

**CROMWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CROMWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHS Media Center**

**Unapproved**

**Regular Meeting  
December 14, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Banic at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

	Mrs. Banic	Mr. Fletcher	Mr. Camilleri
	Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
	Mr. Emanuele	Ms. Fitts-Ritter	Mrs. Griffin
Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia	Dr. Talty	Mrs. Gittleman
	Mr. Maloney	Mrs. Lynch	Mr. Mandeville
	Mrs. DiTunno	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Fine
	Mrs. Fenn	Mrs. DiFiore	
Student Reps	Mr. Hicks		
BOF	Mr. Corlis		
BOS	Mr. Spotts		

**Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions**

Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele.

Vote: Unanimous.

Add: XII. Communications

B. Personnel

4. Resignation: Patricia Sawyer, School Psychologist
5. Confirmation of Co-Curricular Advisor Positions

Boys Golf	John Kuckel	\$3220
JV Girls Basketball	Salvatore Morello	4079
JV Boys Basketball	Richard Carrier	4079
Varsity Outdoor Track	Richard Luke	4809
Varsity Indoor Track	Richard Luke	3306
Basketball Cheer	Maribeth Sarnacki	4294
Girls Varsity Basketball	Kelly Maher	5625
Girls Tennis	Andrew Kuckel	3220
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Boys Tennis	Betty Weaver	3220

**Student Representatives**

The student representative updated the Board about the Christmas Party on December 13<sup>th</sup> for underprivileged children, wrapping party, Unity Club Coffee House on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the first play of the year.

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**Correspondence**

Dr. Bisceglia said that he received a letter from Warm the Children thanking the Cromwell Public School employees for their donation of \$1,009. There is also a flier that was emailed for a free flu shot clinic at the Cross Street AME Zion Church. He also passed around a letter regarding concerns from the Special Education drivers.

**Public Comments (2-3 minutes per speaker– general information or agenda items)**

Jeff Polke spoke about parents picking up at WIS and parking in the handicap stall and the police stall. He asked that the parents be reminded that those stalls should not be used. He also handed out a letter to all of the BOE members about a complaint he has with WIS Administration and Central Office Administration.

Robin Cassella spoke about her displeasure with the Dattco drivers. She said that if the regular education drivers could not follow the rules, how could they drive the special education students. The kids are accustomed to the current drivers and the drivers care for the kids as if they were their own.

Linda Scott spoke about an incident on the bus that doesn't occur when Dattco drivers are not driving.

**Presentations/Reports**

**CMS Peace Quilt**

Mr. Maloney introduced Karen Foss who was in charge of this project. She spoke about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade working on the quilt for an entire day. There are approximately 75 squares each of which were worked on by two students. The students were paired based on their shared philosophies about "something they have learned". She showed a video that showed the process and the students making the squares. Mr. Maloney showed everyone the finished product and said that it would be hung in the hall of CMS for years to come.

**Special Education Transportation Proposal**

Dr. Bisceglia said that they have been exploring this idea for two years. The highest priority is the safety and needs of the students. The drivers would have the option of applying at Dattco.

Mr. Gibson from Dattco said that they were approached a year ago and they have put together this proposal based on what the needs of Cromwell are today. The proposal is based on per vehicle and the number of hours per route. Dattco is currently transporting special education students in twelve towns. He also said that Cromwell would still be in control. The Superintendent has the right to approve the drivers and the vehicles. We would only be the transporters.

Mr. Mandeville said that the state is very tough on vehicle inspection now and busses are taken off line for even small infractions. Ellen Fisk would remain and one vehicle would be kept for emergency transporting needs. The students would still be transported following the calendars of each of the schools. If contract services with Dattco, Cromwell would recognize a savings of approximately \$131,038. depending on the student population. There will be cameras on each of the special education busses. The costs would also depend if the route was shared with another town.

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Mr. Fletcher asked why \$25,000 was budgeted for contracted services if it is so much higher. Mrs. Gittleman said that it is budgeted in this manner because the overages in the account are covered by money received from the Excess Cost Grant from the State for costs related for special education.

Mr. Sousa confirmed that the level of service would remain the same and asked who would evaluate the students and the transportation needs. Mrs. Gittleman said that transportation would be determined by the special education team and recorded on the IEP for the student.

Mrs. Gittleman said that there are 18 students currently out placed and six of them are being transported by contract service. She said that the drivers have the option of going to Dattco to be drivers, she can train the drivers and the families can meet the drivers ahead of time.

Mr. Gibson confirmed that there would not be an exclusivity clause in the contract.

Dr. Bisceglia said that this would be placed on a future agenda for a vote.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated November 15, 2010 Grievance Hearing made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated November 15, 2010 Expulsion Hearing made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the corrected Board of Education Minutes dated November 16, 2010 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote in favor: Mrs. Banic, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Mr. Camilleri, Mr. Emanuele, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Sousa. Abstention: Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Fitts-Ritter.

On page 3, Safety/Transportation – Meeting date should be December 14.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated November 16, 2010 Executive Session made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote in favor: Mrs. Banic, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Mr. Camilleri, Mr. Emanuele, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Sousa. Abstention: Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Fitts-Ritter.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated November 22, 2010 Executive Session made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote in favor: Mrs. Banic, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Mr. Emanuele, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Sousa, Mrs. Griffin, Ms. Fitts-Ritter. Abstention: Mr. Camilleri.

Motion to approve the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

**Report of Administration**

Dr. Bisceglia said that he and Mr. Mandeville met with Stan Kozlowski and Sue Schein about the ADA concerns. Everything that was presented is able to be handled including adding signage and parking at WIS for handicap accessibility to the ball fields. He also said that he will be meeting with the State DOE about the \$1.3M payback for the WIS school. He

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said that the documents for the project have always said enrollment from 450-600 and the school was built for 600 students.

**Chairperson**

None.

**Communications – Board of Education Committees/Liaisons**

**Budget**

**School Lunch Program Financial Statement – September – October 2010**

For information purposes.

**Personnel**

Motion to approve the following personnel items made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

- 2010-2011 Substitutes
  - Carol Novosel
  - Jennifer Pagano
  - Sherry Wright
- Michelle Mazzotta, Paraprofessional, \$19.27(paid by Hartford)
- Jessica Ziff, CHS Art Honor Society, \$1,932
- Co-Curricular Advisor Positions

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Motion to accept the following resignation made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

- Patricia Sawyer, School Psychologist

**Policy**

None.

**Program**

None.

**Long-Range**

Mr. Sousa reported that ECS is almost complete.

**Safety/Transportation**

Mrs. Griffin said that the minutes from tonight's meeting will be in the next Board packet.

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**CABE Contact**

None.

**Technology**

Dr. Talty said there was a meeting scheduled for this week.

**Liaisons from Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, P.T.O.s, Parent Advisory Councils**

**Board of Finance**

Mr. Corlis reported that they will be meeting on Thursday of this week.

**Board of Selectmen**

Mr. Spotts reported that they have hired an Economic Developer and he has submitted goals to the town. Mr. Flanders has started budget talks with the departments.

Mrs. Banic introduced Christie Carpino.

**Public Comment (*Agenda items only – 2-3 minutes per speaker*)**

James Scott urged the Board to listen to the concerns that the parents have about Dattco.

Linda Scott said that Dattco will not care for the students like the current drivers do.

Robin Cassella asked if the Dattco drivers will care the way Ellen does and asked if the Board could guarantee the safety of the children.

**Consent Agenda (attached)**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as attached made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

**Topics for Future Agendas**

January -	Proposed Education Budget 2011-2012 Professional Development Proposal 2011-2012 Strategic School Profile School Calendar (2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting)
February -	Proposed Education Budget 2011-2012
March -	
April -	Announcement of CHS Graduation Date
May -	Line Item Transfers
June -	Food Service Program – Milk Bid Class of 2011 Post-Graduation Plans Stipend Approval for 2011-2012 Authorize Superintendent to Hire Staff During the Summer

**Good and Welfare**

Dr. Bisceglia introduced and welcomed Jerry Fine, Assistant Principal at CHS.

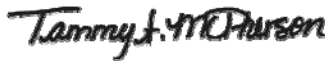
Ms. Fitts-Ritter said that the CHS Holiday Concert was very good.

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**Executive Session**

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of Personnel Matters and Contract Negotiations at 8:55 p.m. made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson  
BOE Recording Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**December 14, 2010**

**Budget**

**Warrants for Approval**

- November 15, 2010     \$ 86,463.28
- November 22, 2010     119,319.40
- November 29, 2010     22,030.42
- December 8, 2010     291,629.80