

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

**Unapproved**

**Regular Meeting  
September 28, 2010**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Banic at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions**

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

Add                   XVII. Executive Session  
                                  A. Contract Negotiations

**Student Representatives**

Ms. Vickers said that the members at large for student council have been chosen, jazz band will perform on Wednesday, the band performed at the Big E, the history club will be sponsoring a tour in Cromwell and sports are in full swing.

**Correspondence**

None.

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

None.

**Presentations/Reports**

**ECS Video – “Gotta Keep Reading”**

Mrs. DiTunno and Mrs. Lynch presented a video about reading at ECS. All classrooms were represented during the video. She said that the easy part was that the kids were very excited.

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**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated September 14, 2010 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Camilleri, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote in favor: Mr. Camilleri, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Banic, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Trousdale, Ms. Fitts-Ritter, Mr. Sousa. Abstention: Mr. Emanuele, Mr. Fletcher.

Motion to approve the corrected Board of Education Minutes dated September 20, 2010 Expulsion Hearing made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.  
Mrs. Banic took the minutes, not Mr. Fletcher.

Motion to approve the Budget Calendar 2011-2012 as presented made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Camilleri. Vote: Unanimous.

Dr. Bisceglia reminded the Board that there is no stimulus money so we will be starting the year \$615,000.00 less. This equals 11 certified staff. We will also build the budget differently this year. We will start at \$0. and build what is needed at the schools.

Motion to set the tuition rate at \$12,493.86 as presented made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the use of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program as presented by Dr. Talty made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mrs. Varricchio. Vote: Unanimous.

Dr. Talty said that Cromwell will be the first town in CT to implement the program. We will start at WIS and CMS. The fees for training have been waived for us and they will help us find funding for materials. The training will start in January and will be implemented next fall.

**Education Jobs Fund Program**

Dr. Bisceglia said that Cromwell received \$254,224.00. Six Title I staff have been rehired, one math teacher at CMS will be hired, one part-time aide at ECS, and we have posted for a one year only appointment for an Education Technology position. This person will be working with Power School program and will help with training staff so that the parent portal can be opened. This accounts for a little over \$251,000.00.

**Report of Administration**

**Report of AP Classes and Recruitment**

Mr. Southland reported that 151 students are enrolled in 250 seats. This is a 21% increase over last year.

**Chairperson**

None.

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

**Budget**

Mr. Emanuele said that this is going to be a tough year and we will need to be creative.

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**Personnel**

Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Substitute List to include the following people made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

- Marcy Gaedeke
- Jeffrey Madej
- Ryan Pipke
- Andrea Hamilton
- Tara Phillippi
- Melissa Seidl

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Ray Southland, CHS Vice Principal made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Ms. Fitts-Ritter said that the students really respect him.

Mr. Southland said he started in Meriden and is “going back home”. He said it means a lot to him when he can help someone. He also thanked everyone and said that Dr. Bisceglia and Dr. Talty have been great mentors.

**Policy**

Mr. Camilleri said that he will be meeting with Dr. Bisceglia in the next couple of weeks and encouraged everyone to let him know if there are any policies they think need to be reviewed.

Mrs. Banic said that the charter is online and asked that Mr. Camilleri look to see if anything pertains to us that should be looked at.

**Program**

None.

**Long-Range**

None.

**Safety/Transportation**

Mrs. Griffin said that the committee met tonight and the combined busses seem to be good. Dr. Bisceglia said there is still one bus that is barely getting to school on time, but they are working on it.

**CABE Contact**

Dr. Bisceglia said he is going to a workshop about electronics.

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

**Board of Selectmen**

Mr. Spotts reported that the BOS met to come up with recommendations for the Charter Revision Committee.

Mr. Corlis reported that tax collection is going well. He also said that the police cruiser that is being replaced will cost \$45,000.00 and insurance will reimburse \$36,000.00.

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

None.

**Consent Agenda (attached)**

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

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**Topics for Future Agendas**

October -	District Testing Report Gifted and Talented Program School Calendar 2011-2012
November -	Strategic School Profile Table of Organization & Proposed Staffing 2011-2012 CNR Requests BOE Meeting Schedule for 2011
December -	Professional Development Proposal 2011-2012
January -	Proposed Education Budget 2011-2012
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**

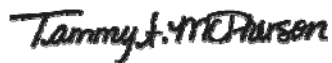
Mrs. Trousdale asked that the envelopes not be taped so that they can be reused.  
Mr. Camilleri, Mr. Sousa and Mr. Fletcher said that the open houses at the different schools went well.

Dr. Talty and Mrs. DiFiore announced that Cromwell has a National Merit Scholarship recipient for his PSAT scores. They will recognize him at the next BOE meeting.

**Executive Session**

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of Contract Negotiations made by Mr. Camilleri, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Tammy A. McPherson  
BOE Recording Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**September 28, 2010**

**Budget**

**Warrants for Approval**

- September 14, 2010 - \$374,003.39
- September 21, 2010 - 357,879.41