

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**BUDGET ADOPTION II**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC BUDGET WORK 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. Gale, Mrs. Culhane and Mrs. Ruggieri. Mr. Colford was absent. Attorney Cascione was present for executive session.**

**This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. McFarland and seconded by Mr. Traficante to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws -**

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

**A. Non-renewal of Administrator A**

**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 6:30 p.m. – Public Session**

**The roll was called; there was a quorum present.**

**Executive Session Minutes Sealed – Ms. Iannazzi stated – no votes were taken in Executive Session.**

**Moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**4. Public Acknowledgements/Communications - none**

**5. Chairperson's Communications - none**

**6. Superintendent's Communications - none**

**7. School Committee Member Communications - none**

**8. Public Hearing**

**a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters) - none**

**b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only) - none**

**9. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda - none**

## **10. Action Calendar/Action Agenda**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 14-2-14 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the non-renewal of Administrator A, be accepted.**

**Motion to approve was made by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mr. Gale.**

**The roll was called; all were in favor.**

#### **TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**NO. 14-2-5 - RESOLVED, Whereas, the expiration of the teacher's limited employment contract effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and**

**Whereas, there is uncertainty of sufficient Federal, State and local funding for general and categorical programs for the 2014-2015 school year, program reductions, and/or reorganization, consolidation of classes, realignment and/or reorganization of staff, and elimination of positions to meet student needs and/or to more efficiently and effectively use the school system's resources and**

**Whereas, the teacher was hired for a one-year position to fill the position of a teacher who is on leave of absence, and it is anticipated that the teacher will be returning from leave and**

**Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and**

**Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2013-2014 school year, and**

**Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and**

**Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and**

**Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the School Committee's action to terminate their employment.**

**A motion to remove this resolution from the table was made by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**NO. 14-2-12- RESOLVED, that the 2014-2015 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.**

**A motion to remove this resolution from the table was made by Mr.**

**Traficante, seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.**

**A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mr. Traficante, seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri.**

**Discussion -**

**Ms. Iannazzi asked Mr. Balducci to give us a summary of where we are compared to the superintendent's recommendation.**

**Mr. Balducci stated – if you recall from the other evening – three adjustments have been made to the budget. \$13,210 was removed from the Stadium gas heat account and those dollars were reallocated to the band transportation account so that was budget neutral and an adjustment was made reducing the budget by \$155,721 and that relates to the contingency account that is maintained by the city. Currently that stands at \$536,536 and we are looking to have that increased to the level of two years ago of \$692,257. The budget as it stands this evening in total is \$143,815,516 dollars**

**Mr. Traficante asked – Joe, city dollars? What are you asking for?**

**Mr. Balducci stated - \$3,005,484 dollars**

**Mrs. Ruggieri asked – could we get that further broken down to our uncontrollable verses the controllables? Or does that feed back into that original amount that we got last time?**

**Mr. Balducci responded – it does.**

**Mrs. Ruggieri stated – then I'm good.**

**There being no further discussion the roll was called; all were in favor.**

**11. Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items - none**

**12. Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – March 12 and March 17, 2014.**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mr. Gale. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paula B.M. McFarland  
Clerk**