

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation.

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – April 9, 2007

VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – March 14, 2007; March 19, 2007; March 22, 2007

VII. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

1. Scholastic Art Award Recipients

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 THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-1 - Whereas, Julie Driscoll has achieved National Board Certification, the highest standard for the teaching profession, and

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Whereas, Julie Driscoll is one of 47 teachers in the State of Rhode Island and one of 7,800 teachers nationally who has earned the highest professional credential – National Board Certification – during the 2006-2007 school year; and

Whereas, National Board Certification, a voluntary process established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, is achieved through a rigorous performance-based assessment that takes almost a year to complete. Through the assessment process, teachers document their subject matter knowledge, provide evidence that they know how to teach their subjects to students most effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage and measure student learning; and

Whereas, Julie Driscoll has been a member of the teaching profession in Cranston since 2001 where she has taught developmental pre-school and Kindergarten and prior to that she worked at the Trudeau Center, and

Whereas, Julie Driscoll is a member of the National Association of Education of Young Children and was a member of the team of Cranston educators who reviewed and implemented the Rhode Island Early Learning Standards;

Be it RESOLVED that Julie Driscoll be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for her outstanding achievements, and

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

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-2 - Whereas, sixty-six students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves at the 2007 Rhode Island State DECA Competition by winning sixty-one awards and, in the fifteen events in which the students were entered, they were awarded fifteen 1st Place, seven 2nd Place, and four 3rd Place finishes; and

Whereas, the overall winners are:

Kyle Marnane 1st Place Public Relations Project

Shayna Matzner 1st Place Public Relations Project

Samantha Pezza 1st Place Public Relations Project

Megan Allaire 1st Place Community Service Project

Tiffany Anderson 1st Place Community Service Project

Alisa Langley 1st Place Community Service Project

Crystal Hidalgo 1st Place International Business Plan

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Medgine Pierre-Louis 1st Place International Business Plan

Tonisha Pierre 1st Place International Business Plan

Audrey Burniston 1st Place Entrepreneurship Written

Cheri Melvin 1st Place Entrepreneurship Written

Mike Petrocelli 1st Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Sergio Orlando 1st Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Franchise

Morgan Patricio 1st Place E-Commerce Business Plan

Leigh Smith 1st Place E-Commerce Business Plan

Chad Cowan 1st Place General Marketing Research Event

Sherri Tallo 1st Place General Marketing Research Event

Kayla Ruhle 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research

Alex Freitas 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research

Ling Dang 1st Place Business and Financial Services Research

Brittany Dias 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Katie Champagne 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Paige Carson 1st Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Donnie St. Angelo 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Veronica Morena 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Chelsea Kelvey 1st Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Matthew Thomas 1st Place Creative Marketing Project

Chris O'Brien 1st Place Creative Marketing Project

Zach Okolowicz 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Breana Quinn 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Talia Sinapi 1st Place Entrepreneurship Promotion Project

Yadira Ramirez 1st Place Advertising Campaign

Gianna Vessella 1st Place Advertising Campaign

Jenn Keogh 1st Place Accounting Applications

Kellie Moore 2nd Place International Business Plan

Danielle Mott 2nd Place International Business Plan

Peter Stuckey 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

Evan Lancia 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

Cory Nichols 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Written

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Mike Saccoccio 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Brittney Deschenes 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Jaime Zuena 2nd Place Hospitality and Recreation Research Event

Andrea DiMeglio 2nd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Alex Palumbo 2nd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Basirat Falomi 2nd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Shane Murphy 2nd Place General Marketing Research Event

Rob Esposito 2nd Place General Marketing Research Event

Jess Soccio 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Aleks Alekhina 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Kim Roberts 2nd Place Retail Marketing Research Event

Maritzabel Cuz 2nd Place Advertising Campaign

Randall Rivera 2nd Place Advertising Campaign

Alex Mendez 2nd Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Cassie Baker 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Written Event

Christine Passet 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Written Event

Jon Moffat 3rd Place Entrepreneurship Participating-Independent

Steve Larsson 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Omar Tazi 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Rob DelGallo 3rd Place Business and Financial Services Research

Lorenzo Lonardo 3rd Place Advertising Campaign

Edwin Morales 3rd Place Advertising Campaign

Whereas, fifty-five students qualified from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center at Cranston High School West to represent the State of Rhode Island at the International DECA Competitions in Orlando, Florida, April 27, 2007 through May 2, 2007,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students for their exceptional accomplishments, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to their teachers, Mr. Richard Abruzzini and Ms. Meaghan McGonagle, Mrs. Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and Mr. Steven Knowlton, Principal of Cranston High School West, and that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

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SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 07-4-3 – Whereas, on Sunday, March 11, 2007, twenty-two schools competed in the Academic DeCathlon at the CCRI Warwick

Campus, and

Whereas, students who studied for this day began in the summer of 2006 until the day of the events, and

Whereas, this is a one-time opportunity for the winner to take all, in this instance an all-expense paid trip to Hawaii, and

Whereas, under the coaching direction of Christine Luther-Morris the Cranston High School West Academic Decathlon Team captured Second Place in the overall competition and Second Place in the Super Quiz, and

Whereas, the individual medal recipients are:

Dan Olsen Top Scorer for the Team

Gold Medal – Speech

Gold Medal – Mathematics

Gold Medal – Interview

Silver Medal – Super Quiz

Matthew Cournoyer Bronze Medal – Mathematics

Nicole Carnevale Silver Medal – Essay

Bronze Medal – Speech

Bronze Medal – Interview

Silver Medal – Super Quiz

Alexander Gaines Bronze Medal – Essay

Gold Medal – Social Science

James D’Aloisio Silver Medal – Economics

Bronze Medal – Interview

Deven Blau and Joelle Harrington Silver Medal for Overall and Super Quiz as Part of the Team

Karam Habchi , Alternates

Terace Genest, and

Tho Phan

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Be it RESOLVED that these dedicated students and their coach be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for their outstanding achievements, and

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

SPONSORED BY MR. LOMBARDI

NO. 07-4-4 – Whereas, forty-one students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center distinguished themselves by winning awards in the Rhode Island SkillsUSA Competitions presented at Rhodes on-the-Pawtuxet on Monday, March 26, 2007, and

Whereas, the group included eleven Bronze Medalists, twelve Silver Medalists, and eighteen Gold Medalists; and Sam Kashuk, a graphic arts student, was also recognized with the Skills USA Rhode Island Pin Design Award; and

Whereas, the Gold Medal winners will be eligible to compete in the National Skills Championships in Kansas City, Missouri June 24 to June 30, 2007; and

Whereas, the following students have distinguished themselves at the State level by finishing in the top of their respective competitions:

Student	Place	Contest
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Jennifer Gay	1st	Dental Assisting
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Mikayla Flynn	2nd	Health Knowledge Bowl
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Lauren Costa	2nd	Health Knowledge Bowl
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Michaela DelGallo	2nd	Health Knowledge Bowl
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Sokkorn Soun 2nd Health Knowledge Bowl

Brandon Lozowski 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Sheryl Johnson 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Ian Cahir 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Linh Dang 1st SkillsUSA Quiz Bowl

Sean Mattson 3rd Web Design

Serenna Boland 3rd Web Design

Tanya Wang 1st Robotics Workcell

Maria Briones 1st Robotics Workcell

Nicolas O'Connell 2nd Robotics Workcell

Jerred Jordan 2nd Robotics Workcell

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Troy Beauparlant 3rd Robotics Workcell

Vincent Schuele 3rd Robotics Workcell

Haley Pezza 3rd Promotional Bulletin Board

Yhinan Izzo 3rd Promotional Bulletin Board

David Vendettuoli 1st Action Skills

Nick Catlow 2nd Action Skills

Kyle Kwasniewski 1st Prepared Speech

Darren Bathgate 1st Electronics Applications

Jordan Petit 3rd Computer Maintenance Technology

Melissa Martinelli 1st Job Skills Demonstration "A"

Joelle Koslowski 2nd Job Skills Demonstration "A"

Briana Rampino 1st Job Skills Demonstration "B"

Tiffany DellaVentura 2nd Job Skills Demonstration "B"

Amanda Beaudoin 2nd Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Amanda Johnson 3rd Pre-School Teaching Assistant

Nicholas Parrillo 3rd Cabinetmaking

Samantha Pezza 1st Extemporaneous Speaking

Olayemi Owojori 2nd Extemporaneous Speaking

Jillian Giarrusso 3rd Extemporaneous Speaking

James Moran 1st Food and Beverage Service

Devin Blau 1st Technical Math

Benjamin Hines 3rd Technical Math

Caitlin Farrar 1st Customer Service

Azim Celik 2nd Customer Service

Erika Sgambato 1st Job Interview

Sam Kashuk 1st Graphic Communications

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Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students, Ms. Suzanne Coutu, Director of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, and to their teachers, Edd Spidell, Aimee Duarte, Giani Petterti, Al DiFazio, Steve DeRosa, Steven Versacci, Martha Sylvestre, Michael Cornachione, Len Baker, Charlene Barbieri, Elaine Arbor, Jeanne Silva, Lou Giglietti, Regina Poethke, Deborah Hornung, Janice Baker, Bill Carcieri, Harold Winstanley, Meaghan McGonagle, Rick Abrussini, and Lori Velino; and

Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee be presented to each successful student, teacher and advisor.

SPONSORED BY MR. ARCHETTO

NO. 07-4-5 – RESOLVED, that all School Committee members receive photo identification cards forwarded by the school department. The photo identification cards will have a picture of each member, the name of each member, the address of each member, and the ward the member represents.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 07-4-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Lee Marcello General Subject Matter

Wennzdehl Powell General Subject Matter

**Stefanie Blais Early Childhood/Special Education
Elementary/Middle**

Janice Gomes Art, PK-12

Sarah Watterson ESL Elementary

Tara Barone Early Childhood (PK-2)

Ilana Feinberg Elementary

Dacia Nelson Elementary/Middle Special Education

Christina Ash Elementary

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NO. 07-4-7 – 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:

John A. Palumbo, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: August 2007 to September 2008

Magdalene Bochner, Teacher

Guidance

March 28, 2007 to June 30, 2007

NO. 07-4-8 – 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 F of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Dena Chamberland, Teacher

Reading

Effective Dates: August 2007 to September 2008

NO. 07-4-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Debra Messenger

Occupational Therapist

Effective Date: April 27, 2007

NO. 07-4-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Keith Medbury, Head Baseball, Bain Middle School

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Babe Ruth League

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Danielle Bishop, Head Fastpitch Softball, Bain Middle School

Step – 2

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – West Warwick

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Eric Washburn, Assistant Boys' Volleyball, Cranston High School East

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Volunteer, Cranston High School East Program

Certification – RI Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certification

NO. 07-4-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Jason Hogan, Assistant Boys' Outdoor Track

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: March 21, 2007

NO. 07-4-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed:

**Calvin Bridges, Behavioral Technical Assistant
Transportation**

Effective Date of Employment: April 23, 2007

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11532032 510500 (50%) / 14347542 519500 (50%)²

NO. 07-4-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARY

Susan Dubuque

BUS DRIVER

Keicia McCarthy

NO. 07-4-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Lori Paolantonio, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date: March 16, 2007

Jennifer M. McCarthy, Phlebotomy

Alternated Education Program

Effective Date: March 13, 2007

NO. 07-4-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee A be accepted.

NO. 07-4-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee B be accepted.

GRANTS

NO. 07-4-17 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston Public Schools submit the following grants:

Rhode Island Foundation

Supporting Data Decision Making for Strategic Planning \$ 5,000

Across the Educational Community – Bain Middle School,

Park View Middle School, and Western Hills Middle School

GOPHER Extreme Room Make Over

Extreme Equipment Room Make Over – Bain Middle School \$ 25,000

Tommy Hilfiger Foundation

**Schools Highlight Autism Partnership and Early Education \$ 19,987
(SHAPE)**

Early Childhood Center

Rhode Island Department of Education

**Enhancing Education Through Technology – MCG (The \$256,000
Model Classroom Grant)**

**Cranston High School East, Cranston High School West,
and the New England Laborers’/Cranston Public Schools’**

Charter School

Rhode Island Educators’ Media Association (RIEMA)

Building a Bridge to First Grade \$ 500

BUSINESS

**NO. 07-4-18- - RESOLVED, that the second revision of the 2006-2007
budget be approved as recommended.**

NO. 07-4-19- - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Custodial Supplies in the amount of \$xx,xxx

Number of bids issued xx

Number of bids received xx

Medical/Dental Supplies in the amount of \$8,524.51

Number of bids issued 18

Number of bids received 11

NO. 07-4-20 - RESOLVED, that the following grant purchases be approved:

Chain Link Fence in the amount of \$4,670.00 (Perkins)

Number of bids issued 14

Number of bids received 6

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 07-4-21 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 6161.2, Access to Networked Information Resource Acceptable Use Policy (AUP), as amended, be approved for first reading.

NO. 07-4-22 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, policy No. 1330, Use of School Facilities, as amended, be approved for first reading.

NO. 07-4-23 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

Mary Susan Mulligan, Principal of W. R. Dutemple School, to travel to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from May 13, 2007 to May 16, 2007 to attend the International Reading Association Conference.

Mary Ann Casale, Principal of Garden City School and Carolyn Frey, teacher at Garden City School, to travel to Hyannis, Massachusetts, from May 2, 2007 to May 4, 2007 to attend the “Turning Around Schools and School Systems” Conference.

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Karen Verrengia, Energy Manager, to travel to Schaumburg, Illinois from June 25, 2007 to June 27, 2007 to attend a “Summer 2007 Seminar” on energy education and requirement.

James Dillon, Director of Student Information Services, to travel to

Atlanta, Georgia from June 24, 2007 to June 27, 2007 to attend the “National Conference on Educational Technology.

Kathleen Magiera, HIPPA Director, to travel to Washington, DC from May 9, 2007 to May 11, 2007 to attend the “LEA Net National Conference” for latest information on Medicaid cuts.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS:

NO. 07-3-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee B be accepted:

NO. 07-2-23 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, policy No. 1330, Use of School Facilities, as amended, be approved for first reading.

XIII. Public Hearing for Pre-termination Hearing on Non-tenured Certified Teacher A.

XIV. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

XV. New Business

XVI. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVII. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVIII. Adjournment

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

Notice Posted: April 4, 2007

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(a)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy shall be to establish regulatory guidelines and general expectations for the use of school facilities (buildings and / or grounds) outside of those uses directly related to the normal educational programs.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Cranston School Committee believes that the public schools should be considered as community schools and is, therefore, committed to the concept of making Cranston School facilities available for use outside normal educational programs. While school facilities are owned by the public and paid for by tax dollars, the general public should not be considered as having an obligation to fund extra costs for private or for-profit groups' use of facilities. It is for this reason that the School Committee feels it reasonable to expect groups authorized to use facilities to pay all related personnel costs as well as minimal costs so incurred for said use of buildings and/or grounds. The Committee further recognizes, however, that there are certain instances wherein the cost for use of school facilities should be borne by the school district.

DESCRIPTION:

1. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM:

An educational program shall be considered as any activity sponsored by the Cranston Public Schools, which takes its base in the educational offerings of the School Committee as provided for within its operating budget.

2. CIVIC / RECREATIONAL PROGRAM:

A civic / recreational program shall be any activity sponsored by the Mayor's office, City Council and / or the City's Department of Recreation.

3. COMMUNITY GROUPS:

A community group shall be considered as a formally organized non-profit or for-profit group of persons wherein the majority of its members are residents of the City of Cranston and whose base of operation is located in Cranston.

4. NON-RESIDENT GROUPS:

A non-resident group shall be considered as a formally organized non-profit or for-profit group wherein the majority of its members are not residents of the City of Cranston.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(b)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

USER FEES

User fees for facility use shall be considered as those expenses incurred above and beyond the fulfillment of the educational, civic or recreational mission. These costs are specifically detailed in the user fee schedule.

A. Parent advisory boards, PTO, civic / recreation sponsored, school

department sponsored and non-profit (501C3) community organizations shall not be charged user fees as prescribed in this policy.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Facility use(s) not requiring payment of the established rental fee include:

A. Educational activities sponsored by the Cranston Public Schools.

B. Civic activities sponsored by the Mayor's office, and / or City Council.

C. Recreational events sponsored and supervised by the City of Cranston Parks and Recreation Department.

D. Parent and / or teacher organizations and advisory committee meetings.

E. Cranston's youth organizations having a 501C3 stature.

2. Other educational, civic or recreational activities or services provided throughout the school year will be conducted through an annual contract setting forth all user fees, conditions and requirements for school facility uses.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING SCHOOL FACILITY USAGE

1. The Superintendent or designee shall have the responsibility of authorizing all requests for the use of school buildings and / or grounds.

2. All requests for facility use should be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of desired use and made directly with the Plant Operations Office. Said request shall include the filing of an official application as provided by the school district and Safety Service Departments. (see sample).

RENTAL FEES

Fees will be established each year based upon custodial hourly rate and facility rental fees.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(c)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

CONDITIONS OF RENTAL USE

In recognition of the regulations governing school buildings and / or grounds, certain rules and regulations, which might not apply to other public facilities, must be enforced on school property. For this

reason, use of school facilities, which takes its authorization from this policy must comply with the following expectations:

- 1. A 50% deposit toward rental fees shall be made at least five (5) days prior to the use of any facility, check make payable to Cranston Public Schools.**
- 2. A certificate of insurance of \$1,000,000 liability in the name of Cranston Public Schools must be delivered to the Plant Operations Office five (5) days before rental date.**
- 3. No organization is to enter the school building until a custodian or other authorized person arrives and the adult responsible for the program is present to take charge of the group.**
- 4. Elected city, state and federal officials may use school buildings for public forums on the same night as other meetings are being conducted at no usage cost. Such meetings will not be allowed for partisan political purposes or ninety (90) days prior to state, national or special elections.**
- 5. If it is determined that a firefighter or police detail is required, the organization is responsible for payment.**
- 6. Responsible supervision be required of the group using the facility.**
- 7. Custodian will be on duty prior to the event and after the event until all facilities are properly maintained and secured. This is paid for by the organization.**
- 8. In accordance with the fire code, decorations may not be placed of walls, ceilings, windows, etc.**
- 9. If school equipment such as PA system is to be used, an additional**

approved department employee to operate equipment must be hired at a cost to the organization.

10. Any group misusing the facilities will be responsible for damages and forfeit rights for future use.

11. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the building or on the premises.

12. Organization is responsible to the Cranston Public Schools for payment of services within ten (10) days after billing.

13. Activities or services are limited to those areas specified in the official application.

14. Organizations are required to leave the school premises in the same condition as they were found.

15. A Cranston school lab technician will be present during usage of any school computer laboratory. Furthermore, the lab technician's hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

16. Utilization of auditorium equipment will require the presence of a school employed technician whose hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(d)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

A. Those that promulgate the overthrow of the United States or any political

subdivision thereof advocating governmental change by violence.

B. Any activity that violates the canons of good morals, manners or taste and

contravenes the licensing requirements set forth in the Code of the City of Cranston Sections 16A-4 and 16A-5, or those activities that would be injurious to school buildings, grounds, or equipment.

C. The distribution of commercial advertising materials and political advertising

materials more specifically defined in RIGL Section 16-38-6 and School

Committee Policy 1112.1, respectively, shall be prohibited unless a part of

course materials being academically presented as part of the school

curriculum.

D. Any activity in conflict with regularly scheduled school activities.

E. Fund-raising campaigns except as permitted by School Committee policy or

special action of the Committee.

F. All conditions set forth by the Cranston School Committee to include:

1. No smoking is permitted in any part of school facilities and

grounds.

2. Liquor or drugs are prohibited on school premises.

3. Audience control is the responsibility of the organization using the facility.

4. Activities or services are limited to those areas specified in the official application.

5. Organizations are required to leave the school premises in the same condition as they were found.

6. A Cranston school lab technician will be present during usage of any school computer laboratory. Furthermore, the lab technician's hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

7. Utilization of auditorium equipment will require the presence of a school employed technician whose hourly rate will be included in the rental fee.

8. Civic / recreation sponsored, school department sponsored and non-profit community organizations shall not be charged facility use fees as prescribed in this policy.

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

USER FEES

The following fees are established for use of facilities. These fees are in addition to the custodial hourly rate fees and / or technician fees.

A. FACILITY (Minimum of 3 hours)

Classrooms \$10 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Gymnasium \$35 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Cafeteria \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Auditorium \$200 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Computer Lab \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Pool Facilities \$25 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Outdoor / Grounds \$15 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Auditorium Technician \$20 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

Computer Lab Technician \$28 per hour and Custodial Hourly Rate

COMMUNITY RELATIONS 1330(f)

USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY

CONDITIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

1. The Director of the School Facilities will determine whether or not a group meets the guidelines established by the Cranston School Committee.

2. The Director of the School Facilities will determine the appropriate time that any group might use the school facilities.

A. The Director of School Facilities will be responsible to insure that no school sponsored activities are interfered with regarding scheduling conflicts.

B. Any decision of the Director of School Facilities to deny school facility use may first be appealed to the Superintendent of Cranston Public Schools and then to the Cranston School Committee.

C. Under conditions and appeal process, the School Committee reserves the right to revoke any such permit, without liability, should such action be deemed necessary or desirable.

**Policy Amended: February 10, 1997 CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
(Resolution No. 97-2-30) CRANSTON, RI**

Policy Amended:

(Resolution No.

Regulations Repealed:

(Resolution No.

INSTRUCTION 6161.2

Access to Networked Information Resources

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

TECHNOLGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

This policy's intent is to ensure appropriate educational and business

operational access to computers, the CPS Network of computers, and the Internet for students and staff while accessing their school account from within any Cranston Public School or non-school location.

Students/staff found in violation of the Technology Acceptable Use Policy will be referred to the building principal or appropriate administrator. In the case of a student, the parent or guardian will be notified. The building administrators will have the right and responsibility to exercise judgment for all users regarding technology use violations, including those that may not have been specifically outlined in the acceptable use policy. Consequences for students may include suspension of computer privileges, notification of police, and suspension from school and/or recommendation for exclusion from school for up to one calendar year. Consequences for staff may include suspension of computer privileges, notifications of police, as well as the initiation of the discipline process delineated by Cranston Public School policy.

Educational Purpose

1. The Cranston Public Schools Network (CPSnet) has been established for an educational purpose to support and enhance the curriculum. For the purpose of this policy, the term CPSnet shall include Cranston Public Schools' computers, local area networks (LANs), wide area networks (WANs), and access to the Internet

through CPSnet or other Internet Service Providers.

The CPSnet has not been established as a public access service or a public forum. Cranston Public Schools has the right to place restrictions on the material accessed or posted through the system. Users, including faculty, staff, students, and others granted access shall agree to follow the rules set forth in the Cranston Public Schools Disciplinary Procedure Handbook.

Students/Staff Internet Access

1. Students/staff will have access to the CPSnet information resources through their classrooms, library, or school computer labs/wireless laptop computer and/or any other type of electronic device.

2. Student users and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the “Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement” portion of this handbook. Signatures are required in order for students to be granted access to the Internet. The parent(s)/guardian(s) can withdraw approval at any time.

INSTRUCTION 6161.2

Access to Networked Information Resources

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

3. Staff members are expected to follow the same “Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement” as students as terms of their employment and must sign the “Technology Acceptable Use Policy Agreement”.

Prohibited Uses

1. Breach of Personal Safety

a. Student users will not post personal contact information about themselves,

their parent(s)/guardian(s) or other people. Personal contact information includes (but is not restricted to) home address, telephone, school address, work address or parent information, etc.

b. Student users will not meet in person with anyone contacted online.

c. Student users will promptly disclose to a teacher or other school employee

any message received that is inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable.

d. Users will not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the CPS

network or to

any other computer system through the CPSnet or go beyond authorized access levels. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or access another person's files, even if only for the purposes of "browsing."

e. Users will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the CPSnet or any other

computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means.

f. Users will not use the CPSnet to engage in any other illegal act, such as

arranging for a drug sale or the purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal activity, threatening the safety of a person and/or invading the privacy of individuals.

g. The CPSnet shall not be used for private commercial purposes.

This means

offering, providing or purchasing products or services for non-school related usage, including the electronic distribution from non-CPSnet accounts such as home or personal business account to a CPS account.

h. Political lobbying is not allowed through the CPSnet.

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2. System Security

a. Under no conditions should a password be provided to another person.

Users are responsible for their individual accounts and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use their accounts to protect their own liability.

b. Users will immediately notify a teacher or a system administrator if a possible security problem has been identified.

c. Users will avoid the spread of computer viruses by following the district virus protection procedures.

3. Inappropriate Language

a. Users will not send, display or receive any public and/or private messages

through the CPSnet that contain inappropriate language. This restriction

also applies to material posted on the school web page.

b. Users will not send, display or receive messages through the CPSnet that use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, or disrespectful language.

c. Users will not send, display or receive information through the CPSnet that could cause damage or disruption.

**d. Users will not send, display or otherwise engage in personal attacks,
including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks through the CPSnet.**

**e. Users will not send, display or receive messages through the CPSnet that
harass another person. Harassment includes but is not limited to
persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another
person.**

**f. Users will not send, display or receive false or defamatory
information
about a person or organization through the CPSnet.**

**g. Users will not send, display or receive anonymous messages using
pseudonym signatures through the CPSnet**

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4. Respect for Privacy

a. Users will respect the privacy of confidential messages and will not repost

those messages without the permission of the person who sent the message.

b. Users will not post private information about another person or organization.

5. Respect for Resource Limits

a. Users will utilize the system only for educational activities and limited, high

quality self-discovery activities. Faculty will provide developmentally appropriate guidance to students as they make use of telecommunications and electronic information resources to conduct research and other studies related to the Cranston Public Schools curriculum. All students will be informed by faculty of their rights and responsibilities as users of the CPSnetwork prior to gaining access to that network, either as an individual user or as a member of

a class or group.

b. Student users will not download any file without the expressed permission of the instructor.

c. Users will not post chain letters or engage in “spamming.” Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.

d. All users will check their e-mail frequently and delete unwanted messages promptly.

6. Plagiarism and Copyright Infringement

a. Users will provide proper citation for information gathered from CD-ROMs, through the CPSnet or on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.

b. Users will respect the rights of copyright owners. Copyright infringement occurs when a user inappropriately reproduces a work that is protected by a copyright. A work includes: text, graphics, photos, sounds, music, animation, video and software programs. If a

work contains language that specifies appropriate use of that work, users should follow the expressed requirements. If unsure whether or not a work may be used, permission from the copyright owner must be requested.

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7. Inappropriate Access to Material

a. Receiving or inputting pornographic materials, promoting violence, engaging in racial, gender or other defamatory slurs or for personal attacks on others through the CPSnet is strictly prohibited.

b. Receiving or transmitting information through the CPSnet pertaining to dangerous instruments such as bombs, automatic weapons, or other illicit firearms, weaponry, or explosive devices is prohibited.

c. The CPSnet does not permit the use of chat rooms.

Individual Rights

1. Search and Seizure

a. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain

system integrity and to ensure that users are utilizing the CPSnet responsibly.

Users should not expect that files stored on district servers or computers

will be private.

b. An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that a

user has violated this policy.

2. Due Process

a. The Cranston Public Schools will cooperate fully with local, state, or federal

officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through

the CPSnet.

b. In the event there is a claim that a user has violated this policy, the user will be

notified of the suspected violation. An opportunity to present an explanation

will be provided.

Limitation of Liability

1. The Cranston Public Schools makes no guarantee that the functions or the services provided by or through CPSnet will be error-free or without defect.

**2. The Cranston Public Schools will not be responsible for any damage suffered,
including but not limited to, loss of data or interruptions of service.**

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**3. The Cranston Public Schools is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the
information obtained through or stored on the CPSnet.**

4. The Cranston Public Schools will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through the unauthorized use of the CPSnet system.

It is a privilege, not a right, to use the CPSnet and the information resources found on the network and on the Internet.

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ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

For Access to

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(AUP)

All users (students, staff, and administration) will be required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy. Parent/Guardian of student users must also sign the form.

CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' USER

As a user of the Cranston Public Schools' CPSnetwork, I agree to follow rules of the Acceptable Use Policy.

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Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN

As the parent/guardian of this student, I have read the Acceptable Use Policy and agree to promote this policy with my son/daughter. Having read the policy, I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Date)