

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

Unapproved

**Regular Meeting
September 29, 2009**

MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

	Mrs. Banic	Mr. Fletcher	Mr. Gere
	Mr. Sousa	Mrs. Trousdale	Mrs. Varricchio
	Mr. Emanuele		
Absent:	Ms. Larson	Mrs. Griffin	
Administrators	Dr. Bisceglia Dr. Benigni	Dr. Talty	Mr. Southland
Student Reps	Ms. Lefebvre	Ms. Vickers	
BOF	Mr. Corlis		
BOS	Mr. Murphy		

Approval of Agenda/Additions and Deletions

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

Add: Personnel

7. Confirmation – Bryan Gasior, .5 FTE CHS Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (Title 1 Grant)

Delete: Personnel

5. Confirmation – Jason Grimaldi, ECS Lunch Duty Assistant, \$8.00/hr.

Student Representatives

Ms. Sarnacki introduced the student representatives and listed all of their accomplishments including community involvement. She also introduced Cara Pulino, who is on the State Student Advisory Council on Education and will be representing CHS this year.

Ms. Lefebvre and Ms. Vickers updated the Board about homecoming, shoreline conference committee, sports, blood drives and student council members

Correspondence

Mrs. Banic said that everyone should have received information about the CABA/CAPSS Conference in November.

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

None.

Presentations/Reports

None.

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Old Business

None.

New Business

Motion to approve the corrected Board of Education Minutes dated September 15, 2009 Regular Meeting made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mr. Fletcher. Vote: Unanimous.

Page One: Correction: Correspondence – **H.D. Seguro Insurance Letter** (the “o” was omitted)

Motion to approve the Board of Education Minutes dated September 15, 2009 Executive Session made by Mr. Emanuele, second by Mrs. Trousdale. Vote: Unanimous.

2010-2011 Budget Calendar

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Set Tuition Rate 2009-2010

Motion to set the 2009-2010 tuition rate at \$12,242.90 made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Sousa. Vote: Unanimous.

Report of Administration

Report of AP Classes and Recruitment

Mr. Southland updated the Board regarding the numbers of students taking AP classes. There are 133 students taking a total of 206 AP classes. This is a 29% increase over 2008.

Dr. Benigni said that the more that is offered, the more students will be involved.

Chairperson

Mrs. Banic said that other towns have music at the games and town's people had been asking why Cromwell didn't have music.

Dr. Benigni talked about the Pep Band performing at the home football games. There were sweatshirts ordered for the Pep Band members with their names on the back. They have been asked to perform at one game, but can perform at both if they are available.

Communications – Board of Education Committees/Liaisons

Budget

Mr. Emanuele noted that over the last 10 years, the BOE has returned over \$600,000.00 to the Town.

Personnel

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

- Addendum to Substitute List 2009-2010 to include the following:
 - Joseph Garafalo
 - Joseph Jenecaro
 - Ann Kokoszka
 - Adam Piechowski
 - Thomas Sullivan
 - Dawn Witham
- Confirmations:
 - Vanessa Munden, CHS Part-Time Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (Choice Grant)
 - Michele Budzik, ECS .5 FTE Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (Choice Grant)
 - Jeffrey Madej, CHS Part-Time Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (Choice Grant)
 - Bryan Gasior, .5 FTE CHS Paraprofessional, \$18.66/hr. (Title 1 Grant)

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Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Mark Blythe, CHS Athletic Director made by Mrs. Trousdale, second by Mr. Fletcher. Vote: Unanimous.

Policy

None.

Program

There will be a meeting in October before the next BOE meeting.

Long-Range

There will be a meeting on Thursday.

Safety/Transportation

There will be a meeting before the second BOE meeting in October.

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

Technology

There will be a meeting in October.

Board of Finance

Mr. Corlis said he and Mr. Gengler met with New Britain and Plainville regarding their experience with the solar panels including costs and savings.

Board of Selectmen

Mr. Murphy said there is an election on Tuesday.

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

None.

Consent Agenda (attached)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated September 29, 2009 made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Topics for Future Agendas

- October – District Testing Report
- Gifted and Talented Program
- School Calendar 2010-2011
- Budget Calendar 2010-2011
- November – Strategic School Profiles
- Table of Organization & Proposed Staffing Requests for 2010-2011
- CNR Requests
- BOE Meeting Schedule for 2010
- December – Professional Development Proposal for 2010-2011
- January – Proposed Education Budget 2010-2011
- February – Proposed Education Budget 2010-2011
- March –
- April – Announcement of CHS Graduation Date
- May – 2009-2010 Budget Line Item Transfers

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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 confirmed that the sprinklers at Pierson Park are not the responsibility of the BOE.

Mr. Sousa said that his daughter had a good time at the 8th grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of Contract Negotiations made by Mr. Fletcher, second by Mr. Emanuele. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. McPherson
BOE Recording Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

September 29, 2009

Budget

Warrants for Approval

- September 15, 2009 \$425,825.45
- September 16, 2009 8,000.00
- September 22, 2009 118,549.77