

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

Unapproved

**Regular Meeting
March 23, 2010**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Banic at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Mrs. Banic	Mr. Emanuele	Mr. Fletcher ^(arrived 7:20 p.m.)
Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
Mr. Camilleri	Mrs. Griffin	

Absent: Ms. Fitts-Ritter

Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia	Dr. Talty	Mrs. Gittleman
	Mr. Maloney	Dr. Benigni	Mrs. Lynch
	Mrs. DiTunno	Mr. Ryan	Mr. Southland
	Mrs. Cocchiola		

Student Reps Ms. Lefebvre

BOF Mr. Corlis

Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions

Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Mr. Camilleri, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Delete: XVII. Executive Session
A. Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers

Student Representatives

Ms. Lefebvre updated the Board about student council helping with math night at ECS, fashion show on April 7th, April 19-22 is environmental week, unity club hosting a coffee house on April 23rd, pennies for peace fundraiser at CHS and the future problem solving team will be in competition this weekend at EO Smith High School.

Correspondence

Letter received from Blaise and Kimberley Messinger regarding the elimination of the social worker position.

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

Stacy McKelvey asked the board to reconsider cutting the social worker position. He has had a big impact on the students receiving his help. There may be higher out placement costs with this eliminated position.

Mrs. Gittleman said that the psychologist will pick up the services that the social worker is currently doing. This was a hard decision. It is a challenge to guess out placements.

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Vicki Putnam said that the cost per child to keep the position is about seven cents per day per student. He is worth the money. I also have suggestions for savings that I will forward to Dr. Bisceglia.

Mrs. Griffin questioned how the psychologist can pick up the services. The two positions come from different backgrounds. Do we have grant money that could pay for the position?

Dr. Bisceglia said that there is still a .5 social worker. If the funding was there, we would not be eliminating the position.

Presentations/Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote in favor: Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Sousa, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Mrs. Banic, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Camilleri. Abstention: Mr. Emanuele.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated March 9, 2010 Executive Session made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote in favor: Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Sousa, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Mrs. Banic, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Camilleri. Abstention: Mr. Emanuele.

Report of Administration

Dr. Bisceglia said that about 90 teachers have signed up for the high deductible health insurance so we are seeing a savings there.

Chairperson

Mrs. Varricchio asked about the increases in stipends.

Dr. Bisceglia said that they were per contract. He also said that the personnel salary section of the budget book was missing and would be forwarded to each member.

Communications – Board of Education Committees/Liaisons

Budget

School Lunch Program Financial Report – February 2010

For information purposes.

Personnel

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

- Thomas Sullivan, CMS All School Drama, \$1,468
- Scott Penney, CMS Female Track Coach, \$3,187
- Scott Penney, CMS Boy's Basketball, \$3,779
- Rachel Eleiott, Special Education para, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA Grant)

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Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Michelle Reis, CMS English Teacher made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Policy

First Reading – Electronic Devices Policy 5131.8

Comments included:

- Don't list specific devices, be more general
- This is more reflective of what is going on today
- Once in place, everyone needs to follow it and be consistent.

The policy will come back to the next meeting as a second reading.

First Reading – Wellness Policy 6142.01

There were a few changes, but it was asked that on page 2, Component One, Letter C – there be a change in the last sentence to speak to current employees that the latter of effective date of policy or their hire date as no one is exempt from this policy.

Program

There will be a meeting next month to discuss out of state field trips.

Long-Range

Mr. Sousa reported that the committee received seven bids.

Safety/Transportation

The next meeting will be in May.

CABE Contact

All Board members should be receiving mail.

Other: Technology, and Liaisons from Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, P.T.O.s, Parent Advisory Councils

Technology

There was a meeting last week regarding the purchase of software.

Board of Selectmen

Mr. Camilleri said that there will be a special meeting on March 31st with the referendum (not budget) on April 8th.

Board of Finance

Mr. Corlis said that the public hearing on the budget will be April 6th at 7 p.m. at WIS, a budget hearing on April 13th at 7 p.m. in Town Hall Room 224, and another budget hearing on April 19th at 7 p.m. in Town Hall Room 224

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

None.

Consent Agenda (attached)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

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Topics for Future Agendas

- April – Announcement of CHS Graduation Date
- May – 2009-2010 Budget Line Item Transfers
- June – Milk Bid – Food Service Program
- Class of 2010 Post-Graduations Plan
- Stipend Approval for 2010-2011
- Authorize Superintendent to Hire Staff During Summer

Good and Welfare

Mr. Emanuele said that CMS is putting on a play this weekend.
Mr. Fletcher will be with the Future Problem Solving Team this weekend at EO Smith High School.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. to Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson
BOE Recording Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

March 23, 2010

Budget

Warrants for Approval

- March 8, 2010 \$322,906.86
- March 15, 2010 43,020.12
- March 16, 2010 40.00