

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2015
WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)
845 PARK AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY 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 Mr. Wall; 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. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes:**

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

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

- A. Custodian Negotiations
- B. Potential Ligation Food Service Contract

PL 42-46-5(3)

- A. District Safety Plan

Call to order at 6:50 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. **A motion was made to seal the minutes of the executive session. Moved by Mr. Wall; 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 6:52 p.m.

Middle School Athletics Transportation contract

Tom Reali discussed the Middle School Athletics Transportation Contract. He noted that with the introduction of Middle School sports coming up, this was the time to address this. He stated that along with himself, Mr. Votto and Vin Varrechione met and looked at the logistics. First Student will be doing the bussing. The contract has been vetted by Mr. Cascione. This will be

for Varsity and Middle School sports that take place after 3:30 p.m. **(See Handout A on file with the Superintendent's office for further information)**

Purchase of ChromeBooks

Tom Barbieri gave a presentation to the School Committee regarding using his school's allotment of technology money to purchase ChromeBooks for all his teachers. **(See Handout B on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information)**

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund

Colleen Bodziony of The Trust and Maureen Toal from PARS presented to the School Committee on their firm's OPEB Trust Fund opportunities. **(See Handout C on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information)**

Discussion on All Day Kindergarten

Michele Simpson provided the School Committee with an update on the All Day Kindergarten progress, lottery for open slots and Grant monies.

Discussion on moving the 6th Grade

Superintendent Nota-Masse provided the School Committee with an update on moving the 6th grade. Unfortunately, the last meeting had to be canceled due to a power outage in the city. She further stated that she will have a proposal by October 2015.

Discussion on correction to School Committee Calendar for 2015-2016

Chairperson Ruggieri noted that there was a minor typographical error in the School Committee Calendar that was being changed and will be on the agenda next week to be voted on. **(See attached)**

Discussion on correction to Cranston Public Schools Calendar for 2015-2016

Superintendent Nota-Masse noted that there were a few typographical errors in the Cranston Public Schools Calendar and that she changed the format. This will be on the agenda next week to be voted on. **(See attached)**

Discussion on the Business Policy #3323 (Soliciting Prices - Bids and Quotations) To Be Amended

Joseph Balducci presented to the School Committee some changes that he would like to make to the Business Policy (#3323) and put before them to vote on. **(See handout D on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information)**

Comprehensive Assessment Policy – Joe Rotz

Joseph Rotz presented to the School Committee a new policy that he would like to put before them to vote on. **(See handout E on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information)**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Traficante. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. G. Culhane
Vice Chairperson

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS SCHEDULE

2015-2016

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2015	5:00 pm (special time) 5:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 Monday, Oct. 19, 2015	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015 Monday, Nov. 9, 2015	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 Monday, Dec. 14, 2015	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills

2016

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 (Public Budget Work Session)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 (Public Budget Work Session)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 (if necessary) (Public Budget Work Session)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 (Budget Adoption)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 (Budget Adoption II)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 Monday, March 14, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 Monday, April 25, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 Monday, May 16, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 Monday, June 13, 2016 Monday, June 20, 2016 Thursday, June 23, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm* 7:00 pm* 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Hope Highlands Hope Highlands Hope Highlands
Wednesday, July 12, 2016 Monday, July 18, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Hope Highlands
Wednesday, August 10, 2016 Monday, August 15, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Hope Highlands

Wednesday meeting dates denote School Committee Work Sessions and Monday meeting dates denote regular School Committee meetings. The schedule has also been adjusted, where it could be, to not conflict with City Council meetings.

* = or immediately following Executive Session.



Cranston Public Schools Calendar for 2015 - 2016

Resolution No. 15-xx-xx Passed Summer , 2015

At the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, and with the 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.

August 2015							September 2015							October 2015							November 2015						
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*New Teacher Orientation

**All Teachers Orientation

First Day of School for Students - ALL GRADES REPORT

August 27 & 28, 2015

**September 1, 2015

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

September 7, 2015

September 14, 2015

September 23, 2015

October 12, 2015

November 11, 2015

November 26 & 27, 2015

December 24, 2015 - January 1, 2016

January 18, 2016

February 15 - 19, 2016

March 25, 2016

April 18 - 22, 2016

May 30, 2016

Schools close June 16, 2016 or the 180th day (June 17 - 19) = make up days for inclement weather)

Labor Day

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Columbus Day Observed

Veterans' Day Observed

Thanksgiving Recess

Holiday Recess (includes Christmas Day/Dec 25 & New Year's Day/Jan 1)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mid-Winter Recess (includes Presidents' Day / Feb.15)

Good Friday

Spring Recess

Memorial Day Observed

First quarter	September 2-	-	November 9	inclusive 45 days
Second quarter	November 10	-	January 26	inclusive 45 days
Third quarter	January 27	-	April 6	inclusive 45 days
Forth term	April 7	-	June 16	inclusive 45 days

Graduation Dates CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOLS EAST & WEST

June 11, 2016

NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy

June 10, 2016

Cranston East, West & NEL/CPS Seniors' last day of instruction

June 3, 2016