

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**APRIL 8, 2015**

**WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)**

**845 PARK AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI**

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**MINUTES**

**The School Committee meeting was held on the evening of the above date at the William A. Briggs Building with the following members present: Chairperson Ruggieri, Mr. Colford, Mrs. Culhane, Mr. Fusco, Mr. Gale, Mr. Traficante and Mr. Wall. Attorney Cascione was present during Executive Session.**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Colford 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. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes:**

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

**A. Discussion of Certified Administrators B**

**B. Discussion of Certified Administrators C**

## **C. Discussion of Certified Administrators D**

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

**D. S. Doe v. Cranston School Department**

**E. Good Friday Litigation**

**PL 42-46-5(3)**

**F. District Safety Plan**

**Call to order at 7:12 p.m. – Public Session**

**The roll was called; a Quorum was present.**

**Executive Session Minutes were sealed – Mrs. Ruggieri stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session and individuals listed under Personnel were notified. A motion was made to seal the minutes of the executive session. Moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; Mr. Colford – Yes; Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes**

**Adjourn to Public Work Session at 7:18 p.m.**

**School Calendar – Dr. Judith Lundsten**

**Dr. Lundsten presented four (4) draft school calendars with different start dates, end dates and other information requested showing each**

**outcome (see handout A on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

#### **Wake Up Pilot Program – Dr. Judith Lundsten**

**Dr. Lundsten presented a pilot program called Wake Up Call (see handout B on file in the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

#### **Update on Food Service RFP – Joseph Balducci**

**Representatives from Aramark - Dennis Gomez, Executive Director RI Statewide Program, John McGrath, Director of Operations and Merrie Bernstein, Director of Business Development appeared before the Committee to present to them what Aramark will bring to the Cranston School System lunch program and supporting documentation submitted in response to the RFP. They highlighted their programs successes and presented food that would be served to the children if selected (see handout C on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

**Joseph Balducci presented a spreadsheet with a side-by-side comparison of all proposals sent in response to the RFP that was issued (see handout D on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information)**

#### **Discussion of Security Policy - Jeannine Nota-Masse**

**Jeannine Nota-Masse presented a new Security Policy to be discussed with the School Committee to be considered for adoption at the next School Committee meeting (see attached document for further information).**

#### **Teacher Evaluation Handbook – Raymond Votto**

**Raymond Votto presented changes that are being made to the Teacher Evaluation Handbook (see handouts E, F, G, H, and I on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

#### **Bus Policy – Raymond Votto**

**Raymond Votto presented old policies regarding bussing and transportation to be deleted (see handout J on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information). He also presented polices to be amended regarding bussing and transportation (see handouts K and L on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

#### **New Affidavits for Residency (Deletion of old policy) (see attached) – Jeannine Nota-Masse**

**Jeannine Nota-Masse presented old polices regarding Residency to be deleted (see attached document for further information).**

**It was moved by Mrs. Culhane; seconded by Mr. Traficante to reconvene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mr. Colford – Yes; Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes:**

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

##### **A. Discussion of Certified Administrator A**

**Executive Session Minutes were sealed – Mrs. Ruggieri stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session and individual(s) listed under**

**Personnel were notified. A motion was made to seal the minutes of the executive session. Moved by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mrs. Culhane. The roll was called; Mr. Colford – Yes; Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mr. Wall. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Stephanie A. G. Culhane**

**Vice Chairperson**

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**Cranston Public Schools Policy #.....**

### **SECURITY POLICY**

**Proposed by Assistant Superintendent Jeannine Nota-Masse and School Committee Member (TBD)**

**Effective (DATE TBD)**

### **General Policy Statement**

**This policy shall provide guidelines and establish procedures for identification protocols, camera surveillance systems, authorized users who may monitor, modify, expand, and maintain/repair such system(s) for the Cranston Public Schools.**

**Staff will be required to wear school-issued identification badges during the work day as well as during any paid assignments (i.e. extracurricular activities, summer school, after school activities).**

**Cameras shall only be placed in public areas such as hallways, classrooms, athletic areas, parking lots and public walkways. The surveillance system cameras shall not be placed in areas where individuals may have a reasonable expectation of privacy (e.g. restrooms, locker rooms, private offices, staff lounges). Audio recordings shall not be taken.**

**Signs will be posted in conspicuous locations informing persons that the buildings and grounds may be under video surveillance.**

**The District shall notify students, staff and the general public that video surveillance will occur on school property through use of the signage and other appropriate notifications including a notice in the student handbook.**

**Maintenance of the cameras and recording systems will be the responsibility of the District.**

**The use of video surveillance equipment on school grounds shall be supervised by the Superintendent or Designee. Only individuals authorized by the Superintendent or Designee may view the surveillance recordings. The recordings may be used in investigations pertaining to violations of school policies including but**

**not limited to, acts of theft, vandalism, assault or any acts which could compromise student/staff safety.**

**All such recordings shall be treated as confidential and shall not be released to individuals or agencies outside of the District except through subpoena or other court order requiring such release. Any requests for recordings must be sent in writing to the superintendent of schools. Any law enforcement agency may be provided with a duplicate of the recorded materials in conjunction with an ongoing investigation by that agency.**

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## **STUDENTS**

### **AFFIRMATION OF RESIDENCY AFFIDAVIT**

**The Cranston Public Schools has constantly established a reputation for excellence, and due to their success and Cranston's proximity to other urban areas, Cranston Public Schools may occasionally attract students who may not live in Cranston.**

**The committee hereby authorizes the Superintendent to include and**

**require the attached affidavit (see Exhibit A) to be signed (along with the disciplinary code letter of understanding) at the beginning of each school year, or, in the case of new students entering during the school year, before such students are admitted.**

**This affidavit should identify the student, his or her parent, guardian, or approved caretaker along with the legal Cranston address where the student resides. This shall be a legally binding agreement for the liability of payment of out-of-district tuition (as set by the committee) by the parent, guardian, or caretaker should it be determined that the student does not reside in Cranston. The student will be automatically demitted from the school and may not be re-admitted until such time as proof of residency is made.**

**This affidavit would exclude those out-of-district students who attend the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, the New England Laborers'/Cranston Public Schools' Construction Career Academy, or any out-of-district students attending Cranston Public Schools under state and federal mandates.**

**Policy Adopted: May 16, 2007      CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Resolution No.: 05-5-7      CRANSTON, RI**

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**(Exhibit A)**

**CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**AFFIDAVIT**

**Caution: Read this statement carefully before signing. This**

**document requires you to provide information which, if not true, could make you responsible for the payment of tuition for your child to attend the Cranston Public Schools.**

**I.**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that**

\_\_\_\_\_

**(name)**

**(child's**

**name)**

**whose birth date is \_\_\_\_\_resides**

**permanently with me at**

**(month/day/year)**

**my residence at \_\_\_\_\_, in**

**the Cranston, RI**

**(street address)**

**Public School District. I am the (check one):**

**\_\_\_\_\_ custodial parent**

**\_\_\_\_\_ legal guardian**

**\_\_\_\_\_ state appointed custodian**

**\_\_\_\_\_ person responsible for the child who resides with me for other than**

**the sole purpose of attending the Cranston Public Schools of the above-named child. Submitted with this statement, if applicable, is a certified copy of a court order granting me custody, legal guardianship, or temporary state custody of the above-named child.**

**II.**

**I understand that only legal residents of the City of Cranston, who are otherwise eligible, are entitled to be educated by the City of Cranston without charge.**

**III.**

**If any of the information above ceases to be true, I shall immediately notify the Cranston Public Schools in writing and, if the child is permitted to remain in the Cranston School System, I will be responsible for payment of tuition for the child at the prevailing district rate on a pro-rated basis (unless otherwise permitted to remain in the district by applicable law or regulation.) Such payment shall be charged from the date that any of the above information ceases to be true. Such tuition shall become immediately due and payable.**

**I affirm that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:**

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**Signature**

**Date**