

CROMWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CROMWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CHS Media Center

Unapproved

Special Meeting
May 18, 2010

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Banic at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

	Mrs. Banic	Mr. Emanuele	Mr. Fletcher
	Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
	Mr. Camilleri	Mrs. Griffin	Ms. Fitts-Ritter
Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia	Dr. Talty	Mr. Southland
	Mr. Maloney	Mrs. Gittleman	Mrs. Lynch
	Mrs. DiTunno	Mr. Ryan	
Student Reps	Ms. Lefebvre	Ms. Vickers	
BOF	Mr. Corlis		
BOS	Mr. Spotts		

Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions

Motion at approve the agenda made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Student Representatives

Ms. Lefebvre and Ms. Vickers updated the board about the Jr/Sr prom this Saturday, band concert on Thursday, Student Council elections, Unity Club coffee house on June 3rd, magic show on June 10th, the History Club is cataloging graves with the historical society, and three scholarships will be given by the student council.

Correspondence

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Dr. Talty announced that \$7,233 was raised at the Math-A-Thon for ECS, WIS and CMS.

Dr. Bisceglia said that the State Dept of Education has issued the list of shortage areas including English 7-12, Assistant Principals, Math 7-12, Music K-12 and World Language 7-12.

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

None.

Presentations/Reports

None.

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Old Business

Motion to table the 2010-2011 Education Budget – Approval of Reductions made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

New Business

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated April 20, 2010 Regular Meeting made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated May 6, 2010 Expulsion Hearing made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the Healthy Food Certification Statement 2010-2011 that Cromwell will not participate made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the Catherine Meacham Memorial Bench made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote: Unanimous.

The dedication of the bench will be on June 18th.

Discussion: Changing the School Day because of Combined Bus Routes

Mrs. Griffin reported that the school day for CMS and CHS will be 7:45-2:25 and at ECS and WIS will be 8:40-3:20. Other towns that have combined routes have not reported and incidents on the busses between the older and younger grades. Benefits for the schools include vertical teaming, sharing staff and students in advanced classes can take the bus to the other school.

Dr. Bisceglia said that the savings in diesel fuel alone would be approximately \$17,000.

Mrs. Banic said that this would be on the next agenda as an action item.

The Board asked that this information be put on the website, added to the Chronicle letter, put in the school newsletters, etc.

Report of Administration

Race to the Top (RTTT) Phase II – Pilot of Board Examination Systems

Dr. Talty distributed an information sheet. The application has been submitted, we are just waiting for approval.

Chairperson

Mrs. Banic thanked everyone for getting the word out about the vote.

Communications – Board of Education Committees/Liaisons

Budget

Budget Subcommittee Meeting – 5/18/10

Mr. Emanuele said that the committee will bring line item transfers to the Board soon.

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Personnel

Motion to accept with regret the Retirement of Carol Villaggio, ECS Teacher made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Policy

Motion to approve the Electronic Devices Policy 5131.8 made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the amended Wellness Policy 6142.101 made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Program

Program Subcommittee Meeting – 5/18/10

Motion to approve the Out of State/Overnight Field Trips as presented made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the CHS Club – Gay-Straight Alliance made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the CMS Literature – Grades 6, 7 and 8 as presented made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mrs. Varricchio. Vote: Unanimous.

Long-Range

Mr. Sousa said that the construction will start in June after school gets out.

Safety/Transportation Meeting – May 11, 2010

Bullying was discussed at the schools. There are not as many incidents as one would think. The issue is bullying vs. bad choices.

CABE Contact

Mr. Camilleri said that there are some changes and one area that will be affected is the graduation requirements for the class of 2018. Other areas include suspensions, safety on busses, concussions in sports and prescription plans.

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

Board of Selectmen

Mr. Spotts said he is disappointed with the low number of voters. The BOS will meet tomorrow.

Board of Finance

Mr. Corlis announced that the mill rate is 26.84.

Mr. Fletcher said that he is having trouble getting the numbers to add up to the percent increase reported. He asked that the Chair of the Board of Finance send the calculation information to Dr. Bisceglia.

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

None.

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Consent Agenda (attached)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 18, 2010 made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mr. Fletcher.
Vote: Unanimous.

Topics for Future Agendas

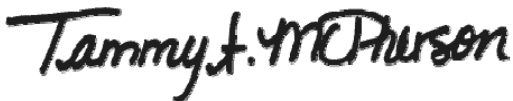
June – 2009-2010 Budget Line Item Transfers
Milk Bid – Food Service Program
Class of 2010 Post-Graduation Plans
Stipend Approval for 2010-2011
Authorize Superintendent to Hire Staff During Summer

Good and Welfare

Mr. Camilleri said that the WIS Art Show and Ice Cream Social was very good.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mr. Fletcher. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson
BOE Recording Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

May 18, 2010

Budget

Warrants for Approval

- April 19, 2010 - \$118,698.85
- April 26, 2010 - \$61,400.16
- May 3, 2010 - \$63,356.42
- May 11, 2010 - \$349,961.65