

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

**Unapproved**

**Regular Meeting  
August 25, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

	Mrs. Banic	Mrs. Griffin	Mr. Fletcher
	Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
	Mr. Emanuele		
Absent:	Ms. Larson	Mr. Gere	
Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia	Dr. Talty	Mr. Mandeville
	Mrs. Gittleman	Dr. Benigni	Mr. Maloney
	Mr. Ryan	Mrs. DiTunno	Mr. Southland
	Mrs. Cocchiola	Mrs. Lynch	
BOS:	Mr. Murphy		
BOF	Mr. Corlis		

**Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions**

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

Add: Personnel

13. Action: Confirmation – Lorraine Rockx, CMS Registered Nurse, \$28.13/hr.
14. Action: Confirmation - Deborah Van Wyngaarden, CMS Secretary, \$19.72/hr.
15. Action: Confirmation – Jane Fleming, Special Education Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA grant funded)
16. Action: Confirmation - Andrea Sandler, Special Education .5 FTE Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA grant funded)
17. Action: Confirmation – Laurie Jeffers, Special Education .5 FTE Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA grant funded)
18. Action: Confirmation – Kelly Joslyn, Special Education .5 FTE Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA grant funded)
19. Action: Confirmation – Aimee Cassella, .8 FTE PE/Health Teacher (.4 WIS & .4 CHS), B-1
20. Action: Confirmation – Brian Calhoun, CMS Language Arts Teacher, M-4

**Student Representatives**

None.

**Correspondence**

**Office of the Governor**

For information purposes.

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

None.

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**Presentations/Reports**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated July 14, 2009 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote in favor: Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Trousdale, Mrs. Banic, Mrs. Griffin, Mr. Sousa. Abstention: Mrs. Varricchio, Mr. Emanuele.

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated August 6, 2009 Executive Session made by Mrs. Griffin, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the 2009-2014 Strategic Plan as presented made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mr. Fletcher. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Fletcher asked how we assess the progress.

Dr. Bisceglia said that everyone is accountable. The students all have a common experience. This will be presented to all faculty and everyone will have the same mission and goals.

**Report of Administration**

**New Hires**

Dr. Bisceglia handed out a spreadsheet with all of the new hires.

Mrs. DiTunno spoke of the new office and conference area. She said there is new carpeting through the building. The Choice Breakfast is tomorrow morning. There is an Early Literacy Initiative that will help train parents to come into school and work with the kindergarten classes.

Mr. Ryan said that the building looks great and there is a new playscape. He said that the committee worked very hard. There will be some changes in the math curriculum and CMT scores have increased approximately 15%. WIS will be working with CCSU for professional development.

Mr. Maloney said that the new fire alarm system is up and running. CMS has a new nurse and secretary. The Reading Program that started in Grade 6 with 50 students will continue into Grade 7 and there are approximately 25 students. We will be trained in PowerSchool right before school starts.

Dr. Benigni reported that they also have new carpeting in the main hallway. The courtyards have been cleaned out. Freshmen Orientation is tomorrow afternoon and he is excited to start the new year.

Dr. Talty spoke regarding professional development, math teams, CCSU, ARRA Title Stimulus money that is earmarked for working with at-risk students.

Mr. Mandeville gave the Board a list of accomplishments for all schools regarding the maintenance. He specifically mentioned the master key system for all schools. This will help emergency personnel access all areas. The underground oil tank was removed and there were gas burners purchased to help heat the CMS gym without heating the entire building on weekends. CHS saw many ADA improvements. DATTCO put the remaining new buses in the fleet and Special Education has a new bus for students.

**Chairperson**

Mrs. Banic commented that the Board is criticized more than other boards because of the size of the budget, but people move into town for the education their children receive here. When money is received from grants it is earmarked for a specific purpose – that doesn't mean we can reduce the budget by the amount of the grants.

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

**School Lunch Program – July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**  
For information purposes.

**Personnel**

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

- Addendum to Substitute List 2009-2010
- Michelle Budzik
- Caroljoyce Cannito
- Amy Daniele
- Lisa DeRaffaele
- Maritza Diaz
- Jared Fine
- Paul Noury, Payroll/Benefits Specialist, \$24.28/hr.
- Joshua LaMay, ECS PE Teacher, B-3
- Megan Violette, P.T. Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr.
- Carolyn Salerno, WIS .5 FTE Special Education Teacher, M-1
- Rebecca Sparkman, CHS Special Education Teacher, M-1
- Laura Fargione, Information System Specialist, \$53,045
- Jose Lozado, Custodian, \$15.45/hr.
- Ronnie Kuzara, Art Facilitator, \$3,564
- CHS Stipend Positions
  - Renee Turley, ECO Club Advisor, \$1,887
  - Mark Chase, Technology Facilitator, \$3,145
  - Sally Nicastre, Social Studies Facilitator, \$3,145
- Lorraine Rockx, CMS Registered Nurse, \$28.13/hr.
- Deborah Van Wyngaarden, CMS Secretary, \$19.72/hr.
- Jane Fleming, Special Education Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (ARRA grant funded)
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- Brian Calhoun, CMS Language Arts Teacher, M-4
- Noriko Gordon
- Edith Guardia
- Robert Harris
- Nancy King
- Beverly Kissane
- Sharon Krantz
- Melissa Mann
- Amanda Matuszekiewicz
- Joan Rand
- Cynthia Truncali
- Nancy Whitcher

Motion to accept the Resignation of Marie Paradis, CMS Teacher/Tutor made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mrs. Griffin. Vote: Unanimous.

**Policy**

None.

**Program**

None.

**Long-Range**

None.

**Safety/Transportation**

None.

## **Cromwell Board of Education**

### **CABE Contact**

Mail is being sent home.

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

#### **Board of Selectmen**

Mr. Murphy spoke about the Ethics Ordinance that the committee is working on. He suggested that the Board of Education and the Unions look at the language of the ordinance.

Dr. Bisceglia said that the Board's Attorney is looking at it.

#### **Board of Finance**

Mr. Corlis said that the report from the Tax Collector is 98.75% receipt of the first half of the year taxes. Mr. Gengler and I will be meeting with two different towns regarding the solar panels that they have had installed.

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

None.

### **Consent Agenda (attached)**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated August 25, 2009 made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

### **Topics for Future Agendas**

#### **Good and Welfare**

Mrs. Banic introduced Sue Lynch, the new Assistant Principal for ECS and WIS

#### **Executive Session**

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of Contract Negotiations made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. McPherson  
BOE Recording Clerk

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**August 25, 2009**

#### **Budget**

#### **Warrants for Approval**

- July 13, 2009 - \$51,811.14 (2008-09)
- July 13, 2009 - \$88,308.51 (2009-10)
- July 16, 2009 - \$678.75 (2009-10)
- July 29, 2009 - \$128,687.08 (2008-09)
- July 29, 2009 - \$221,790.34 (2008-09)
- July 30, 2009 - \$178,995.79 (2009-10)
- August 3, 2009 - \$93,255.90 (2009-10)
- August 6, 2009 - \$269,072.42 (2009-10)
- August 10, 2009 - \$59,504.51 (2009-10)