

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

Unapproved

**Regular Meeting
February 24, 2009**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Banic at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

	Mrs. Banic	Mr. Emanuele	Ms. Larson
	Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
Absent:	Mr. Gere	Mrs. Griffin	
	Mr. Fletcher		
Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia	Mr. Mandeville	
BOF	Mr. Corlis	Mr. Gengler	

Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions

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

Delete:	IX. New Business
	B. Action: Elementary School Asbestos Project – Approval of final design of plans and specifications.
Add:	XVII. Executive Session
	A. Early Retirement Incentive Program - revised

Student Representatives

None.

Correspondence

Dr. Bisceglia said that he has had communication from CAFE asking for continued Board support. He also said that there is a change in immunizations for PreK due to a shortage and Mrs. Grande will help draft a letter to send home.

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

Frank Czech spoke regarding his support for education in Cromwell since he moved here 12 years ago but he did ask the board to look at reducing the 3% increase given the state of the economy.

Sue Schein spoke in support of the Little League concession building that is being presented to the board. She said it would benefit Little League, the town and the schools. She also handed out a sheet regarding asset building which she asked everyone to read prior to the next meeting when there will be a presentation.

Presentations/Reports

Cromwell Little League Request

Jeffrey Coleman, President spoke regarding the 825 sq.ft. home plate shaped concession building that they are proposing to put between Lindquist and Henderson Fields. There would be handicap

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accessible facilities and a concession stand in the building. It would be used by little league as well as Park and Rec and the schools.

The consensus of the Board is to have the Superintendent send a letter to Craig Minor of the building department of the state.

School Roofs and Solar Panel Building Committee & DRA Associates and Elementary School Asbestos Project

Peter Hanson spoke of the cost estimates coming in higher than expected.

Jim Barrett said that the photovoltaic cells and the new roof will be later in the process. Asbestos removal and ADA updates are the focus. Phase I of the project will be the kindergarten wing and phase 2 will be next summer in the area of the main office. There are four scopes including flooring abatement, carpet and ceiling tile replacement, and two classes in each grade to be made accessible per ADA and the music, art and kitchen line areas to be made accessible per ADA. There are also add alternates that they will do depending on available funds including occupancy sensors in hallways and classrooms, heat recovery at exhaust fans in the gym and cafeteria, and to demolish the individual toilets in the 1960's wing and create a common toilet core. In 2-3 weeks there should be committee approval and then Board of Education approval of the project. If Scope 1 is to be completed this summer the bids need to be out by May 1st.

Peter Hanson further commented that a mechanical engineer went through the buildings and there are other energy modifications that can be done also.

Mrs. Banic thanked everyone for the time that has gone into this so far.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion to approve the amended Minutes dated February 10, 2009 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Ms. Larson. Vote in favor: Mr. Emanuele, Ms. Larson, Mr. Sousa, Mrs. Trousdale, Mrs. Varricchio, Mrs. Banic. Abstention: Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Gere

On Page One, Correspondence, the name of the Scholarship Fund is Arthur and Edythe Director Scholarship Fund

Report of Administration

Dr. Bisceglia said that he met with David Director and the Scholarship Fund is available for this current senior class.

Chairperson

Mrs. Banic said that the WIS building committee is having their final close-out meeting on March 4th.

Communications – Board of Education Committees/Liaisons

Budget

Mr. Emanuele said that he has gotten calls about the lights being on at WIS and CMS during late hours.

Mr. Mandeville will check the timer for the lights.

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Personnel

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

- Addendum to Substitute List to include Katherine Jackson
- Anastazia Fucci, Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional

Motion to accept the resignation of George Carfi, ECS Custodian made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Policy

Second Reading

- Policy 5131.911(a-f) Bullying

Program

None.

Long-Range

None.

Safety/Transportation

Mr. Emanuele said that there would be a meeting after budget season.

CABE Contact

Mail is being sent to everyone.

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

Technology

There is a meeting tomorrow.

Board of Finance

Mr. Gengler said that the BOF will establish the date of the public meeting at the next meeting. We will be looking at all avenues for extra funding. Your presentation needs to focus on how you are saving money.

Mrs. Banic spoke about the efforts to reduce costs, specifically the attorney fees. As of January 2009, we have expended \$6,082 – a reduction of \$3,500 from last year and \$16,000 from the previous year for the same period.

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

None.

Consent Agenda (attached)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 24, 2009 made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Ms. Larson. Vote: Unanimous.

Topics for Future Agendas

March –

April – Announcement of CHS Graduation Date

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May – 2008-2009 Budget Line Item Transfers
Healthy Food Certification Statement
June – Milk Bid – Food Service Program
Class of 2008 Post-Graduations Plan
Stipend Approval for 2009-2010
Authorize Superintendent to Hire Staff During Summer
Healthy Food Certification Statement 7/09 – 6/10

Good and Welfare

Ms. Larson informed Dr. Bisceglia that the free childcare program at town hall will be contacting him regarding distributing information.

Mrs. Griffin commented on the nice entranceways.

Mr. Emanuele talked about the ticketing of cars during events and said it should be all set now.

Dr. Bisceglia reported that NBC 30 will be doing a story at WIS regarding the positive atmosphere. They will film on Thursday and it will air on Friday.

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. to Executive Session for the purpose of Early Retirement Incentive Program revision made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. McPherson
BOE Recording Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

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Budget

Warrant for Approval

- February 10, 2009 - \$126,170.23
- February 17, 2009 - \$253,142.02