

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2015
WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)
845 PARK AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING
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MINUTES

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

It is noted that Mr. Colford and Mrs. Culhane were absent with cause.

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. **It was moved by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Gale to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mr. Colford – Absent; Mrs. Culhane – Absent; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes:**

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

- a. Discuss Certified Administrator A
- b. Discuss Certified Administrator B
- c. Discuss Certified Administrator C

PL 42-46-5(3)

- a. District Safety Plan

Call to order at 6:45 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 by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Traficante. The roll was called; all were in favor. Mr. Colford – Absent; Mrs. Culhane – Absent; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Yes; Mr. Traficante – Yes; Mr. Wall – Yes**

Adjourn to Public Work Session at 6:45 p.m.

Dedications of Facilities

Superintendent Nota-Masse spoke to the School Committee about hanging a plaque in the gymnasium at Peters Elementary School, honoring Richard Kavanagh, a former teacher who taught in Cranston for over 30 years. Ryan Kavanagh, who is also a teacher at Cranston Public Schools and son of Richard Kavanagh, approached Superintendent Nota-Masse requesting permission to do so to honor his dad

The members of the School Committee authorized a resolution to be proposed and placed on the next full School Committee meeting to be voted on.

Student Survey

Superintendent Nota-Masse presented to the School Committee a Student Survey that is put out by the Department of Health. They randomly pick a school each year and the students of that school are given a health survey. This year it is Bain and Cranston West. The survey asks kids about their personal health habits. It is anonymous and the data is used for programs. The schools that participate are given \$500.

Superintendent Nota-Masse further stated the School Committee must give their approval in a resolution that is voted on.

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Organizational Chart

Superintendent Nota-Masse presented to the members of the School Committee a revised organizational chart outlining each administrator's assigned areas of responsibility. **(See Handout A on file in the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

Superintendent Nota-Masse stated that the organizational chart will be on the next full meeting of the School Committee for formal vote.

Controlled Substance & Alcohol Testing Policy for Employee-CMV Drivers

Raymond Votto presented to the School Committee a proposed policy regarding drug and alcohol testing for bus drivers that is now mandatory. Once this policy is adopted, it will be given to our bus drivers to review and sign. Once signed, it will be kept on file at CPS. **(See Handout B on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

WCI and Telephone Update

Donna-Marie Frappier presented to the School Committee an update on our technology, where we are with funding and what needs to be done for 2016-2017. **(See Handout C on file in the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

Review Policy #1330

Chairperson Ruggieri presented revisions to Policy #1330 – Use of School Buildings and Non-School Based Organizations Policy. The current policy had not been updated in a very long time. She proposed to remove the minimum use time while a custodian is already on duty. She further proposed to charge the minimum for the custodian when there is food brought in for an event, as well as changed the custodian fee schedule. The application and the approval process were also reworked so that building principals and pertinent department supervisors were all given the opportunity to review and approve. This proposal of revisions is to make the overall process smoother and more efficient. **(See Handout D on file with the Superintendent's Office for further information).**

This policy will be before the next full School Committee to be voted on.

Discuss Deletion of Policy Numbers #6121, #6165 and #6165.1

Joe Rotz presented to the School Committee Policy Numbers #6121, #6165 and #6165.1 (Instruction) for deletion. These policies are now outdated by law. **(See Handout E 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 progress of implementation of all-day Kindergarten.

- Ray Votto personally visited all of the schools to evaluate where we are and what is needed.
- Saturday registrations will be from 8:30 am -3:30 pm at the registration office to make it easier and convenient for parents.

Discussion on Moving the 6th Grade

Superintendent Nota-Masse provided the School Committee with an update on the progress of moving the 6th grade .

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Traficante; seconded by Mr. Wall. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Ruggieri
Chairperson

NOTE: Documentation referenced as "Handouts" are available for viewing at Cranston Public Schools, William A. Briggs Building, 845 PARK AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or you can send a request to Shartley@cpsed.net.