

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 16, 2012

WILLIAM A. BRIGGS BUILDING (REED CONFERENCE ROOM)

845 PARK AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC
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 (Discussion of Non-certified Administrator); (Discussion of Certified Administrator)(Consolidation of Human Resources with the School Department and the City); PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation; (Contract Negotiations' Update – Secretaries), (Maintenance of Effort), (Consideration of legal options regarding status of aid to education appropriation and legal advice relating to same).

2. Executive Session

3. Call to Order – Public Session

4. Roll Call – Quorum

Resolution in Support of 2012 S-2876 (sponsored by Senator Joshua Miller and the Senate) and Corresponding Enabling House Legislation - for a Defined Contribution Pension Plan for the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) Local 153

NO. 12-5-1 - Whereas, Cranston Public Schools' employees, who are members of the (NAGE) Local 153, are currently members of the State Municipal Employees Retirement System (a defined benefits pension plan) and:

Whereas, the Cranston School Committee negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with NAGE whereby the union members have agreed to end the defined benefits pension for any newly hired members and replace it with a defined contribution plan established by the Cranston School Department and;

Whereas, the Cranston School Committee recognizes that the pension issue is an important long term structural issue that cities and towns, particularly the Cranston School Department, must address and;

Whereas, the Cranston School Committee requests enabling legislation (S-2876 and Corresponding House Legislation) from the General Assembly to allow the School Department to start such a defined contribution plan consistent with the collective bargaining agreement with NAGE and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to pass S-2876 and Corresponding Enabling House Legislation to allow the School Department to start such a defined contribution plan and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cranston School Committee is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the City of Cranston's State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode

Island General Assembly seeking their support.

5. Executive Session minutes sealed – May 16, 2012

6. Adjourn to Public Work Session

7. Public Work Session

a. CEAB Initiatives

b. Art Curriculum – Jill Cyr

c. Internet Safety Policy – Donna-Marie Frappier

d. Statewide Bullying Policy (Safe School Act)

e. Discussion regarding Energy Conservation Programs

f. Discussion of Renewal of Sodexo Food Service Contract

g. Monthly Review of Year-to-Date Expenditures – Joseph Balducci

h. Consolidation of Human Resources with the School Department and the City

8. Adjourn Public Work Session

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.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 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 website 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) in advance of the meeting.

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