

**CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MAY 26, 2011**

**WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**400 PHENIX AVENUE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.**

**PUBLIC SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session Pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel (Teacher Pre-suspension Hearing); PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Contract Negotiations’ Update- Bus Drivers/Tradespeople/Mechanics, Custodians);(Teacher Negotiations;Teacher Assistants/Technical Assistants/Bus Aides Negotiations), (Secretary Negotiations), (Transportation Contract), (Memorandum of Agreement).**
- 2. Executive Session.**
- 3. Call to Order – Public Session**
- 4. Roll Call – Quorum**
- 5. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – May 26, 2011**
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – April 4, 13, and 25, 2011**
- 7. Public Acknowledgements/Communications**
- 8. Chairperson’s Communications**
- 9. Superintendent’s Communications**
- 10. School Committee Member Communications**

## **11. Public Hearing**

- a. Students (agenda/non-agenda matters)**
- b. Members of the Public (agenda matters only)**

## **12. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-02 – Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves by being awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award.**

**Whereas, the following nine students and one teacher have distinguished themselves at the national level through volunteer service and civic participation.**

**Alexcia Bouressa, Gold Medal, Michael Ferranti, Gold Medal, Lianna Amadis, Bronze Medal, Dana Marcotte, Bronze Medal, Leah Belogolovsky, Bronze Medal, Brandon Landry, Bronze Medal, Alicia Laramée, Bronze Medal, Meredith Glick, Bronze Medal, Talia Pirri, Bronze Medal, and Lori Velino, Bronze Medal**

**Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and SkillsUSA Advisor Lori Velino.**

**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 and advisor.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-03 – Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves through competing in the Rhode Island SkillsUSA State Competitions.**

**Whereas, the following thirty-four students have distinguished themselves on the state level by medaling in their respective competitions**

**Gold Medals: Health Knowledge Bowl -Danielle Crosby, Meredith Glick, Dana Marcotte, and Sonia Sanchez. Robotics - Mkrkich Arslanyan and Steven O'Brien. Preschool Teaching - Jessica DelFarno. Job Skills Demo "O"- Andrew Marsella. Prepared Speech - Alva Poulos. Technical Math - Dhruv Jain. Job Interview - Leah Belogolovsky. Graphic Communications - Shane Ranger. Commercial Baking - Daisy Lam. Food & Beverage Service - Marilyn Recinos. Culinary Arts - Tarek Haddada.**

**Silver Medals: Robotics - Alex Nyzio and Marwan Taman. Medical Math - Danielle Bomzer. Preschool Teaching - Michaela Canning.**

**Culinary Arts - Kaitlin Boussonneau. Medical Terminology - Hayley Doyon.**

**Bronze Medals: Web Design - Brendan Cody and Robert Bowen. Robotics - Michael Aceto and Elio Manzi. Preschool Teaching -Dionisia Grammas. Computer Maintenance - Michael Ferranti. Computer Internetworking - Kenneth Gilkenson. Action Skills -Amanda Bassett. Job Skills Demo "O" - Emily Tilton. Prepared Speech - Derek Colantuono. Extemporaneous Speaking - Joseph Zanfagna. Technical Math - Andrew Havales. Medical Terminology - Ilse Iglesias.**

**Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and SkillsUSA Advisor Lori Velino, and teachers Aimee Duarte, Edd Spidell, Lou Giglietti Leonard Baker, Steven Versacci, Martha Sylvestre, Meaghan McGonagle, Charlene Barbieri, Brenda Coutu, Steve DeRosa, Bill Carcieri, Richard Lonardo, Beth Correia and Teresa Coppa.**

**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.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-04 - Whereas, students from the Distributive**

**Education Clubs of America (DECA) at the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves through competing in the Rhode Island DECA Career Development Conference.**

**Whereas, the following 25 students have distinguished themselves on the state level by medaling in their respective competitions**  
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**Gold Medals:**

**Business Operations Research-Business Services Event - Michael Beck. Business Operations Research-Buying and Merchandising - Natalie Conley, Rebecca Farland and Brandon McDonnell . Business Operations Research-Finance - Dantes Carrasco, Ryan D'Ercole and Nicholas Minutelli**

**Business Operations Research-Sports & Entertainment Mktg. - Anthony Crudale and Jared Elice. Entrepreneurship Participating Event- Independent Business - Jason Rosa. Advertising Campaign - Samantha Bomzer, Nicole Corbin and Cindy Segama**

**Silver Medals:**

**Sports & Entertainment Marketing Series Event - Christopher Castagliuolo. Principles of Business Administration-Business Event - Lesedi Makgate**

**Business Operations Research-Business Services Event - Asia Baez, Sheila DeMoura, Bryan Smith and Tyler Salk. Business Operations**

**Research-Buying and Merchandising- Amanda DeLuca and Victoria Ruggieri**

**Bronze Medals:**

**Sports&Entertainment Marketing Mgmt. Team Decision Making - Louis Collado and Jordan Levesque. Business Operations Research-Business Services Event - Caitlyn Blankenship and Cynthia Polanco**

**Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director and DECA Advisor Meaghan McGonagle.**

**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.**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-05 - Whereas, students from the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center have distinguished themselves by scoring in the top 20 percent of high school students taking the 2011 National Financial Capability Challenge.**

**Whereas, the following 10 students have distinguished themselves at the national level in the area of financial literacy.**

**Nicholas G. Andrezzi, Caitlyn M. Blankenship, Louis G. Collado, Nicole E. Corbin, Jordan J. Levesque, Caitlin A. McGrath, Matthew J. Pagano, Claudia F. Rei, Jason N. Rosa, and Bryan P. Smith**

**Be it Resolved, that the Cranston School Committee extend its congratulations to all of these students and Suzanne Coutu, Assistant Principal/Director, faculty and staff of the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and Global Economics & Marketing teacher Meaghan McGonagle.**

**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 and advisor.**

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**SPONSORED BY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LUNDSTEN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-5-06 – Whereas, Kimberly Perry, Program Supervisor and her trained staff of Social Workers; Keri Anthony, Meredith Armstrong, Kevin Ascoli, Sheri Brown, Gerardo Codola, Karen Cryan, Marissa Daly, Michael DelRosso, Annette Harris, Victoria Lacroix, Jeanmarie Manni, Kathryn Marks, Julie Merolla, Maureen Puglia, Patricia Sammartino, Barbara Swanson, Lorna Thompson and Rebecca Zuena have gone above and beyond for the students and teachers by offering support and guidance and**

**Whereas Kimberly Perry and her staff do an outstanding job with assisting Cranston Public Schools in times of disruption by coming together as a community to assist our students and staff.**

**Be it RESOLVED that they all be congratulated and commended for their hard work and dedication to the Cranston Public Schools and to the students.**

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PERSONNEL**

**NO. 11-5-7- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:**

**Paul Pignatelli, Secondary Math**

**Tiffany Casale, Special Education Elementary\Middle**

**Belton Copp, Secondary Physics**

**Arianna Petrocelli, Special Education Elementary\Middle**

**NO. 11-5-8- 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:**

**Shannon Gesualdi, Teacher**

**Cranston West**

**Effective Date...May 10, 2011 to August 29, 2011**

**NO. 11-5-9- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**Elaine Desjardins, Teacher**

**Program Supervisor**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2011**

**Patricia Charpentier, Teacher**

**Cranston East**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2011**

**NO. 11-5-10- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel be accepted:**

**(CORRECTION)**

**Phyllis DeMaio, Teacher**

**Leave**

**Effective Date...June 23, 2011**

**NO. 11-5-11- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coach (es) be accepted:**

**Emily Godfrey, Head Coach Field Hockey**

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**Effective Date...April 25, 2011**

**NO. 11-5-12- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee(s) be appointed:**

**Kayla Oden, Bus Aide**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...May 17, 2011**

**Authorization...Replacement**

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**NO. 11-5-13- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement(s) of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:**

**Susan Martinka, Teacher Assistant**

**Stone Hill**

**Effective Date...May 6, 2011**

**William Almeida, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...April 29, 2011**

**Marjorie Ford, Bus Driver**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date ...June 30, 2011**

**Linda Bianchi, Bus Aide**

**Transportation**

**Effective Date...June 30, 2011**

**Diane Nascenzi-Marrocco, Teacher Assistant**

**Cranston East**

**Effective Date...June 23, 2011**

## **POLICIES**

**NO. 11-5-14- RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Tutoring Policy Guidelines #5112.3, be approved for second reading (policy attached).**

## **PURCHASES AND PURCHASED SERVICES**

**NO. 11-5-15- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Computer Supplies in the amount of \$12,943.60. (Pending the**

**availability of funding 2011-2012)**

**Number of bids issued 3**

**Number of bids received 2**

**NO. 11-5-16- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Audio Visual supplies in the amount of \$13,499.13. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 8**

**Number of bids received 5**

**NO. 11-5-17- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Employee Assistance Program in the amount of \$22,060 for 2011-12; \$24,253.36 for 2012-13; \$26,672.16 for 2013-14.**

**Number of bids issued 3**

**Number of bids received 2**

**NO. 11-5-18- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Printed Forms in the amount of \$3,589.01 (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 4**

**Number of bids received 1**

**NO. 11-5-19- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Physical Education Uniforms for the Middle Schools in the amount of \$3.29 for shirts and \$5.19 for shorts. Uniforms are paid for by the students.**

**Number of bids issued 8**

**Number of bids received 4**

**NO. 11-5-20- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Medical and Dental supplies in the amount of \$3,451.67. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 7**

**Number of bids received 6**

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**NO. 11-5-21- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Photocopy supplies in the amount of \$27,894.26. . (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 5**

**Number of bids received 4**

**NO. 11-5-22- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Physical Education supplies in the amount of \$6,518.64. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 11**

**Number of bids received 7**

**NO. 11-5-23- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Music supplies in the amount of \$4,027.60. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 10**

**Number of bids received 8**

**NO. 11-5-24- Resolved, that the following purchases be approved:**

**Math Manipulatives in the amount of \$8,449.53. (Pending the availability of funding 2011-12)**

**Number of bids issued 6**

**Number of bids received 5**

## **BUSINESS**

**NO. 11-5-25- RESOLVED, that the following contract be approved:**

**The contract for Food Service Management to Sodexo be renewed for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.**

**NO. 11-5-26- Whereas, a dispute has arisen between the National Association of Government Employees, Local RI-153 and the Cranston School Committee regarding a grievance filed by the Union alleging a violation of the terms of the collective bargaining agreement as to the scheduling of vacation time, and**

**Whereas the Committee and the Union are desirous of resolving said dispute without resort to the arbitration procedures contained in the bargaining agreement,**

**Now be it Resolved, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Association of Government Employees and the Cranston School Committee be accepted.**

**13. Action Calendar/Action Agenda**

**14. New Business**

**15. Public Hearing on Non-agenda items**

**16. Announcement of Future Meetings – June 15 and June 21, 2011**

**17. Adjournment**

**School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson 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.**

**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](http://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.**

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

**Notice Posted: Cranston Herald/May 19, 2011**

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**POLICY #5112.3**

**Tutoring Policy**

**In accordance with state law, the student's home school will make every attempt to accommodate the student's illness, while keeping them in school as much as possible. Consideration will be given to an abbreviated schedule, use of the school's planning center (if applicable), and accommodations within the schedule for therapeutic**

**time, etc., to enable the student full access to the curriculum and instruction offered by the district.**

**It is important to consider that any time out of school, especially at the high school level, could negatively affect a student's ability to complete state-mandated graduation requirements. Students are expected to be in school in order to have access to a full range of educational opportunities, which tutoring cannot provide. For example, if a student needs tutoring in Chemistry, it is extremely difficult to replicate effectively the laboratory experiences that a child would have in a classroom setting.**

**It is the belief of this district that student's should have every opportunity to be in school to fully access all of the educational opportunities that a classroom and school setting offers. Please consider this when deciding on the appropriateness of tutoring.**

**If attempts fail to keep the child in school, and the consideration of homebound tutoring is appropriate and necessary, the following criteria must be met:**

**a. Parent/guardian must provide the school with a physician's letter stating that the child has been examined and a determination has been made that the child cannot attend school full-time for at least twenty (20) consecutive school days, due to a medical diagnosis. This letter should clearly include such diagnosis of the student's illness,**

**and course of treatment to assist the child in returning to school. It should also state an expected time for student to return to school.**

**b. Physician's notes on prescription pads will not be accepted.**

**c. The physician's letter will be one of the factors in considering home tutoring eligibility. Other factors that may be reviewed are child's attendance history, academic needs, counselor and administrator feedback, etc. If necessary, an IEP Team will be convened, to change placement for homebound tutoring.**

**d. Parents will be required to sign a medical release for the district to contact the physician, have the physician provide a diagnosis and if necessary, coordinate with the district to provide an appropriate program for your child.**

**e. The district will have discretion to forward the physician's request to the district's medical staff (i.e. district physician, psychiatrist, etc.) for review and input.**

**f. If the Superintendent or his/her designee makes a determination that a student may receive home tutoring for a period of time, the approval will be given in accordance with the physician's plan for treatment and diagnosis for approximate time of absence from school. The maximum will be one quarter's time (45 days) with a potential for extension, if medically necessary and with appropriate**

**updated evaluations.**

**g. Parent/guardian will be required to provide the district with an updated physician's letter when seeking an extension.**

**h. Tutoring sessions shall occur outside of the student's home (hospital, local library, etc.), unless the student is physically unable to leave home.**

**i. Parents/Guardians will be asked to sign an acknowledgement of the receipt and understanding of guidelines for tutoring.**

**If the above criteria are met, the district will arrange a schedule of tutoring with the following time allotments:**

**Grade Level Kindergarten Elementary Middle/High School**

**Time 2.5 hours/week 5 hours/week 1 hour per subject up to a maximum of 6 hours per week**

**If the parent cancels more than three (3) times, the tutoring schedule will be suspended. It may be reinstated if the sending school meets with the parent to discuss why the sessions were cancelled and to verify that home tutoring is still an appropriate option for the student. A parent may be required to provide an additional physician's letter stating continued tutoring should be considered.**

**The student's academic teacher of record will be responsible for providing materials for the tutor to use with the student. Also, the**

**child's teacher of record will be responsible for grading the returned material and for submitting the grades for the work on the child's report card.**

**The district will make every attempt to find a highly qualified and/or certified person to tutor in an academic area. Exceptions will be made only by the Executive Director of Educational Programs.**

**Resolution No. 11-5-14**

**May 26, 2011**