

***Please note additional agenda item(s) under Executive Session.**

***Please note additional agenda item(s), Resolution NO. *09-2-18 and *09-2-27.**

Both items added after legal ad was published in the Cranston Herald on

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CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC BUDGET WORK SESSION

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 6:00 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 Contract Agreement) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Litigation – Caruolo Action) (*C.P.S. vs Q.D.)

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Budget Work Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Adjourn Public Budget Work Session to Public Meeting

VI. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 25, 2009

VII. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – February 2, 2009

VIII. Public Acknowledgements / Communication

IX. Chairperson Communications

X. Superintendent Communications

XI. School Committee Member Communications

XII. Public Hearing

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

XIII. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda

SPONSORED BY MR. STYCOS

NO. 09-2-17 – BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Administration prepares a request for proposals to subcontract our bussing and then solicit proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the proposals are received, they will be evaluated by a committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this subcommittee shall consist of two School Committee members selected by the School Committee, two parents, one representing the Eastern side of the City and one representing the Western side of the City, to be appointed by the Cranston Educational Advisory Board, a representative of the bus drivers union, the Superintendent or his designee, the Director of Transportation and the Director of Finance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this subcommittee shall report its findings to the School Committee at the April Work Session.

ADMINISTRATION / PERSONNEL:

*** NO. 09-2-18 – RESOLVED, that the amendment to the Superintendent’s Employment Agreement is hereby approved.**

NO. 09-2-19 – 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. 3 of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance:

Margaret Burse, Teacher

Cranston High School East

Effective Dates: March 16, 2009 to August 2009

NO. 09-2-20 - 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. 09-2-21 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach(s) be accepted:

Keith Medbery, Head Coach Boys' Baseball

Hugh B. Bain Middle School

Effective date: February 9, 2009

NO. 09-2-22 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Sarina Benton Technical Assistant

NO. 09-2-23 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:

Maciel Vargas, Bus Monitor

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: February 9, 2009

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 14347518 518600

Rick Breedon, 4 Hour Custodian

Plant

Effective Date of Employment: February 26, 2009

Authorization: Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11247481 518200

NO. 09-2-24 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, said non-certified personnel be recalled from layoff, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those individuals of the committee's actions.

BUSINESS

NO. 09-2-25 - RESOLVED, that the 2009-2010 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

NO. 09-2-26 – RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

2009 Dump Truck with Plow at the bid price of \$31,350 each.

Number of bids issued 14

Number of bids received 5

NO. 09-2-27 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the School Committee approve the terms of a settlement agreement to dismiss pending litigation entitled C.P.S. vs Q.D. – Case #08-2304.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 09-2-28 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences/Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

1. Grace Swinski and Robin Gervais, Family Engagement Specialists at the Title 1 Family Center (COZ Department) to travel to San Diego, CA from April 21, 2009 – April 24, 2009 to attend the 3rd Annual CACEE (California Advisory Council on Education Events) Training Conference on Improving Parent Involvement at no cost to the School Department and no substitutes needed. The cost of the conference and expenses to be paid from the COZ Grant.

2. Dr. Judith Lundsten, Executive Director of Educational Programs &

Services, to travel to Chicago, IL from March 30, 2009 – April 1, 2009 to attend the 2009 Regional Conference Math and Science Partnership at no cost to the School Department. All expenses paid by RIDE – MSP Grant.

3. Edd Spidell, Pre-Engineering teacher at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center to travel to Seattle, Washington from April 6, 2009 – April 9, 2009 to attend the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Conference Unmanned...Unlimited 2009 at no cost to the School Department. All expenses, including substitute, to be funded by Perkins Grant.

NO. 09-2-29- RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.32, Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Teen Dating Violence, be approved for first reading.

NO. 09-2-30 - RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.22, Peanut and Tree Nut Allergy Policy, be approved for second and final reading.

NO. 09-2-31 – RESOLVED, that Policy No. 5141.22(a), Peanut and Tree Nut Policy, Suggested School Protocol, be approved for second and final reading.

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.

Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.

Individuals requested interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8143 72 hours in advance of hearing date.

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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