scheduled for a meeting for tomorrow and next week as well. The General Assembly will vote by then so we will have plenty of time to correct it if we had to.**

**The roll was called and voted unanimously to approve.**

**Mr. Traficante: Moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$1,451. The Superintendent has agreed to freeze his salary for the increase. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFarland and voted unanimously to approve.**

**Mrs. McFarland: I would just like to thank you publicly for doing this.**

**Mr. Traficante: Moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$342,624 due to the additional retirements that have incurred these past weeks. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McFarland.**

**Mr. Nero: We originally budgeted 10; Ray and I waited up to the last minute; there are 11 retirements plus we have a resignation of a top step teacher.**

**The roll was called and voted unanimously to approve.**

**Mr. Traficante: Moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$991.14 due to additional cost-share of one of our secondary school principals. Motion was seconded by Mrs. McFarland and it was voted unanimously to approve.**

**Mr. Traficante: Moved to amend the budget in the amount of \$4,817 due to a salary decrease of an administrator. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri and voted unanimously to approve.**

**Mrs. McFarland: I just have a question and maybe you can answer it for me. Some of the things we passed tonight, i.e. under Purchases and Services: Snow removal for the coming year and some of these purchased items that we have gone through; are there any substantial increases that would change any of those budget line items? I know we passed oil costs so there must be an increase there and we must have previous years where we have averages for snow removal, heating oil, etc. I'd like to see us close those increases in a little bit and adjust for the cost increases. I'd like to see us build in a little bit more money and we might be able to start building our own reserve as the City does.**

**Mr. Balducci:** Resolution numbers 66 regarding fuel oil – that is a small increase as compared to what we are currently paying on the open market. The property and liability insurance – the good news is that \$740,000 is a level funding of our premium, which is great news. Snow Plowing is a minor increase and based on the weather.

**Ms. Iannazzi:** Would you prepare for us, tomorrow, a quick memo as to how much remaining we have to cut to balance the budget by June 30th.

**At this time, Mrs. McFarland made a motion to table the budget. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.**

**No New Business to come before the committee.**

**Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items**

**There being none.**

**Announcement of Future Meetings – June 22 and June 28, 2011, July 13 and 18, 2011.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frank S. Lombardi  
School Committee Clerk

**ADOPTED CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Amended – June 21,  
2011**

**Resolution No. 11-3-14 CALENDAR FOR 2011-2012**

**Resolution No. 11-6-58**

**At the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, and with School Committee approval, this calendar may be altered during the scheduled recess periods or at the end of the school year, due to emergencies affecting the health and safety of our students and/or operation of our schools.**

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New Teacher Orientation – August 25 & 26, 2011

\*All Professional

**Staff Orientation – August 29, 2011**

**First Day of School for Students – Tuesday, August 30, 2011 – ALL GRADES REPORT**

**SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED (X=no school)**

**September 5, 2011 Labor Day**

**September 29 and 30, 2011 Rosh Hashanah**

**October 10, 2011 Columbus Day Observed**

**November 11, 2011 Veterans' Day Observed**

**November 24 and 25, 2011 Thanksgiving Recess**

**December 26, 2011 – January 2, 2012 Holiday Recess (includes Christmas Day/Dec. 25 & New Year's Day/Jan 1)**

**January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**February 20 – February 24, 2012 Mid-Winter Recess (includes Presidents' Day / Feb. 20)**

**April 6, 2012 Good Friday**

**April 16 – April 20, 2012 Spring Recess**

**May 28, 2012 Memorial Day Observed**

**Schools close June 12, 2012 or the 180th day (June 13th to June 19th – make-up days for inclement weather)**

**First term August 30 - November 4, 2011 Inclusive 45 days**

**Second term November 7 - January 20, 2012 Inclusive 45 days**

**Third term January 23 - March 30, 2012 Inclusive 45 days**

**Fourth term April 2 - June 12, 2012 Inclusive 45 days**

**GRADUATION DATES**

**Cranston High School East and Cranston High School West – Saturday, June 9, 2012.**

**NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy – Friday, June 8, 2012.**

**Cranston East, Cranston West, and NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy Seniors' Last Day of Instruction – June 1, 2012.**

**Administrator's Compensation Schedule**

**Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ANN</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
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**HEALTH DENTAL LIFE PENSION SURV**

**BEN OASDI MEDICARE TOTAL Fringe Sal & Fringe**

**Executive Group**

<b>Balducci, Joseph</b>	<b>CFO</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>102,473.00 0 0 33</b>	<b>14,346 96 0 1486</b>
			<b>15,961</b>	<b>118,434</b>

<b>Coogan, Cheryl</b>	<b>Exec. Director</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>98,470.00</b>	<b>13893 1002 33</b>
			<b>13,786 96 0 1428</b>	<b>30,238 128,708</b>

<b>Votto, Raymond</b>	<b>COO</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>102,473.00 0 0 33</b>	<b>6,046 0 635 1486</b>
			<b>8,200</b>	<b>110,673</b>

**Total 357,815**

**Principals/Directors**

<b>Garrison, Arlene</b>	<b>SE Director</b>	<b>Horton</b>	<b>97,500.00</b>	<b>13893 1002 33</b>
			<b>13,650 96 0 1414</b>	<b>30,088 127,588</b>

<b>Charpentier, Dennis</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>OFarms</b>	<b>89,767.00 0 286 33</b>	<b>12,567</b>
			<b>96 0 1302</b>	<b>14,284 104,051</b>

**Total 231,639**

**Administrator's Compensation Schedule**

**Fiscal Year 2012-2013**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ANN</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
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**Executive Group**

<b>Coogan, Cheryl</b>	<b>Exec. Director</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>98,470.00</b>	<b>15282 1052 33</b>
<b>14,977</b>	<b>96 0 1428</b>	<b>32,868</b>	<b>131,338</b>	
<b>Votto, Raymond</b>	<b>COO</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>102,473.00</b>	<b>0 0 33 7,993 0 635 1486</b>
<b>10,147</b>	<b>112,620</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>243,958</b>			

**Principals/Directors**

<b>Garrison, Arlene</b>	<b>SE Director</b>	<b>Horton</b>	<b>97,500.00</b>	<b>15282 1052 33</b>
<b>14,830</b>	<b>96 0 1414</b>	<b>32,707</b>	<b>130,207</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,207</b>			

**Administrator's Compensation Schedule**

**Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ANN</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
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**BEN OASDI MEDICARE TOTAL Fringe Sal & Fringe**

**Executive Group**

<b>Coogan, Cheryl</b>	<b>Exec. Director</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>98,470.00</b>	<b>16810 1105 33</b>
<b>16,927 96 0 1428</b>	<b>36,399</b>	<b>134,869</b>		
<b>Votto, Raymond</b>	<b>COO</b>	<b>Briggs</b>	<b>102,473.00</b>	<b>0 0 33 9,940 0 635 1486</b>
<b>12,094</b>	<b>114,567</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>249,436</b>			

**Principals/Directors**

<b>Garrison, Arlene</b>	<b>SE Director</b>	<b>Horton</b>	<b>97,500.00</b>	<b>16810 1105 33</b>
<b>16,760 96 0 1414</b>	<b>36,218</b>	<b>133,718</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,718</b>			