CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005
WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
400 PHENIX AVENUE
EXECUTIVE SESSION:  6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC SESSION:  7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I.COMMUNICATIONS

II.COMMITTEE REPORTS

III.MINUTES – February 7, 2005; February 14, 2005;
February 15, 2005

IV.SPEAKERS – Agenda Items

V.RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE
NO. 05-3-1 – Whereas, talented art students in grades 7 through 12 in
middle, junior, and senior high schools of Rhode Island had an
opportunity to win recognition for themselves and their school by
participating in The Scholastic Art Awards of 2005, and
Whereas, this program is sponsored regionally by the Providence Journal and the Rhode Island Art Education Association and conducted nationally by The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, and

Whereas, approximately 125 Silver Keys have been awarded for outstanding work on the regional level and 75 Gold Key finalists have been selected and will be forwarded to New York City for the national competition where they will compete with finalists from over 60 other regions across the United States, and

Whereas, students in Cranston Public Schools earned 5 Gold Key Awards, 27 Silver Key Awards, and 1 Photography Portfolio Nomination,

Be it RESOLVED that these talented artists be recognized by the Cranston School Committee for their outstanding accomplishments, and

Be it further RESOLVED that they be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

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CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST
Lauren Ardito
Silver Key, Drawing
Chester Brown Two Silver Keys, Drawing
Danielle Cohen Silver Key, Drawing
Joshua Roberti Silver Key, Drawing
Katie Sylvestre Silver Key, Mixed Media
Anthony Williams Gold Key, Drawing

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST
Alexandra Almagno Silver Key, Painting
Amanda DelFarno Silver Key, Mixed Media
Nicole Dubois Silver Key, Ceramics and Glass
Allyson Dupont Silver Key, Drawing
Christopher Moore Photography Portfolio Nominee
Jessica Thurber Silver Key, Painting

PARK VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Ashley Addison Silver Key, Sculpture
Laisha Crum Gold Key, Painting
Leonardo Deluzio Gold Key, Drawing
Benjamin Dyer Silver Key, Drawing
Gregory Hawkins Silver Key, Plans and Models
Ruta Nikitska Silver Key, Painting
Xena Pope Silver Key, Drawing
Michael Rose Silver Key, Mixed Media
Patrick Rush Silver Key, Mixed Media
Patrick Rush Silver Key, Printmaking
Jessica Sullivan Silver Key, Drawing
Soo-Hye Yeom	Silver Key, Drawing

BAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sara Larrabee	Silver Key, Printmaking
Michaela Link	Silver Key, Sculpture
Corey Mendonca	Silver Key, Mixed Media
Yee Poon	Silver Key, Drawing
Dawn Vittorioso	Gold Key, Sculpture

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Brittany Dias	Silver Key, Drawing
Alisha Mayer	Silver Key, Painting
Matthew Osenkowski	Gold Key, Drawing

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ADMINISTRATION
PERSONNEL
NO. 05-3-2 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2004-2005 school year:

Luis Mejia, salary to be at the tenth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Madre, BA; Rhode Island College, MA
Experience – Cranston Public Schools, Substitute
Certification – Middle/Secondary Spanish
Assignment – Cranston High School East, Spanish, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – March 1, 2005
Authorization – Replacement
Fiscal Note: 11311012-512100

NO. 05-3-3 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Elizabeth Lavallee General Subject, K-12

Caroline ScheffMusic, PK-12

Joanne WoernerArt, PK-12

Christopher DietzMusic, PK-12

Carly CerulloElementary, PK-2

Anthony HoyleElementary

Michael DiMicheleSecondary Social Studies

John SavastanoGeneral Subject K-12
NO. 05-3-4 - 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:

Melissa Kirrane, Teacher
Elementary

NO. 05-3-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be
accepted:

Carol Moretti, Special Education
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Frances White, ESL
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Bonnie Rossi, English
Park View Middle School
Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Paula Malloy, English
Western Hills Middle School
Effective Date: June 30, 2005

Catherine DiSegna, English
Western Hills Middle School
Effective Date: June 30, 2005

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NO. 05-3-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the
Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Stacey Lehrer, Occupational Therapist
Cranston High School East
Effective Date – March 18, 2005

Russell Turk, Teacher
Cranston High School West
Effective Date – March 18, 2005

Richard James, Teacher
Bain Middle School
Effective Date – June 30, 2005

Suzan Lins, Science Teacher
Cranston High School East
Effective Date – June 30, 2005

NO. 05-3-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individual be reappointed as an athletic coach:

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST
Richard Perrotta
Head Boys’ Tennis
RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Michael Soscia, Head Girls’ Lacrosse, Cranston High School West
Step – 2
Class – B
Playing Competition – None
Experience – Girls’ Lacrosse Club, Moderator
Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Ronald Lee, Head Boys’ Volleyball, Cranston High School East
Step – 6
Class – B
Playing Competition – None
Experience – Head Girls’ Volleyball Coach, Cranston High School East, 8 Years;
Assistant Boys’ Volleyball Coach, Cranston High School East, 7 Years
Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate; CPR/First Aid Certified

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John Palumbo, Head Coed Golf, Cranston High School East
Step – 3
Class – B
Playing Competition – College, Two Years
Experience – Assistant Coach, Coed Golf, Cranston High School East, 5 Years
Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate, CPR/First Aid Certified

Clem Soscia, Head Boys’, Outdoor Track, Cranston High School West
Step – 6
Class – B
Experience – Head Coach, Boys’ Track, Coventry
Certification – Rhode Island Coaching Certificate, CPR/First Aid Certified

NO. 05-3-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coaches be accepted:

Ronald G. Lee, Assistant, Boys’ Volleyball
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: February 15, 2005

James Raspallo, Assistant, Boys’ Track
Cranston High School West
Effective Date: February 15, 2005

NO. 05-3-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Gail Broadbent, Secretary
Curriculum/Grants/Textbooks
Effective Date of Employment – March 14, 2005
Fiscal Note: 16611015 515100

Tamara DeSousa, CNA Tester
Adult Education Program
Effective Date of Employment – March 7, 2005
Fiscal Note: 51362142 512100

Karen Paquette, Three-Hour Library Secretary
Woodridge/Orchard Farms Schools
Effective Date of Employment – March 21, 2005
Fiscal Note: 15125315 515500

Josefa German, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – February 7, 2005
Christina Pizzi, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – February 10, 2005
Fiscal Note: 32347179 511000

Bethany Gervais, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – February 14, 2005
Fiscal Note: 32647179 511000

Cilla Reilly, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – February 28, 2005
Fiscal Note: 33047179 511000

Linda Donnelly, Three-Hour Food Service Worker
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – March 10, 2005
Fiscal Note: 31347179 511000

Michael Burley, Four-Hour Custodian
Plant
Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005
Fiscal Note: 12147481 518200
David Razza, Four-Hour Custodian
Plant
Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005
Fiscal Note: 12147481 518200

Anthony Spruill, Four-Hour Custodian
Plant
Effective Date of Employment – March 22, 2005
Fiscal Note: 11547418 518100

Melissa Funes, Three-Hour Food Service
Food Service
Effective Date of Employment – March 2, 2005
Fiscal Note: 32447179 511000

NO. 05-3-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:
NO. 05-3-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Cheryl Parsons, Bus Monitor
Transportation
Effective Date – March 1, 2005

Theresa Reynolds, Instructor
Alternate Education
Effective Date – February 28, 2005

Gina Schiano, Bus Monitor
Transportation
Effective Date – March 3, 2005

Roberta Randall, Three-Hour Food Service
Food Service
Effective Date – March 8, 2005
Gail O’Brien, Secretary
Gladstone School
Effective Date – March 18, 2005

GRANTS
NO. 05-3-13 – RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit to Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the following grants:

- Streaming Video Clips in Park View Middle School Science: $1,297.49
- Classroom Power Point Presentations
- Web Page Development for Park View Middle School 8th Grade Science Students: $1,482.97
- Recording Studio to Support English Language Arts and Theater, Academic Decathlon, and Mock Trial: $1,500.00
- Laser and Fiber Optics Communication Technology Project: $1,294.00

BUSINESS
NO. 05-3-14 - RESOLVED, that the Second Budget Revision of the
2004-2005 budget be approved as recommended by the Superintendent.

NO. 05-3-15 - RESOLVED, that the following purchase be approved:

Student Planners in the amount of $26,544.45

Number of bids issued 14
Number of bids received 8

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 05-3-16 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Calendar for 2005-2006 be approved.

NO. 05-3-17 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 4112.5, Athletic Coaches, be approved for first reading. (Policy is attached.)

NO. 05-3-18 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the revised curriculum guide and framework in the area of English Language Arts for Grades 6 through 12, be approved for first reading.

NO. 05-3-19 – Whereas, Cranston Public Schools’ Summer School fees are low in comparison with other school districts throughout the state,
Be it RESOLVED that the present Summer School fee for a make-up class for a Cranston resident be increased from $90.00 to $100.00; the present Summer School fee for a make-up class for a non-resident be increased from $125.00 to $150.00; and the Summer School fee for Physical Education/Health make-up classes be increased from $55.00 to $60.00 for all students.

Be it further RESOLVED to eliminate the acceptance of cash as payment for all Summer School make-up classes and enrichment classes. Only money orders or bank checks will be accepted.

NO. 05-3-20 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

Karen Amitrano, teacher at Woodridge School, to make a SALT Visit to the Alan Shawn Feinstein Elementary School on Broad Street, Providence, RI on March 28, 29, 30, 31, and April 1, 2005.

Michele Simpson, Director of Early Childhood, to travel to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the 26th Institute and Symposium from April 29 to May 7, 2005.
Deborah A. Salone, Director of the Cranston Alternate Education Program and Gayle S. Dzekevich, teacher at the Cranston Alternate Education Program, to travel to Anaheim, California to attend the Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Conference from May 3, 2005 to May 7, 2005.

Kim Fera, Ruth Billings, Monica M. Orsi, Evelyn J. Baker, and Susan Marshall, all teachers at Arlington School, to travel to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the International Reading Association Conference from May 1, 2005 to May 4, 2005.

Marlene Gamba, Principal of Edgewood Highland School, and Joy Helmold, teacher at Edgewood Highland School, to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the NECC 2005 Conference (Technology Conference) from June 27, 2005 to June 30, 2005.

Steven Krous, teacher at Cranston High School West, and five students from the Ocean Science Bowl (NOSB) Team, to travel to Biloxi, Mississippi to compete in the National Competition from April 22, 2005 to April 25, 2005.

VI. SPEAKERS – Non-agenda Items

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

Notice Posted: March 18, 2005

PERSONNEL4112.5

ATHLETIC COACHES

All coaching positions, not just new positions or those in which the incumbent had decided he/she was not interested in reappointment will be adequately posted in each school building by the Superintendent. The position may at the discretion of the Athletic Director be advertised in a local newspaper.

Positions covered by this article shall be filled on the basis of the best qualified person available. Qualified person is defined as an applicant with knowledge and experience in the particular sport.

Coaches will be evaluated by the Athletic Director and Principal.

A coach will be evaluated yearly.

After a formal evaluation, the evaluators and the coach will agree on a time for a conference to be held as soon as practicable.
A coach will be allowed to review a copy of the evaluation and will have the right to discuss said evaluation with their evaluators and initial said evaluation before the evaluation is placed in their personnel files.

Any complaints regarding a coach, made to the administration by any parent, student, or other person, which is considered in evaluating said coach will be promptly shared with said coach.

A satisfactory evaluation is required for a coach to be considered for appointment to a new position or a reappointment to their previous coaching assignment.

The Athletic Director will provide the coach with a copy of the position’s requirements. The coach will sign acknowledging receipt of said document.

Failure to comply with the requirements will result in the coach not being reappointed.

Policy Adopted: ____________________CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Resolution No. ____________CRANSTON, RI