

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION

AGENDA

I. Call to order – 5:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel; PL 42-46-5(a)(2) (Superintendent’s Evaluation) Collective Bargaining/Litigation (Caruolo Action; Negotiations’ Update); PL 42-46-5(a)(4)

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Budget Work Session

IV. Roll Call – Quorum

V. Public Budget Work Session

1. 2009-2010 Budget

VI. Adjourn Public Budget Work Session to Public Meeting

VII. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 12, 2009

**VIII. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved: January 20, 2009;
January 28, 2009.**

IX. Public Acknowledgements/Communications

X. Chairperson Communications

XI. Superintendent Communications

XII. School Committee Member Communications

XIII. Public Hearing

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

XIV. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda

**SPONSORED BY MRS. RUGGIERI, MRS. CULHANE AND MR.
LOMBARDI**

**NO. 09-2-4 – WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 budget proposed by the
Superintendent calls for the elimination of the Strings and Band
program;**

WHEREAS the Cranston School Committee strongly supports the Strings and Band program and wishes to continue the program;

BE IT RESOLVED, that a subcommittee be formed to investigate alternate funding for the Strings and Band program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this subcommittee shall consist of two members of the School Committee and two parent representatives appointed by the Chairman of the School Committee, an elementary principal, Mark Colozzi, Christine Harrington, and a Central Administrator appointed by the Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this subcommittee shall report back to the School Committee at the April work session.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL:

NO. 09-2-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Anna Calvino Elementary/Middle Special Education

Debra Addressi Health and Physical Education, PK-12

Kendra LoPresti Elementary/Middle Special Education

Alyson Daley Elementary/Middle Special Education

Laura Menna Art PK-12

Gianna Izzi Elementary

Lindsay Wood Music, PK-12

Kristen Giroux Elementary/Middle Special Education

Diana Weaver Early Childhood, PK-2

Jeanna Adamo General Subject Matter, K-12

Elizabeth Lombardi Social Studies

Dean Hantzopoulos Social Studies

David Favicchio General Subject Matter, K-12

Madison Greene Elementary

NO. 09-02-6 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Elizabeth Smith, Occupational Therapist

Leave

Effective Date: February 2, 2009

NO. 09-2-7 – RESOLVED, Whereas, there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for current positions, and

Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of July 30, 2008 and more senior teachers may elect to occupy these positions under Article XVI of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and

Whereas, funding for certain positions is not assured for the 2009-2010 school year, and as a result, more senior teachers could elect to take a current position, and

Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and

Whereas, there may be changes in student distribution, and as a result, more senior teachers may take a current position, and

Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and

Whereas, the specific reason for the termination is that funding for certain positions is not assured for the 2009-2010 school year and, as a result, more senior teachers could elect to take a current position. Also as a result of pending legislation before the Rhode Island General Assembly, the requirement to have certified nurse teachers may be eliminated.

Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2008-2009 school year,

Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and

Whereas, the School Committee has provided said teachers with the opportunity to be heard in Executive Session regarding their termination,

Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the School Committee's action to terminate their employment.

NO. 09-2-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article X of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance (Teacher Assistants):

Elaine Palumbo, Teacher Assistant

Effective Dates: February 5, 2009 to February 5, 2010

NO. 09-2-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as volunteer coaches:

Raymond Huelbig, Volunteer Coach

Cranston High School East

Girls' Basketball

NO. 09-2-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

Paula Rei, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: December 9, 2008

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Danielle Adams, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: January 21, 2009

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Melissa Andrews, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: January 30, 2009

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Rachel Enright, 3hr Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment: February 2, 2009

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 32447179 511000

NO. 09-2-11 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Jacqueline Morey, Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective Date: February 2, 2009

Michael E. Allen, JROTC Instructor
Cranston High School East
Effective Date: February 20, 2009

Kenneth Smith, Custodian
Plant
Effective Date: February 13, 2009

BUSINESS

NO. 09-2-12 – RESOLVED, that the 2009-2010 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 09-2-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

1. Norma Cole, Principal of Western Hills Middle School, to travel to New Orleans from April 3, 2009 to April 7, 2009 to attend the NAESP Conference (National Association of Elementary Principals) at no cost to the Cranston Public Schools. Please note: Mrs. Cole is President

of NAESP, which covers grades K – 8 (including middle school). The conference expenses are covered by RIASP funds.

2. Richard Abruzzini, teacher of Finance at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center, to travel to Chicago, IL from April 7, 2009 to April 11, 2009 to attend the NBEA Annual Convention (National Business Education Association), at no cost to the Cranston Public Schools. Substitutes/expenses paid out of Perkins Grant.

NO. 09-2-14 – RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.32 Harrassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Teen Dating Violence, be approved for first reading.

NO. 09-2-15 – RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.22, Peanut and Tree Nut Allergy Policy, be approved for first reading.

NO. 09-2-16 – RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.22(a) Peanut and Tree Nut Policy, Suggested School Protocol, be approved for first reading.

TABLED RESOLUTION

NO. 09-1-2 – RESOLVED, that effective March 1, 2009, the Cranston Public Schools will charge non-free or reduced eligible students \$1.00 per meal for breakfast in all non-Title 1 schools. The school administration will also work to have school affiliated organizations,

such as PTO's and extracurricular activity groups, operate school breakfast programs in schools with low participation. Such organizations will work with the school food service director to comply with all government laws and regulations and shall receive any income from the breakfast sales in that school, after the school food service program has been reimbursed for its costs. If a school affiliated organization is chosen to operate a school breakfast program, the School Committee will be notified.

XV. Action Calendar/Action Agenda

XVI. New Business

XVII. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVIII. Announcement of Future Meeting Dates

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 RGL 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 (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

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