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

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Work Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Public Work Session:

1. Health Care Options
2. Proposed Increase in School Lunch Prices
3. Proposed Affordable Housing on Phenix Avenue
4. Cranston Public Schools’ Organizational Chart 2008-2009

VI. Adjourn to Public Meeting

VII. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – August 13, 2008

VIII. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – June 24, 2008
Executive Session; and July 14, 2008

IX. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

X. Chairperson Communications

XI. Superintendent Communications

XII. School Committee Member Communications

XIII. Public Hearing
   a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Matters)
   b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

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XIV. Consent Agenda
SPONSORED BY THE MS. IANNAZZI, MRS. TOCCO-GREENAWAY AND MR. TRAFICANTE

NO. 08-8-2 – Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Cranston School Committee that developers of the proposed Phenix Terrace project, E. A. Fish Associates, have publicly stated that the Cranston School Committee is in favor of said development; and

Whereas, E. A. Fish Associates have never met with the Cranston School Committee to seek their support; and

Whereas, the impact of the Phenix Terrace development upon Cranston Public School remains unknown;

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee is not supporting the Phenix Terrace development; and

Be it further RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to E. A. Fish Associates, members of the Cranston City Council, and members of the Cranston Planning Commission.

SPONSORED BY MS. IANNAZZI AND MRS. TOCCO-GREENAWAY

NO. 08-8-3 – Whereas, the safety of our students and employees is of paramount concern to Cranston Public Schools and the Cranston School Committee,
Be it RESOLVED that any person spending time in Cranston Public Schools as a volunteer or chaperone shall undergo a BCI check at the Rhode Island Department of Attorney General. Said BCI check shall be conducted at the expense of the volunteer or chaperone, with the check given to the building principal prior to any access to the school.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 08-8-4- Whereas, the former Sanders School building is no longer being utilized by the Cranston Public Schools,

Be it RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee approve returning the care and control of this building to the City of Cranston for use as they deem appropriate.

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ADMINISTRATION
PERSONNEL

NO. 08-8-5 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said certified personnel be recalled from layoff, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those individuals of the committee’s actions.
NO. 08-8-6 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Mathematics Department Chairperson, Cranston High School East, be approved.

NO. 08-8-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Special Education Department Chairperson, Park View Middle School, be approved.

NO. 08-8-8 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the 2008-2009 school year:

Rosa Almanzar – salary to be at the second step of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Rhode Island, BA
Experience – Mount Saint Charles Academy
Certification – Secondary Italian/Spanish
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization – Replacement
Fiscal Note: 11311012 512100

Kristie Butler – salary to be at the fifth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; Rhode Island College,
MAT
Experience – Burrillville School Department
Certification – Reading PK-12
Assignment – Bain Middle School, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization – Replacement
Fiscal Note: 50915121 512100

Karen Casperson – salary to be at the second step of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – Rhode Island College, BS
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization - Replacement
Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

Tara Barone – salary to be at the first step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; Providence College, MAT
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization - New
Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

Maria DiPaolo, salary to be at the fourth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – Rhode Island College, BS; Roger Williams University, MAT
Experience – Burrillville School Department
Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary

Assignment – Cranston High School West, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization - New
Fiscal Note: 1262012 512100

David Aulenbach, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – Rhode Island College, BA
Experience – Perspectives/Providence School Department Student Teacher
Certification – Special Education Middle/Secondary
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization - Replacement
Fiscal Note: 1132012 512100
Susan Rose, salary to be at the sixth step plus Masters plus 30 of the prevailing salary schedule  
Education – Brown University, BA; University of Rhode Island, MLS  
Experience – Providence School Department  
Certification – Library/Media, PK-12  
Assignment – Itinerant Librarian, 1.0 FTE  
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008  
Authorization – New  
Fiscal Note: 13025313 513200

Ellen Basso, salary to be at the first step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule  
Education – University of Rhode Island, BS; University of Rhode Island, MLS  
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Student Teacher  
Certification – Library/Media, PK-12  
Assignment – Itinerant Librarian, 1.0 FTE  
Effective Date – August 25, 2008  
Authorization - Replacement  
Fiscal Note: 11825313 / 12425313 513200

Theresa Manera, salary to be at the fifth step of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Rhode Island, BS
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Elementary, 1-6
Assignment – Rhodes School, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization - Replacement
Fiscal Note: 11711012 512100

Matthew Rodolewicz, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Secondary Mathematics
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Authorization – Replacement
Fiscal Note: 111311012 512100

Christine Borelli, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Middle/Secondary Mathematics
Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Authorization – Replacement
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008
Nisha Hunt, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – University of Rhode Island, BA
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Early Childhood, PK-2
Assignment – Garden City School, Kindergarten, 1.0 FTE
Authorization – Replacement
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Britta Lindberg, salary to be at the second step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
Education – Wheaton College, BA; Providence College, MA
Experience - Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Early Childhood, PK-2
Assignment – Stadium School, Kindergarten, 1.0 FTE
Authorization – Replacement
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

Stefanie Blais, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule
Suzanne Meyer, salary to be at the third step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule

Heidi Gobeille, salary to be at the ninth step plus Masters of the prevailing salary schedule
John Fontaine, salary to be at the first step of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – Rhode Island College, BA
Experience – Cranston Public Schools’ Substitute
Certification – Middle/Secondary Mathematics

Assignment – Cranston High School East, 1.0 FTE
Authorization - Replacement
Effective Date of Employment – August 25, 2008

NO. 08-8-9 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Ryan McIntyreMiddle/Secondary Social Studies
Rochelle VerdiSpecial Education Elementary/Middle
Marissa MadonnaElementary
Athan HantzopoulosMiddle/Secondary Social Studies
Shannon Diko General Subject Matter, K-12

Ronald Renzi Health/Physical Education

Stephanie Glaser Elementary

Sarah Corrao Elementary

NO. 08-8-10 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified staff members be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article XIX, Section B.1 of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers’ Alliance.

Nina Vizzaccaro, Teacher
Cranston High School East
Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

Kristin Morgan, Teacher
Stadium
Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

NO. 08-8-11 – 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:

Robert Gaudreau, Teacher
Stadium School
Effective Dates: August 2008 to June 2009

NO. 08-8-12 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Pauline Lisi, Principal
Orchard Farms School
Effective Date: July 31, 2008

Marc Cobb, Teacher
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: July 18, 2008
Kelly Walters, Teacher
Bain Middle School
Effective Date: August 1, 2008

Karen Bileski, Teacher
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: August 4, 2008

NO. 08-8-13 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach be accepted:

Christopher Tribelli, Head Coach Wrestling
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: July 25, 2008

NO. 08-8-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Meghan Merlino, Computer Technology Technical Assistant
Cranston Area Career & Technical Center
Effective Date of Employment - August 26, 2008
Authorization - Replacement
Fiscal Note: 17430814 514000
Danya Laorenza, Graphic Communications
Technical Assistant
Cranston Area Career & Technical Center
Effective Date of Employment – August 26, 2008
Authorization – Replacement
Fiscal Note: 17430514 514000

NO. 08-8-15 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARY
Carol Ruggieri

BUS DRIVER
Michael Ruggieri

NO. 08-8-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Joyce Antonacci, Teacher Assistant
Park View Middle School
Effective Date: August 9, 2008
NO. 08-8-17 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, named non-certified staff members be laid off from their respective positions due to budgetary reasons.

BUSINESS

NO. 08-8-18 - RESOLVED, that the elementary and secondary school lunch prices be increased from $1.75 to $2.00 for elementary and from $2.50 to $2.75 for secondary.

NO. 08-8-19 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Photocopier Maintenance for the period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 in the amount of $110,726.25.

Number of bids issued 8
Number of bids received 5

Art Supplies in the amount of $43,382.59.

Number of bids issued 34
Number of bids received 20

Lumber Supplies in the amount of $9,964.98.
Number of bids issued  5
Number of bids received  4

POLICY AND PROGRAM
NO. 08-8-20 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2008-2009 School Committee Meeting and Work Session Schedule be approved.

XV.Action Calendar / Action Agenda

XVI.New Business

XVII.Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVIII.Announcement of Future Meetings

XIX.Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.
Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district’s web site at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools’ administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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