

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – Executive Session

II. Executive Session – Personnel Pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(1) and Contract and Litigation Pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(2)

III. Call to Order – Open Session

IV. Roll Call/ Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed

VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings – September 14, 2005; September 19, 2005

VII. Public Acknowledgements/Communications

VIII. Chairperson Communications

IX. Superintendent Communications

X. School Committee Member Communications

XI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

XII. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

SPONSORED BY MS. IANNAZZI AND MR. STYCOS

NO. 05-10-1 - RESOLVED, that prior to any vote on an administrative appointment, the Superintendent shall supply each School Committee member with a copy of the chosen applicant's resume. This shall apply to all administrative positions that are at the assistant principal level or higher. Except in unusual circumstances, the committee shall receive the resume with the meeting agenda.

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NO. 05-10-2 – Whereas, Rhode Island General Laws 16-22-22, Genocide and Human Rights Education,” permits School Committees to incorporate materials on:

- 1. the period of the transatlantic slave trades and the middle passage;**
- 2. the great hunger period in Ireland;**
- 3. the Armenian genocide;**
- 4. the Holocaust; and**
- 5. the Mussolini fascist regime and other recognized human rights violations**

into their elementary and secondary school curriculum; and

Whereas,

- 1. in America in 1776, one fifth of the population was enslaved;**
- 2. in Ireland between 1845 and 1849, the potato crop was obsolete, resulting in the death of over 500,000;**
- 3. in the Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1923, 1.5 million Armenians perished after being subjected to many forms of torture by the Turkish government;**
- 4. in thirty-five locations throughout Europe, from 1939 to 1945, Nazi leaders killed over 10 million through the use of concentration camps, euthanasia, and extermination camps, among others;**
- 5. in Italy from 1922 to 1943, Mussolini led a regime which promoted censorship and worked towards a goal of taking over the**

Mediterranean,

Be it RESOLVED, that the School Committee recommends that high school history departments make an effort to teach these materials as a unit in order to learn from previous ignorance and to promote tolerance.

ADMINISTRATION

NO. 05-10-3 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Assistant Principal for Bain Middle School be approved.

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PERSONNEL

NO. 05-10-4 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Bethany Hogan-Zawislak, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: December 2005 – September 2007

NO. 05-10-5 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:

Wanda DeRouin, salary to be at the tenth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College

Experience – Providence School Department

Certification – Elementary/Middle ESL

Assignment – Itinerant Resource, .4 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – October 3, 2005

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 51523129 512100

Kristen Field, salary to be at the tenth step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BS

Experience – Cranston Public Schools' Substitute

Certification – School Nurse-Teacher, PK-12

Assignment – Itinerant Resource, .5 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Authorization – New

Fiscal Note: 15146313 513100

Susan L. Hartnett, salary to be at the tenth step plus Masters of Social

Work of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BA; University of Pennsylvania, MSW

Experience – North Kingstown School Department (Retired)

Certification – School Social Worker

Assignment – Park View Middle School, Social Worker, .2 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 15136113 511000

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NO. 05-10-6 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Robert Fascitelli French/Italian

Ryan Moses General Subject Matter, K-12

Alexis Norton Elementary

Elida Rivera General Subject Matter

Bianca Bertoncini Elementary

Lindsay Testa Elementary

Laurel Givens General Subject Matter

Debra Borelli Nurse-Teacher

Amy Weber Elementary

Jennifer Sparks Elementary

Pamela Jennings Middle/Secondary Spanish

Elizabeth Graham Special Education Elementary/Middle

Joseph Bishkoff Music

Joseph Cardillo Elementary

Lauren Lavoie Special Education Elementary/Middle

Krystal Morrison Elementary

Michael Correia Secondary History

NO. 05-10-7 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel

be accepted:

Erin Rath, Teacher

Bain Middle School

Effective Date: October 7, 2005

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NO. 05-10-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual be appointed as an athletic coach:

Kate Anderson, Assistant Field Hockey

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – None

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

NO. 05-10-9 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Joseph Rotz, Assistant Hockey

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: September 20, 2005

NO. 05-10-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be recalled from layoff:

Mary Choy, Teacher Assistant

Oak Lawn School

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

Ann Marcotte, Teacher Assistant

Stone Hill School

Effective Date: October 24, 2005

NO. 05-10-11 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Barbara Ferraro, Psychological Intern

Special Services

Effective Date of Employment – September 26, 2005

Fiscal Note: 15136413 513700

Dawn Steiner, Teacher Assistant

Special Services

Effective Date of Employment – October 3, 2005

Fiscal Note: 12232032 519500

Amy Messere, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – September 7, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Christine Graham, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – October 6, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Denise Giovo, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service Worker

Effective Date of Employment – September 29, 2005

Fiscal Note: 32947179 511000

Deborah Tullo, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – October 3, 2005

Fiscal Note: 33047179 511000

Taralyn Gouveia, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment – September 19, 2005

Fiscal Note: 31647179 511000

NO. 05-10-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARIES

Camille Cataldo

Cecile Campanile

BUS DRIVERS

Jayne McDonald

Nancy Hackett

NO. 05-10-13 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Maryann Cross, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date: October 6, 2005

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NO. 05-10-14 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Arlene K. McGarrahan, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date: September 30, 2005

Mark McGetrick, Four-hour Custodian

Plant

Effective Date: September 20, 2005

Carol Gelsomino, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: October 14, 2005

Linda Nardolillo, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

September 26, 2005

Dolores Sprague, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

September 26, 2005

Tammy Donley, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

October 3, 2005

BUSINESS

NO. 05-10-15 - RESOLVED, that the Administration be authorized to establish the following tuition rates for the 2005-2006 school year.

Half-day Kindergarten \$ 5,286

Grades 1-12 \$10,573

Special Education \$35,812

Career and Technical Center – Regular \$11,446

Career and Technical Center – Resource (1-2 classes) \$23,629

Career and Technical Center – Self-Contained (3-5 classes) \$35,812

Sanders Academy \$31,852

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NO. 05-10-16- RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Office Supplies in the amount of \$13,696.27

Number of bids issued 30

Number of bids received 11

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 05-10-17 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Field Trip of Long Duration be authorized:

Richard Abruzzini, teacher at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, Janis McGuirl, and approximately ten Cranston Area Career & Technical Center DECA students to attend the DECA North Atlantic Regional Conference in Burlington, Vermont, from November 11, 2005 to November 13, 2005.

NO. 05-10-18 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 9300 (f) Section N, and 9300 (h) Section XI B, as amended, Rules of the School Committee, City of Cranston, be approved for second and final reading.

NO. 05-10-19 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 9362, as amended, By Laws of the School Committee, Time and Place, be approved for second and final reading.

TABLED RESOLUTION

NO. 05-9-22 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be recalled from layoff:

Jo-anne Gesterling, Teacher Assistant

Edgewood Highland School

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

Cynthia Sweet, Teacher Assistant

Gladstone School

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

Kathleen Hassell, Teacher Assistant

Dutemple School

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

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Deborah Vilardi, Teacher Assistant

Stadium School

Effective Date: September 7, 2005

XIII. Action Calendar/Action Agenda

XIV. New Business

XV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson in advance.

Notice Posted: October 14, 2005

9300(f)

N. A motion to reconsider is in order at any time during the same meeting or at an adjourned meeting; however, the motion to reconsider must be made by a member of the committee who voted in the affirmative (with the prevailing side.) Any member can second the motion. When a motion to reconsider has been decided, the original vote is void.

O. If the presiding officer so directs, every motion shall be reduced to writing.

P. No member of the committee shall speak more than once on the same question, until all other members of the committee desiring to speak thereon shall have done so.

Q. In the event of a tie vote related to matters of management and policy, the matter before the committee shall be tabled to the next scheduled or special meeting of the committee, where the matter can be voted on again. If the matter is tabled to the next scheduled meeting of the committee, debate can continue before the re-vote; however, for a matter to be considered by the committee again once placed on the table, a procedural motion must be made and seconded to “remove from the table.” A majority vote of the committee is required to remove a matter from the table.

R. Any member of the School Committee, except the chairperson, may make a motion and/or second another member’s motion.

S. Any member of the School Committee, including the chairperson, shall be entitled to introduce resolutions.

T. Seating

1. In addition to the members of the School Committee, the following members of the Administration shall be seated on stage with the Committee: (a) the Superintendent, (b) the Assistant Superintendent, and (c) the School Committee secretary. In Budget sessions, the Executive Director of Business Management/Operations shall also join the Committee on stage.

2. Seating shall be assigned by the Chair of the School

Committee. All members shall face one another and tables shall be set in a horseshoe shape.

9300(h)

A. Written notice for all regular meetings shall be sent out from the superintendent's office so that the notices are in the hands of the full committee at least four days prior to the meeting. A complete agenda for the regular meeting must accompany every notice.

B. Notice for special meetings shall be sent in writing or email and by phone, with forty-eight (48) hours' notice except in an emergency, as determined by the chairperson and/or superintendent.

XI Types and Call of Meetings

A. Regular Meetings of the committee shall be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless the time and date be changed by a majority vote of the committee at a previous monthly meeting, with adjournment no later than 11:00 p.m. No new item of business shall be introduced after 10:30 p.m. All meetings shall be scheduled and be accessible to all.

1. The School Committee shall make every effort to not schedule its regular meeting on the same night as the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

B. Special Meetings of the committee shall be called by the superintendent of public schools at the request of the chairperson or by a request in writing to the chairperson signed by two (2) members of the committee.

C. Organizational Meeting of the School Committee shall take place immediately following the swearing-in of the newly elected committee members which shall take place on the first Monday following the New Year.

D. Executive Meetings or sessions of the committee shall be called at such time and place as is required for free discussion of personnel or other matters included under RI Gen. Laws. 42-46-5, and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, authorize the consideration of a closed session. The administration with the chairperson's consent shall submit to the School Committee an agenda for Executive Session of the items to be discussed, but not the specific content. Any tentative proposals for action taken at such closed sessions shall require confirmation at subsequent open meetings.

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Bylaws of the School Committee

Time and Place

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Legal Reference: Gen. Laws RI 1956 – Title 16 – Education 16-2-8

Policy Amended: March 21, 1983 CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy Amended CRANSTON, RI

Resolution No.: