

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2014

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING - PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

This School Committee meeting was held on the evening of the above date in the auditorium of Western Hills Middle School with the following members present: Chairperson Iannazzi, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Traficante, Mr. Colford, Mr. Gale, Mrs. Culhane and Mrs. Ruggieri. Attorney Cascione was present for executive session.

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. McFarland and seconded by Mr. Gale to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws -

1. PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel:

- A. Assistant High School Principals**
- B. Special Education Director**

2. PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining:

- A. Contract Negotiations' Update(s)=**
- B. (Secretaries)**

- C. (Teachers)**
- D. (Teacher Assistants)**
- E. (Bus Drivers, Mechanics)**
- F. (Tradespeople)**
- G. (Custodians)**

3. PL 42-46-5(3)

A. District Safety Plan

Called to Order at 7:50 p.m. – Public Session

The roll was called; there was a quorum present.

Executive Session Minutes Sealed – January 8, 2014 and January 27, 2014 (January 27th - scheduled 6 p.m. executive session). Moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Ruggieri made a motion to suspend the rules and take agenda items out of order; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

NO. 14-01-3 - Whereas, grade 5 students at Edward S. Rhodes Elementary School have distinguished themselves by being recognized for their superior achievement levels at the Center for Civic Education National Showcase.

Whereas, the following twenty students and their teacher, James Gemma, have distinguished themselves at the national level for their civic engagement in Project Citizen,

Be it resolved, that the Cranston School committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and to James Gemma, their teacher;

Johneli Jimenez-Diaz, Kianna Camacho, Eden Fisher, Caoilfhionn Farrell, Andrew McGrath, Declan Hanley, Caroline Michaud, Abigail Gerrish, Bradley Procaccini, Thomas Jefferson, Sam Hinds, Brendon McAteer, Caroline Bradley, Kayle Russell, Henry Lee, Waskar Pena, Indiamei Coren, Renelle Bodden, Phoebe Herriott, Jeremy Scungio

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee, be presented to their teacher.

A motion was made by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Traficante. Discussion. Dr. Lundsten stated – I am very proud of these students. They have done a wonderful job on this project it was very detailed and really reflects what we want for our students; civic responsibility. The roll was called; all were in favor.

A motion was made to take resolutions #1 and #2 out of order. Moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Sponsored by the School Committee

NO. 14-01-1- Whereas, Rachael DiChiaro, an elementary school teacher at Woodridge Elementary School, has earned the prestigious National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certification, and

Whereas, Rachael has demonstrated by earning National Board Certification that she has met the high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. NBPTS Certification is a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, peer review, and

Whereas, as part of the process, Rachael DiChiaro built a portfolio that included student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of her classroom teaching. Additionally, Rachael was assessed on her knowledge of the subjects she teachers, and

Whereas, Rachael is committed to the five core propositions of National Board Certification in her commitment to students and learning, knowing the subjects she teachers and how to teach them; is responsible for managing and monitoring student learning, think systematically about her practice and learning from experience; and is a member of the learning community.

Be it RESOLVED, that Rachael DiChiaro be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for her outstanding accomplishments in earning certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

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

Moved by Mrs. Ruggieri; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Sponsored by the School Committee

NO. 14-01-2- Whereas, Julie Ann Sandin, a middle school teacher at Western Hills Middle School, has earned the prestigious National Board of Professional Teaching Standards Certification, and

Whereas, Julie has demonstrated by earning National Board Certification that she has met the high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. NBPTS Certification is a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment, peer review, and

Whereas, as part of the process, Julie Ann Sandin built a portfolio

that included student work samples, assignments, videotapes and a thorough analysis of her classroom teaching. Additionally, Julie was assessed on her knowledge of the subjects she teachers, and

Whereas, Julie is committed to the five core propositions of National Board Certification in her commitment to students and learning, knowing the subjects she teachers and how to teach them; is responsible for managing and monitoring student learning, think systematically about her practice and learning from experience; and is a member of the learning community.

Be it RESOLVED, that Julie Ann Sandin be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for her outstanding accomplishments in earning certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

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

Moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – December 4, December 9th, 2013 and January 8, 2014

Moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was

called; all were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications – none.

Chairperson’s Communications – none.

Superintendent’s Communications – none.

School Committee Member Communications – none.

Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters) – no speakers.

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only) – Ed Angilly spoke on the budget.

Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

Proposed Consent Agenda – Resolutions 14-01-4, 14-01-6, 14-01-7, 14-01-9 through 14-01-21.

Moved by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

NO. 14-01-4- RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent the Civil Rights Assurance Certificate be Authorized by the Cranston School Committee.

NO. 14-01-5 – RESOLVED, Amendment to and Clarification of Decision re: Termination Hearing of Teacher “A” held on January 8, 2014.

Mr. Colford made a motion to clarify the decision regarding the termination hearing held on January 8th to reflect suspending Teacher “A” for the remainder of this school year and to terminate next year to uphold the superintendent’s recommendation. Seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

NO 14-01-6 – RESOLVED, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Repair and Renovation Bond proposal be approved by the School Committee and a copy forwarded to the City Council for their approval.

Whereas, the projects identified below are being undertaken due to health and safety concerns and are related to the overall age of the buildings.

- Boiler Replacement & Controls (\$2,400,000)**

Cranston H.S. East (Built in 1929) and Arlington Elementary School (Built in 1957) are both currently being serviced by their respective

original boiler. This fact has made it extremely inefficient to heat each building.

- **Exterior Window Replacements (\$6,175,000)**

Window replacements are scheduled to be undertaken at the following school locations:

- o **Briggs Building (East H.S. & Administrative Offices) – Built in 1919**

- o **Cranston H.S. West – Built in 1958**

- o **Arlington Elementary School – Built in 1957**

- o **Chester Barrows Elementary School – Built in 1924**

- o **William Dutemple Elementary School – Built in 1931**

- o **Gladstone Street Elementary School – Built in 1952**

- o **Glen Hills Elementary School – Built in 1964**

- o **John Horton Special Services Program – Built in 1923**

- o **Edward Rhodes Elementary School – Built in 1930**

- o **Stadium Elementary School – Built in 1955**

- o **Stone Hill Elementary School – Built in 1962**

- o **Daniel Waterman Elementary School – Built in 1926**

All of the school locations identified above have windows dating back to the original construction date thus allowing for an extremely inefficient manner heating individual classroom/building space. Therefore, creating a health issue for students.

- **Roof Replacement (\$725,000)**

The roof structure above the B wing of the Cranston H.S. West campus is original and well beyond its useful life.

- **Redesign & Paving of School Yards and Entrances (\$1,200,000)**

Redesign and paving of school yards along with entrances are scheduled to be undertaken at the following school locations:

- **Cranston H.S. West**
- **Stadium Elementary School**
- **Stone Hill Elementary School**

The school yards/entrances at the above identified locations are in desperate need of repair and/or redesign. Therefore, this project will allow for a better flow of traffic and a safer playing surface for the school children and school employees.

- **Removal of Asbestos Floor Tile (\$1,300,000)**

The removal of asbestos floor tiles is to be undertaken at the following school locations:

- **Chester Barrows Elementary School – Built in 1924**
- **Gladstone Street Elementary School – Built in 1952**
- **Stadium Elementary School – Built in 1955**

The floor tiles in the above identified locations date back to the original construction date.

PERSONNEL

NO. 14-01-07 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff.

NO. 14-01-8- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified administrator(s) be appointed as follows:

Brian Flinn, Assistant Principal, Cranston High School East

Effective Date: January 2, 2014

See attached Financial Impact Analysis

John Fontaine, Assistant Principal, Cranston High School West

Effective Date: January 2, 2014

See attached Financial Impact Analysis

Kathleen Perry, SE Administration, Horton

Effective Date: February 3, 2014

See attached Financial Impact Analysis

Moved by Mrs. Ruggieri to approve the appointment of Brian Flinn and John Fontaine and table the appointment of Kathleen Perry. Seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll was called; all were in favor.

NO. 14-01-9– RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed (for the remainder of) the 2013-2014 school year:

Nexcy Perez, Step 7

Education: Providence College, BA

Experience: Central Falls School Department

Certification: Secondary Spanish

Assignment: Western Hills 1.0 FTE

Effective Date: January 13, 2014

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 12912200 51110

Kathleen Torregrossa, Step 12+MA+30 National Board

Education...Rhode Island College, BS, M.Ed

Experience...Cranston School Department

Certification...Elementary\Special Education

Assignment...PACE\3 Coordinator 1.0 FTE

Effective Date...January 27, 2014

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note... 19134370 51110

Kathryn Thomas, Step 1

Education...University of Vermont, BS

Experience...Cranston Substitute

Certification...Secondary Social Studies 7-12

Assignment...Cranston East 1.0 FTE

Effective Date...January 21, 2014

Authorization...replacement

Fiscal Note...11312020 51110

Meredith Boyajian, Step 1

Education...University of Rhode Island, BA

Experience... Providence School Department

Certification... Secondary Math

Assignment...Cranston East 1.0 FTE

Effective Date...February 3, 2014

Authorization... Replacement

Fiscal Note...11312280 51110

NO. 14-01-10- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Liliya Krys-Burhoe, Art

Donna Caster, Art

Ariel Persia, Special Education Elementary/Middle

Laura Scanlon, Special Education Elementary/Middle

Michaela Hayes – Special Education Elementary/Middle

Shealyn Gamba – Special Education Elementary/Middle

Katelyn Veyera, Elementary

Jennifer Costa-Rado, Health & Physical Education

NO. 14-01-11- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation (s) of the following certified

personnel be accepted:

Suzanne Rathbun, Special Education Administrator

Pupil Personnel

Effective Date: January 3, 2014

Maryann Di Battista, Teacher

Reading

Effective Date... January 13, 2014

NO. 14-01-12- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:

Kara Scanlon, Head Coach Girls 'Lacrosse

Cranston West

Effective Date... January 15, 2014

NO. 14-01-13- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as volunteer coaches:

Cranston High School East

Amanda Ervin, Cheerleading

Joseph Granata, Swim

Samantha Kohn, Cheerleading

NO. 14-01-14- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed:

**Ayana Crichton, Program Manager
Cranston Community Learning Centers
Effective Date: January 6, 2014
Authorization: Replacement
Fiscal Note: 51719113 51308**

**Alyssa Padula, Part Time Secretary
Hope Highlands
Effective Date: January 2, 2014
Authorization: Replacement
Fiscal Note: 13443210 51110**

**Linda Fernandes, Secretary
Stone Hill
Effective Date: January 2, 2014
Authorization: Replacement
Fiscal Note: 12743210 51110**

**Jenifer Silvestri, Secretary
Gladstone
Effective Date: January 2, 2014
Authorization: Replacement**

Fiscal Note: 11943210 51110

NO. 14-01-15 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Viviana Albizu-Loaiza, Secretary

Jaime-Leigh Ferretti, Secretary

Brenda Carrier, Secretary

Jennifer Scappaticci, Teacher Assistant

Elizabeth Lombardo, Teacher Assistant

NO. 14-01-16- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Venkia Lapsey, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date...January 8, 2014

POLICY AND PROGRAMS

NO. 14-01-17 - RESOLVED, to reject the Rhode Island Full-Day Kindergarten Grant for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$99,072.

NO. 14-01-18 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, Policy #7600 – Idling for all Cranston Public School Buses and Service Vehicles be approved for first reading. (See attached policy).

BUSINESS

PURCHASES AND PURCHASED SERVICES

NO. 14-01-19- RESOLVED, approval for the purchase of Power Gas Burners (15) for Gladstone \$490 each for a total of \$7,350.

Number of bids issued 3

Number of bids received 2

NO. 14-01-20- RESOLVED, aquaculture supplies for CAC&TC in the amount of \$3,298.82. Funding provided by Categorical Funds for Vocational Schools.

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 1

NO. 14-01-21- RESOLVED, the School Safety Coordinator RFP be awarded to Delaney & Associates Consulting through June 2014 in the amount of \$7,500.00

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 2

Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items – there were no speakers.

Adjourn to Public Budget Work Session

A motion to adjourn to the Public Budget Work Session was made by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Superintendent's Presentation of the 2014-2015 School Budget to the Cranston School Committee

(Power Point on file in the Superintendent's office and also posted on the CPS website).

Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – January 30, 2014.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Mrs. McFarland; seconded by Mr. Traficante. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula McFarland

Clerk

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Policy #7600

Idling Policy for All Cranston Public Schools

School Buses and Service Vehicles

Definition: Idling - The operation of an engine when a vehicle is stationary or a piece of non-road equipment that is not performing work

Purpose: The purpose is to reduce exhaust exposure, minimize emissions and improve fuel economy

This policy applies to all district owned and contracted vehicles

1) Pre-Trip Inspection and Morning warm-up

A. Drivers are to limit idling time to 5 minutes (the time required to inspect the bus and equipment)

- Extreme Weather Exception: up to 15 minutes (per hour) when temperature fall below 32 degrees Fahrenheit**
- Drivers should not routinely start and unnecessarily leave vehicle running**

2) Loading and Unloading

A. Drivers should turn off engines as soon as possible, prior to loading and unloading students/deliveries if there is a delay (Leaving radios on for communication)

B. Drivers MUST ensure they are back on their bus prior to loading and should not start the vehicle until they are ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit

• **Wheel Chair and Special Need Exceptions:** buses may remain running while operating wheel chair equipment or to accommodate heat/air conditioning for medically fragile students

3) Lay-overs, Field trips, Sport events and Extracurricular Activities

A. Drivers should not idle buses while waiting for students

B. If a driver is required to stay with the bus, minimal idling is allowed and the vehicle should be moved well away from the school/building

4) EXCEPTIONS

A. Maintenance of Operation – Cranston Public Schools will follow Air Pollution Control Regulations No. 45

B. Traffic conditions that the driver has no control – Including but not limited to official traffic control device/signal, law enforcement or emergency personnel and road construction

5) Policy Verification

A. School Bus drivers will receive a copy of this policy at the beginning of the school year

B. Cranston Public Schools busing and utility fleet currently follows the State of Rhode Island Environmental Management Air Pollution Control Regulation Number 45 Anti-Idling Policies.

First Reading: January 27, 2014

Resolution No. 14-1-18

Administrator's Compensation Schedule

Fiscal Year 2013-2014

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	ANN	SALARY
HEALTH	DENTAL	LIFE	PENSION	SURV

BEN OASDI MEDICARE TOTAL Fringe Sal & Fringe

Flinn, Brian Ass't Principal East	41,584.00	5789	419	12	6,179
40 0 603	13,042	54,626			
Fontaine, John Ass't Principal West	41,584.00	5789	419	12	6,179
40 0 603	13,042	54,626			
Perry, Kathleen SE Administrator Horton	41,046.00	4631	335	8	
6,099 32 0 595	11,701	52,747			

Fiscal Year 2014-2015

NAME POSITION SCHOOL	ANN	SALARY
HEALTH DENTAL LIFE PENSION SURV		
BEN OASDI MEDICARE TOTAL Fringe Sal & Fringe		

Flinn, Brian Ass't Principal East	92,408.00	14310	1035	25	13,732
96 0 1340	30,538	122,946			
Fontaine, John Ass't Principal West	92,408.00	14310	1035	25	
13,732 96 0 1340	30,538	122,946			
Perry, Kathleen SE Administrator Horton	92,000.00	14310	1035	25	
13,671 96 0 1334	30,471	122,471			

First year impact reflects start date of 1/2/2014 instead of 7/1/13 for Assistant Principals. Start date for SE Administrator is 2/3/14.

Projections for 3% increase for health & dental in year 2.

Projections for pension remain flat at 14.86% for both years.