

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)
845 PARK AVENUE, CRANSTON, RI
EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC WORK SESSION
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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: Mrs. Culhane; Mr. Fusco, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Wall. Attorney Benjamin Scungio was present during Executive Session.

It is noted that Mr. Colford was absent during Executive Session, but joined during the regular meeting

It is also noted that Mr. Traficante and Chairperson Ruggieri were absent. Vice Chairperson Stephanie Culhane assumed the Chair for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:22 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Wall; seconded by Gale to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws. The roll was called; all were in favor: Mr. Colford – Absent; Mrs. Culhane – Yes; Mr. Fusco – Yes; Mr. Gale – Yes; Mrs. Ruggieri – Absent; Mr. Traficante – Absent; Mr. Wall – Yes.

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

- a. Kindergarten Teacher Assistants

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

- a. Custodians

PL 42-46-5(3)

- a. District Safety Plan

Adjourn Executive Session

Call to Order - Public Session at 6:00 p.m.

The roll was called; a Quorum was present

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

Adjourn to Public Work Session

Silent Sherpa Presentation

At the request of the School Committee, James Grasso, Portfolio Manager from Silent Sherpa came to present to the School Committee members a demonstration on the services his company provides relative to managing energy usage.

Mr. Collins is recommending that we contract with this company because presently we do not have the ability to track data relative to energy usage, gas and electricity. He feels that this is something that the district needs. This company can also handle the procurement piece as well.

For additional information regarding Mr. Grasso's presentation, see the following links:

<https://www.silentsherpa.com/Home.asp>

<https://www.silentsherpa.com/Corporate/services.asp>

Note: This item was a tabled Resolution (16-8-16) from the August 15, 2016 meeting and will be on the September 19, 2016 meeting for vote.

Water Quality Testing

Mr. Collins provided to the School Committee with an update on the water quality and testing that has been done in all Cranston Public School buildings.

- All buildings have been tested.
- Testing is done every year during the summer months, when the water is not constantly running and would give the most accurate results.
- The tests are conducted as routine standard procedure, not mandated.
- Every building passed, except for Horton and the Vocational building.
 - o The areas that failed in these locations were just "areas" and not from the water coming into the fountains, sinks, etc.
 - o They were over the recommended limits by decimal points.
 - o They are being retested.

Status/Update on Policies in Review

- Business and Non-Instructional Operations - 3000 Series (see policies on file with the Superintendent's office)
- Personnel - 4000 Series (see policies on file with the Superintendent's office)

In that the full school committee was not present, Vice Chairperson Culhane moved the review to the October work session.

Corrections to 2016-2017 School Committee Calendar

There were a few minor corrections that needed to be made to the 2016-2017 School Committee calendar. **See attached for additional information**

Discussion on All Day Kindergarten

Ms. Simpson provided the School Committee with an update on all day Kindergarten and the new classrooms.

- The classrooms look amazing.

- School Committee members commented on how impressed they were with all Michele Simpson's hard work in putting this all together.
- Ms. Simpson stated that the Governor will be coming to view the new classrooms on Friday.

Discussion on Moving the 6th Grade

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

- Opening went smoothly.
- Ed Collins and his staff did a flawless job with the transition.
- I received a lot of positive feedback.
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Scheduling Committees

Superintendent Nota-Masse discussed with the School Committee about setting up a Scheduling Committee.

- The schedules at the high schools and the middle schools are now out grown.
- They are not conducive to handling 6th graders.
- Presently, both schedules are contractual.
- Looking at getting a group comprised of administrators, teachers, etc. to look at proposals for the 2018-2019 school year.

Renovation Project for Cranston West Auditorium

David Dimaio of the Cranston West Alumni Association presented to the School Committee sponsorship ideas to assist in funding a project to renovate the Cranston West Auditorium.

- Auditorium seat sponsorship.
- Opportunity for his association to give back to the community.
- Raise funds with community support.

See Handout A on file with the Superintendent's Office for additional information

Public Hearing

- Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters) - None
- Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only) - None

Action Calendar/Action Agenda

Resolution No. 16-09-01 RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee approve the amended School Committee Meetings and Work Session Calendar for 2016-2017 (**See attached**).

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 16-09-01 by Mr. Wall; seconded by Mr. Gale. The roll was called; all were in favor.

Adjourn to Public Work Session

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gale; seconded by Wall. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie A. G. Culhane
Vice Chairperson

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS SCHEDULE

2016-2017

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 Tuesday <u>Monday, Sept. 19, 2016</u>	5:00 pm (special time) 5:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 Monday, Oct. 17, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 Monday, Nov. 14, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 Monday, Dec. 19, 2016	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills

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Tuesday, Jan. 18 <u>17, 2017 (Public Budget Work Session)</u>	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 (Public Budget Work Session)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 (if necessary) (Public Budget Work Session)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Monday, Feb. 6, 2017 (Budget Adoption)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 (Budget Adoption II)	7:00 pm	Western Hills
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 Monday, March 13, 2017	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 Monday, April 26 <u>24, 2016</u> <u>2017</u>	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 Monday, May 15, 2017	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Western Hills
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 Monday, June 19, 2017 Monday, June 26, 2017 Thursday, June 29, 2017	6:00 pm 7:00 pm* 7:00 pm* 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Hope Highlands Hope Highlands Hope Highlands
Wednesday, July 12, 2017 Monday, July 17, 2017	6:00 pm 7:00 pm*	Briggs Building Hope Highlands
Wednesday, August 9, 2017 Monday, August 14, 2017	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.