

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2014

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI 02920

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING - PUBLIC SESSION

MINUTES

The 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. Ruggieri, Mrs. Culhane, Mrs. McFarland, Mr. Gale, Mr. Colford and Mr. Traficante. Attorney Kevin McAllister was present for executive Session.

This meeting was called to order- 6:04 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Gale and seconded by Mrs. Culhane to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mr. Colford – Yes; Mrs. Culhane –Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. McFarland – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Ms. Iannazzi - Yes:

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

- A. Discussion of Non-Certified Administrator A**
- B. Discussion of Non-Certified Employee A**
- C. Discussion of Certified Administrator A**

- D. Discussion of Certified Administrator B**
- E. Discussion of Certified Administrator C**
- F. Discussion of Certified Administrator D**
- G. Discussion of Certified Administrator E**
- H. Discussion of Certified Administrator F**
- I. Discussion of Certified Administrator G**
- J. Discussion of Certified Administrator H**
- K. Discussion of Certified Administrator I**
- L. Discussion of Certified Administrator J**
- M. Discussion of Certified Administrator K**
- N. Discussion of Certified Administrator L**
- O. Discussion of Certified Administrator M**

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

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

PL 42-46-5(3)

- A. District Safety Plan**

Executive Session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Call to Order - Public Session a 6:33 p.m.

The roll was called; there was a quorum present.

Executive Session Minutes Sealed – Ms. Iannazzi stated that no votes were taken in executive session and all individuals listed under Personnel above have been noticed. A motion was made to seal the minutes of executive session; moved by Mr. Gale; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – November 12, 2014 (Work Session), November 17, 2014 (Regular Meeting) and November 25, 2014 (Special School Committee Meeting); Moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Public Acknowledgements/Communications

Ms. Iannazzi stated that she wanted to acknowledge the School Committee members elect, Daniel Wall and Dominic Fusco and also Superintendent Emeritus, Peter Nero.

Chairperson's Communications

Ms. Iannazzi stated that she wanted to hold off on any Chairperson Communications for right now and come back to it later.

Superintendent's Communications

Superintendent Lundsten stated - Good evening. I wanted to tell you that over the weekend, the Cranston High School Theater group put

on a production of Pippin. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend on Friday evening. It was an outstanding performance by the students. I just wanted to thank them and congratulate them for a wonderful performance. I also wanted to recognize the administrators, the teachers and the parents that supported this program. It didn't happen on its own. It took countless hours. Mr. Dillon (James) was in the band playing. Alumni came back to support them. We are fortunate to have this Theater group and it was a wonderful evening.

I would also like to mention to you that on tonight's agenda, there is resolution to amend the calendar. It was simply a clerical error on the bottom of the calendar and makes it appear as if Monday, January 5th we do not have school, which indeed we have school on Monday, January 5th. We had to change it from the 5th to the 2nd. That is the only change on the school calendar this year and I wanted to clarify that for the folks in the audience and for the public. Thank you.

School Committee Member Communications

Mr. Gale stated - Today I had the pleasure to go to Edgewood Highland and take part in their Hour of Code ceremony. It is a nationwide and international movement to get students exposed to computer coding and software coding. I am pleased to say that Edgewood Highland won a grant for \$10,000 to be used for technology. It was one of 51 grants in the nation and Edgewood

Highland was the only school in Rhode Island to receive this grant. I wanted to congratulate them.

Mrs. Culhane stated - I would like to take a moment on behalf of my colleagues to wish well to our esteemed Chairperson, Andrea Iannazzi. This will be her last meeting this evening. While she still has duties that she will be performing through the end of the year, Andrea has served the City of Cranston, its students and its tax payers for the last ten years in various capacities; as a member, as Vice Chair and also as the Chairperson for the last six years. She has done an amazing job, not only representing her constituents, but being a voice for change in policy and a voice for change in curriculum. She has represented the City of Cranston in the most astute way throughout the entire state and in other states as well. We are fortunate to have had her during our tenure. During my tenure, I am thankful for both her leadership and more importantly, her friendship. I wish you the best of luck. It is not going to be the same without you. We are so sad to see you go, but very happy for your new endeavors and wish you the best of luck.

Mr. Traficante stated - Ladies and gentlemen, fellow colleagues on the School Committee. Many people are able to talk about things such as dedication, commitment, sacrifice, service and loyalty to their profession or to any organization. Very few people are willing to put their name on the dotted line to practice those qualities and those characteristics. Very few people are willing to not only talk the talk,

but also walk the walk. I respect people a great deal who are willing to put their name on the dotted line, to serve their community, serve their state and service their government. Such as the case tonight with two of our members who are leaving. Mrs. Culhane did an excellent job describing their service to this community. I have known Paula McFarland for a good number of years. She was a community advocate many years ago. She was a councilwoman for ten years and served on the School Committee for the last six years. For that, she deserves being honored tonight and recognized. Therefore, on behalf of this Committee, I am proud to present this plaque, presented to Paula McFarland, Vice Chairperson of the Cranston School Committee, serving from 2009-2014. The plaque reads: In grateful appreciation for your dedication and commitment, leadership and service to the Cranston School Committee, Cranston School Department, New England Construction Career Academy as a Board Member, and also the students of our great City. Congratulations Paula.

Last, but certainly not least, this young woman is going to do many great things in state government. She has served this Committee for the last ten years with a great deal of loyalty and certainly a great deal of insight and with a great deal of fortitude. We had to accomplish, capture and attack many problems that did not make you happy. She stood the test and proved to be a great leader on the School Committee. I am sorry to see her go, but I am expecting great things from her at the state level. Therefore, on behalf of the School

Committee, it is my pleasure to present to you this plaque. The plaque reads: Presented to Andrea Iannazzi, Chairperson of the Cranston School Committee, 2004-2014 for your service. In sincere appreciation for your time, effort, leadership, dedication and endless hours of service and commitment to the Cranston School Committee, the Cranston School Department and the children of Cranston. Congratulations.

Chairperson Iannazzi stated - First and foremost, I wanted to thank the voters of the 6th Ward in Cranston for providing me with the opportunity to serve over the last ten years. It is a responsibility that I certainly have not taken lightly. There are many other people to thank so please bear with me. First, I know I sound like a broken record but I cannot express my gratitude and my appreciation enough for the dedicated employees of Cranston Public Schools. What the district may lack in salary and benefits, we make up for in heart. Several years ago at the height of our fiscal storm, we could have headed in one of two directions. One was bad for everyone and the other, which was bad for our employees, but better for our students. I am proud to say that each of our bargaining units stepped up and helped us get out of that storm. In the process, they have continued to serve our students to the best of their abilities each and every day. For that, I am forever thankful. I have had the pleasure of serving along four Superintendents. Two of them are here tonight. Judy (Dr. Lundsten) I have enjoyed working with you on implementing a Strategic Plan and as you say, "Getting in the weeds on policy

issues." I thank you for your service. Then there is Peter, who I consider part of my family. Every day I spent serving alongside Peter was filled with laughs, challenges and yes, plenty of Godfather references. I do not think that there is a person alive who cares more about Cranston Public Schools than Peter Nero. While Peter may have at some times offered an unconventional approach, that is what those that are closest to Peter love about him. I know that I am a better leader today because of the time that I spent learning from and listening to Peter. Peter, thank you.

This Executive team is the best in the business. If I were ever to be given the keys to a business, the first person I would hire is Ray Votto. Ray is professional, dedicated and he is a straight shooter who not only knows how to spot an issue, but also how to solve the problem. Joe Balducci may seem quiet, but he packs a punch and he is always spot on. It has been a pleasure watching Joe Rotz and Michele Simpson grow into their new roles and become much more vocal members of the team. Jeannine, I fought when you tried to leave and I fought even harder to get you back. I am very glad to have you here. You are this generations Peter Nero. You are an administrator who has the perfect blend of people skills, intellect and knows how to get a job done. I know that you have a bright future ahead of you just like the talented administrators that you recruited to this district, specifically Roxanne, Jim and Toni-Ann. Liz, although she is not here, I did want to thank her. We have had our fair share of disagreements over the years, but that is a natural result of each of

us advocating for our constituencies. She not only serves her members well, but what the general public does not understand is that she also serves Cranston Public School well. She puts out fires before they reach the Administration and that is something that most rank and file people do not realize. I may not miss her late night texts or early morning phone calls, but I will miss her. Last but certainly not least, I wanted to recognize my colleagues. The roll of a School Committee member is often underappreciated, but I can tell you that there have been weeks where we have spent more time with one another than our families. I have learned from each and every one of you and truly consider you all to be a friend. We have achieved so much together from negotiating over \$10 million dollars in savings to spending countless hours together approving new curricula and implementing a new teacher evaluation tool. On a personal level, I just want to thank Mr. Traficante for always serving as the elder statesman of the group and never being shy to supply advice. I can't think of no better hands to turn over our rolls to than Janice (Ruggieri) and Stephanie (Culhane). Janice is a very diligent worker who is always prepared. Stephanie, your ability to say whatever it is that you are thinking quite frequently lands you in trouble but it also shows how genuinely you care and how passionate you are about the issues facing this district. Thank you all. I look forward to remaining in touch and I wish you all the best of luck as we go forward.

Public Hearing

Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters) -

- 1. Julia Alves, Student - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**
- 2. Chantelle Sebastian, Student - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**
- 3. Jordan Scarduzio, Student - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**
- 4. Joseph Delsignore, Student - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**
- 5. Lauren Russo, Student - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**

Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

- 1. Superintendent Emeritus, Peter Nero - Spoke on behalf of the School Committee**

Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously under the Consent Agenda:

14-12-01, 14-12-02, 12-12-03, 14-12-04 (w/addendum), 14-12-05, 14-12-06, 14-12-07, 14-12-08, 14-12-09 (w/addendum), 14-12-10, 14-12-11, 14-12-12, 14-12-14, 14-12-15, 14-12-16, 14-12-18, 14-12-19 and 14-12-20

A motion was made to approve; moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Lundsten stated - Tonight we have one certified Administrator and two, non-certified employees who are retiring. I would like to recognize Mary Tonks. She is a reading teacher who has worked for us for 17 years. I would like to offer her our congratulations and best wishes in her future endeavors. Carol Pacheco has been a teacher assistant for 27 years in the Cranston Public Schools. Most recently she was at Orchard Farms and we would like to offer her our best wishes and hope that she has a wonderful time in her retirement. Lastly, we have Manual Furtado. He has been in Transportation for the last 12 years. He has been a very trustworthy bus driver and we would like to offer him the best too. Thank you.

No. 14-12-01 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Jared Hopkins, Physical Education K-12

Jennifer Lander, Special Education K-12

Jacquelyn Pereira, Elementary

No. 14-12-02 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Mary Tonks, Teacher

Arlington

Effective Date...January 30, 2015

No. 14-12-03 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Lisa Reed, Teacher

Leave

Effective...November 21, 2014

No. 14-12-04 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as an athletic coach:

Dina Cesana, Head Coach Girls' Indoor Track

CHSW

Step-7

Class-B

Playing Competition-High School

Experience-Coach East Girls' Track

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

Arianna Colella, Assistant Coach Girls' Indoor Track

CHSW

Step-4

Class-D

Playing Competition-High School\College

Experience-Head Coach Scituate Girls' Cross Country

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

Carl Bishop, Head Coach Boys' Indoor Track

CHSE

Step-7

Class-B

Playing Competition-High School/College

Experience-Head Coach Cranston East Boys Indoor\Outdoor

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

Add to Resolution No. 14-12-04

Robert Basha, Assistant Coach Wrestling

CHSE

Step-7

Class-D

Playing Competition-High School\College

Experience-Coach Coventry High School

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

No. 14-12-05 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as an athletic coach:

Cranston High School East

John Smith- Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Corey Bouchard- Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach

Lloyd Bochner-Head Girls' Basketball Coach

Glen Castiglia-Head Wrestling Coach

Robert Bouchard- Head Co-ed Swim Coach

Robert LaBanca- Head Girls' Indoor Track Coach

Jennifer Koscho-Head Competition Cheerleading Coach

Cranston High School West

Tim Almonte- Head Wrestling Coach

Jaime Ferretti – Head Co-ed Swim Coach

Keith Croft- Head Boys' Indoor Track Coach

Thomas Aronne-Assistant Boys' Indoor Track Football Coach

David Fontes, Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach

Cranston East\Cranston West

Michael Boyajian-Head Boys' Hockey Coach

Matthew Brannon-Assistant Boys' Hockey Coach

No. 14-12-06 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be appointed as volunteer athletic coach:

Cranston High School West

Steven Rush-Boys' Basketball

No. 14-12-07 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual(s) be reappointed as a volunteer athletic coach:

Cranston High School East

Amanda Ervin-Cheerleading

Cranston High School West

David D'Amato- Wrestling

No. 14-12-08 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach(es) be accepted:

Daniel Casey, Assistant Wrestling Coach

Cranston East

Effective date...November 17, 2014

No. 14-12-09 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

Lisa Scorpio-Vecchio, 3hr Teacher Assistant

Gladstone

Effective...December 1, 2014

New

Fiscal Note...5091919510 51110

Chantel Walls, Assistant Site Coordinator

Bain + 2

Effective....December 1, 2014

Replacement

Fiscal Note....82815151 51308

Juan Gonzalez, 5hr Custodian

Plant

Effective...December 9, 2014

Replacement

Fiscal Note...122477050 51110

James Saccoccio, 6hr Custodian

Plant

Effective...December 9, 2014

Replacement

Fiscal Note...16247050 51110

Laura Barlow, Behavior Tech

Bain

Effective...January 5, 2015

New

Fiscal Note...11546110 51110

Correction to Resolution No. 14-12-09

Chantel Walls, Assistant Site Coordinator

Bain + 2

Effective....December 1, 2014

Replacement

Fiscal Note....82815151 51308

Corrected to Read:

Fiscal Note 53115151-51308

No. 14-12-10 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Barbara Harley, Bus Driver

No. 14-12-11 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Carol Pacheco, Teacher Assistant

Orchard Farms

Effective Date...January 23, 2015

Manuel Furtado, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date...January 2, 2015

No. 14-12-12 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Isaiah McDaniel, Assistant Site Coordinator

Bain + 2

Effective Date...December 1, 2014

No. 14-12-13 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Committee approve salary adjustments for certified and non-certified administrators retroactive to July 1, 2014. (See Fiscal Impact Analysis Attached)

Motion was made to amend and remove one of the names listed in Resolution No. 14-12-13 (Timothy Vesey, Assistant Principal) by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Chairperson Iannazzi stated - She wanted to state for clarification purposes, Mr. Vesey's contract is up at the end of the year, so he will be receiving an extension of his contract from the Superintendent and she will be proposing a new contract, which is why there is no action being taken this evening.

Chairperson Iannazzi stated - She had a general comment in that she is in favor of all the Administrators receiving a raise except for one. Because of that one, and I am not going to single the person out, but because of that one administrator that I do not think deserves a raise, I am going to vote No on this.

Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 14-12-13 by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; Mr. Colford - Yes; Mrs. Culhane - Yes; Mr. Gale - Yes; Mrs. McFarland - Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri - Yes; Mr. Traficante - Yes; Ms. Iannazzi - No.

BUSINESS

PURCHASED AND PURCHASED SERVICES

No. 14-12-14 RESOLVED, that the following purchase be approved:

Transportation Management Software & Related Equipment in the amount of \$103,664.

Number of bids issued 2

Number of bids received 2

No. 14-12-15 RESOLVED, the following purchases be approved:

**Fitness Equipment for Bain Middle School in the amount of \$7,600.
Funding provided for by the Feinstein Foundation.**

Number of bids issued 5

Number of bids received 4

POLICY AND PROGRAM

No. 14-12-16 RESOLVED, that the 2014-2015 School Calendar (see attached) be amended as follows:

Dec. 24 to Jan. 5 2, 2015 Holiday Recess (includes Christmas Day/Dec. 25 & New Year's Day/Jan 1.

No. 14-12-17 RESOLVED, that the following policy be amended for first reading (see attached policy)

**Policy No. 5117(b) Permit to Attend Non-Home School Amend
Replaces Policy #5117(a)**

It was moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri for discussion and amendment.

Mrs. Culhane stated that she would like to make an Amendment to Resolution No. 14-12-17 to change the language that says effective January 1st to effective February 1st, as we have to vote twice on policy changes. This will not be effective until after our January meeting.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 14-12-17 as amended by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mrs. Ruggieri. The roll was called; all were in favor.

No. 14-12-18 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the School Committee, the following policy be approved for first reading (see attached policy):

Policy No. 5145 - Student Rights and Responsibilities Interrogations and Searches Policy

No. 14-12-19 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the School Committee, the following policy be approved for first reading (see

attached policy):

Policy No. 5149 - Student Retention Policy

No. 14-12-20 RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent the following field trip(s) of long duration/conference(s) be authorized:

1. Students from Cranston High School West CACTC program will be traveling to Orlando, Florida to participate in the DECA International Career Development Conference departing April 24, 2015 and returning April 30, 2015. The purpose of the trip is for students to compete in National competition and attend leadership/career development sessions. There are twenty-four students attending, accompanied by three chaperones. Group will be staying at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel, 1900 E. Buena Vista Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. Each student attending will be responsible for financing his/her airfare, accommodations and food. Chaperones will be funded through the Perkins Grant.

Public Hearing on Non-Agenda Items

- 1. Sandra Marinucci-Santagata, 192 Garden City Drive - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**
- 2. Ed Angilly – 168 Lauren Street – Spoke on FERPA violations**
- 3. Audrey Gutton – 16 High Gate Road - Spoke on keeping the Food and Consumer Science program**

4. John Santangelo – No Address given – Spoke on behalf of Liz Larkin and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance (who could not attend) to wish the members leaving well.

Chairperson Iannazzi addressed Mr. Angily. She stated that our legal counsel is out of town and he will be responding back to hm.

Announcement of Future Meeting(s) – January 5, 2015, January 20, 2015, January 26, 2015 and January 29, 2015

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gale; seconded by Mrs. McFarland. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B.M. McFarland

Clerk

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Resolution No. 14-3-23 March 17, 2014

CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015

Passed:

June 16, 2014 Amended Dec. 8, 2014

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.

MONTH M T W T F DAYS MONTH M T W T F DAYS

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New Teacher Orientation – August 21 & 22, 2014** *All**
Professional Staff Orientation – Aug. 25, 2014
First Day of School for Students – Tuesday, August 26, 2014 – ALL
GRADES REPORT
SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED (X=no school)
Sept. 1, 2014 Labor Day
Sept. 9, 2014 State Primary Elections
Oct. 13, 2014 Columbus Day Observed
Nov. 4, 2014 General Elections
Nov. 11, 2014 Veterans' Day Observed
Nov. 27 and 28, 2014 Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 24 to Jan. 2, 2015 Holiday Recess (includes Christmas
Day/Dec. 25 & New Year's Day/Jan 1)
Jan. 19, 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 16 to Feb. 20, 2015 Mid-Winter Recess (includes Presidents' Day

at elementary schools. The Cranston School Department granted yearly permits to students so they may attend a school other than their home school. This practice which started as an exception based on courtesy has grown exponentially and has diverged from the original permit criteria.

Permit Criteria

Permits for a child to attend a school outside of their home school will be granted only under the following conditions:

- 1. Permit applications must be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent by JULY 1 for the following school year. There is no guarantee of approval. Parents will be notified of permit decision by AUGUST 1 of that same year. Once approved, students do not have to reapply for a permit each year; however, their permit status is subject to this policy. For just cause shown, late applications may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Assistant Superintendent. However, in no event will an application be accepted after August 1.**
- 2. Documentation must accompany any request for a permit based on a medical condition and may be reviewed by the nursing supervisor for Cranston Public Schools, district physician for Cranston Public Schools and/or appropriate IEP or 504 team for consideration. Any child granted a permit based on medical need, must submit current medical documentation related to the permit request every year to the Assistant Superintendent.**
- 3. The placement is required pursuant to an IEP or 504 Plan.**
- 4. The student is interested in programming not offered in their home school (i.e. JROTC).**

- 5. There are documented legal reasons why a child must attend a school outside of their home district (i.e. restraining orders, safety plans or custody agreements).**
- 6. The student's sibling(s) attend(s) a school outside of his/her home school in the district for special service placements (i.e. ELL or special education) or due to clustering.**
- 7. Permits not approved by the Assistant Superintendent (or his/her designee) may be appealed to the Cranston School Committee for approval. This appeal must be made in writing to the Chairperson of the Cranston School Committee by AUGUST 15 of that same year, or any appeal rights will be deemed waived.**
- 8. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, if allowing a permit student into a classroom would result in a classroom overage (additional stipend for the classroom teacher and financial cost to the district), the permit will be denied and the student must return to his/her home school. If returning the student to his/her home school will cause a further educational/population disruption, placement will then be at the discretion of the Assistant Superintendent.**

Policy Implementation Schedule

Any elementary student who is placed at a school outside of their home school due to lack of space/classroom over population, also known as “clustered” students, will be given the option to return to their home school –if space is available- or they may opt to stay in their current school.

Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, students entering kindergarten and first grade must meet criteria set forth in Cranston School Committee Policy #5117. Students in grades 2-12 may be granted a permit to complete the 2013-2014 school year in their permitted school provided they do not have poor attendance, excessive tardiness, disciplinary problems, or for any other reason that may affect the educational process.

Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, students entering kindergarten through grade 2 must meet criteria set forth in Cranston School Committee Policy #5117. Students in grades 3-12 may be granted a permit to complete the 2014-2015 school year in their permitted school provided they do not have poor attendance, excessive tardiness, disciplinary problems, or for any other reason that may affect the educational process.

Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, students entering kindergarten through grade 3 must meet criteria set forth in Cranston School Committee Policy #5117(b). Students in grades 4-12 may be granted a permit to complete the 2015-2016 school year in their

permitted school provided they do not have poor attendance, excessive tardiness, disciplinary problems, or for any other reason that may affect the educational process.

Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, students entering kindergarten through grade 4 must meet criteria set forth in Cranston School Committee Policy #5117(b). Students in grades 5-12 may be granted a permit to complete the 2016-2017 school year in their permitted school provided they do not have poor attendance, excessive tardiness, disciplinary problems, or for any other reason that may affect the educational process.

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, students entering kindergarten through grade 5 must meet criteria set forth in Cranston School Committee Policy #5117(b). Students in grades 6-12 may be granted a permit to complete the 2017-2018 school year in their permitted school provided they do not have poor attendance, excessive tardiness, disciplinary problems, or for any other reason that may affect the educational process.

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, every permit application for grades K-12 must meet the criteria in Policy #5117(b).

**First Reading: December 8, 2014 CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Resolution No. 14-12-17 CRANSTON, RHODE ISLAND**

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Application for non-home school PERMIT

This application must be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent of Cranston Public Schools by JULY 1 for consideration for following school year. The submission of this application does not guarantee approval of the permit.

CHECK ONE: This is a NEW permit application_____ This is a renewal of a previous permit_____ Date_____

Student Information

Last Name

First

Name M.I. DOB

/ /

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)

Parent /Guardian Phone Home () Cell ()

Parent/Guardian Email Address(es)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student's Home School

Current Grade

Student's School for Permit Request

Grade for Permit Request

Does the student have an IEP? YES 0

NO 0

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

Does the student have a 504 Plan?

YES 0

NO 0

Please indicate below the reason for your permit request-Provide documentation IF indicated below

0 Student is participating in programming not available in their home school (i.e. JROTC). This does not apply to special education programming.

0 Student has legal reasons for permit (i.e. custody agreement, restraining order). Please attach a copy of the legal documentation.

0Medical need-Student has documented medical needs/condition that necessitate permit. Please attach medical documentation from child's physician.

0 Student has current IEP or 504 Plan which designates a need for permit. Please describe reason

0The student's sibling(s) attend(s) a school outside of his/her home school in the district for special service placements (i.e. ELL or special education).

0The student's sibling(s) attend(s) a school outside of his/her home school in the district due to clustering.

0 The student's sibling(s) attend(s) a school outside of his/her home school in the district due to an administrative placement.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that all information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that according to Cranston School Committee Policy #5117(b), the permit may be revoked for reasons outlined therein.

Parent/Guardian

Signature

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL/DENIAL

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THE AREA BELOW. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

YES NO REASON:

Administrator Signature

Date

Date received Email Hard copy

Date approval/denial letter sent Emailed Hard copy

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STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

INTERROGATIONS BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Administrators, teachers and other professional personnel may question a student regarding the student's own conduct or the conduct of other students.

LOCKERS AND VEHICLES

Students have full responsibility for the security of their lockers, and for vehicles parked on school property. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that lockers and vehicles are locked and that the keys and combinations are not given to others. Students shall not place, keep or maintain any article or material that is forbidden by Cranston Public School policy in lockers or in vehicles parked on school property.

School officials may search lockers, or vehicles parked on school property, if there is reasonable cause to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by Cranston Public Schools policy. Students shall be responsible for any prohibited items found in their lockers or in vehicles parked on school property.

If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student shall be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, Cranston Public Schools shall contact the student's parents. If the parents also refuse to permit a search of the vehicle, Cranston Public Schools may turn the matter over to local law enforcement officials.

USE OF TRAINED DOGS

Cranston Public Schools shall use specially trained non aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert officials to the current presence of concealed prohibited items, illicit substances and alcohol.

Such visits to schools shall be unannounced. The dogs may be used to sniff vacant classrooms, vacant common areas, the areas around student lockers, and the areas around vehicles parked on school property. The dogs shall not be used with students. If a dog alerts to a locker, a vehicle or an item in a classroom, it may be searched by school officials. Searching of vehicles shall be conducted as described above.

NOTICE

At the beginning of the school year, Cranston Public Schools shall inform students of the district's policy on searches, as outlined above, and shall specifically notify students that:

- 1. Lockers may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.**
- 2. Vehicles parked on school property may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time.**
- 3. Classrooms and other common areas may be sniffed by trained dogs at any time when students are not present.**
- 4. If contraband of any kind is found, the possessing student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and may be referred to the local law enforcement agency.**

PARENT NOTIFICATION

The student's parent or guardian shall be notified if any prohibited articles or materials are found in a student's locker, in a student's

vehicle parked on school property, or on the student's person, as a result of a search conducted in accordance with this policy.

DEFINITIONS

1. For purposes of this regulation, the following definitions will be applicable:

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A. Contraband will mean all substances or materials, the presence of which is prohibited by district policy, state and/or local law, including but not limited to controlled substances, drugs, alcohol or alcoholic beverages, glue, volatile chemicals, aerosol paint, guns, knives, weapons and incendiary devices.

B. Random searches will refer to searches that are conducted without reference to specific dates, locations or times.

C. School property refers to all property owned, leased or operated by the Cranston Public School District.

2. Random searches will be directed toward locating items prohibited by law or the Student Code of Conduct in public or common areas on school property. The boundaries of such searched will include but are not limited to the following areas:

A. All school property will be subject to random searches at any time. There is no expectation of privacy regarding items placed in school lockers or desks.

B. All automobiles parked on school property will be subject to

random searches.

C. All personal effects will be subject to random searches.

3. Random search procedures will be as follows:

A. The Cranston Police Department will be authorized to utilize trained canines to aid in the search for contraband in or on school-owned property and automobiles parked on school property.

B. An authorized trainer will be responsible for training and documenting the dog's actions and must accompany the canine used in any random search.

C. An indication (trained alert) by the dog to the handler that contraband is present on school property or in or on an automobile being searched will be considered probable cause to extend the focus of the search as needed.

D. While a random search is being performed, all students and personnel must remain in their classrooms, work locations, or other areas of school property designated by the school administration in coordination with the Police Department.

E. The Superintendent or designee, school principal, or designee may request a search of the school as needed. Searches requiring a canine will be scheduled in advance with the Cranston Police Department.

F. Unannounced searches may be conducted by the Cranston Police Department or upon request by the Superintendent or designee, as deemed necessary.

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POLICY #5149

STUDENT RETENTION POLICY

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Any student who does not successfully complete the requirements of their current grade may be retained. The decision for retention will be made by the school administration, in collaboration with the child's teacher(s). All appropriate data, including, but not limited to, assessments, attendance records, etc. will be reviewed before making this decision. While parents will be informed of this process, the ultimate decision for retention will be made by the school principal.

Warning:

Parents/Guardians will be notified in writing by the end of the third quarter (on or about April 1st) if there is a chance that their child may

be retained in their current grade for the next school year. Students who enroll after the second quarter, retention will be made on a case by case basis.

A final decision will be made on or about May 5th. Parents will be notified of the final decision by email and certified letter.

If a parent disagrees with the decision to retain or not to retain a student, the parent may appeal the decision in accordance with the following:

Retention Decision Appeal Process

- 1. The parents or guardians shall be informed in writing of the principal's decision for retention.**
- 2. If the parents or guardians want to appeal the principal's decision they must do so in writing, within 10 school days of receiving the principal's letter, to the superintendent or designee.**
- 3. The parents or guardians shall be informed by written notice, in their dominant language, of a due process hearing with the superintendent or designee.**
- 4. All parties involved may be represented by legal counsel.**
- 5. The parties will be given an opportunity to present their reasons why they recommend or do not recommend retention of the student.**
- 6. The hearing will be conducted by the superintendent or designee who shall make a determination based on evidence presented at the**

hearing.

7. A record shall be kept of the hearing.

8. The superintendent or designee will provide within 10 school days, a written decision to all parties, as to whether the student shall be retained.

9. The decision of the superintendent or designee will be translated to the dominant language of the parents or guardian and sent to the parents or guardians.

10. Parents may appeal the decision of the superintendent or designee to the Chairperson of the School Committee.

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CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2014-2015 SALARIES ADJUSTMENTS

CERTIFIED/CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS AMENDED

2014-2015 2014-2015 2014-2015

LAST FIRST POSITION SALARY SAL. ADJ. SALARY

ANDERSON CHERYL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 94,639 1,893 96,532

CORRENTE ANTHONY PRINCIPAL- MIDDLE

SCHOOL 98,751 1,975 100,726

CROFT KEITH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 87,411 1,748 89,159

CRUDALE MICHAEL PRINCIPAL-	MIDDLE
SCHOOL 98,751 1,975 100,726	
DEPALMA PAUL PRINCIPAL-	ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL 91,463 1,829 93,292	
SACCO CHERI PRINCIPAL-	ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL 91,047 1,821 92,868	
KELLY SEAN PRINCIPAL- HIGH SCHOOL 105,894 2,118 108,012	
MAGNELLI KIM PRINCIPAL 94,063 1,881 95,944	
POTEMRI JOSEPH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 94,063 1,881 95,944	
REAGAN KERRYLIN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 89,411 1,788 91,199	
SEVIGNY COURTNEY PRINCIPAL-	ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL 87,099 1,742 88,841	
VESEY TIMOTHY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 87,411 1,748 89,159	

DILLON JAMES EXECUTIVE	DIRECTOR	OF
SIS 102,454 2,049 104,503		
1,222,457 24,449 1,246,906		

Salary 24,449
Pension (Cert.) 3,914
Medicare 355
28,717

NON CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
AMENDED

2014-2015 2014-2015 2014-2015

LAST FIRST POSITION SALARY SAL. ADJ. SALARY

GERMANI LAUREN COMPUTER TECHNICIAN 43,186 864 44,050
43,186 864 44,050

Salary 864

Pension 97

FICA 54

Medicare 13

1,027

SUMMARY 29,744