

**CRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011
GYMNASIUM/BOARD ROOM LINCOLN SCHOOL**

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cranford Board of Education was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:10 P.M. in the Gymnasium/Board Room at Lincoln School.

Mr. Carfagno announced that adequate notice of this May 23, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cranford Board of Education was provided on May 20, 2011 by a meeting notice posted in the Board Room, Lincoln School, and communicated to the Cranford Chronicle, The Star Ledger, the Office of the Township Clerk, and all Board members.

Present: Jerald Baranoff, Jo Ann Boyle, Michael Caulfield,
Catherine Morgese, Lisa Patella, Trevor Shaw,
Mary Sudiak, Camille Widdows and Mary Venditti

Also Present: Gayle M. Carrick, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
James V. McLaughlin, Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent for Administration
Robert J. Carfagno. Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Anthony P. Sciarrillo, Esq. Legal Counsel (7:55 P.M.)
Rebecca Deczynski (until 10:12 P.M.)
Daniel Murphy (until 8:07 P.M.)

Absent:

There were approximately 160 members of the public present and a representative from the Cranford Chronicle.

The Board voted resolution 2 and presented certificates to the teachers being honored. The Board and Dr. Carrick congratulated all of the teachers for their achievements.

Motion by Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mrs. Morgese
5/23/11 - 2:

**ORTON GILLINGHAM READING
TEACHERS RECOGNITION**

WHEREAS that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools recognize the completion of the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC) accredited program from Fairleigh Dickinson University by Lisa Andretta, Madeleine Bither, Mary Buono, Victoria Cetera, Eileen Faitoute, Megan Junice, Melissa Lattig, Coleen McDonough, Anne Marie Miller and Kathryn Morris, and

WHEREAS IMSLEC promotes and ensures quality Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE) training for teachers and therapists of individuals with dyslexia and related disorders, and

WHEREAS IMSLEC's accreditation process supports essential standards and criteria for academic and practicum work that are crucial to the successful training of dyslexia teachers, therapists and other specialists, and

WHEREAS the participants named in this resolution have participated in a two year rigorous training program that benefits the children of Cranford, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools recognize the participation of these staff in the IMSLEC program offered by Fairleigh Dickinson University in accordance with the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools congratulates Erika Kelly for completing the training level of IMSLEC, qualifying her as an instructor of teachers in this method, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools enthusiastically approve and support these staff members' achievements.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

The Board voted resolution 3 and presented certificates to the students and staff being honored. The Board and Dr. Carrick congratulated all of the students and staff for their achievements.

Motion by Mrs. Morgese, seconded by Mr. Caulfield

5/23/11 - 3:

HONOR MOCK TRIAL PARTICIPANTS

WHEREAS, Cranford High School Mock Trial Team, Kyle Aslin, Carrie Bilenker, Kimberly LaFronz, Nicole Maturo, Nicole Somma, Valerie Podbelski, Ryan Monahan,

Margarita Bronshteyn, Bridget Gautieri, and Emily Norwine have been chosen for their outstanding mock trial participation, and

WHEREAS, these students won the Union County finals among many other excellent students in the State of New Jersey, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools wish to congratulate the following students for their demonstrated excellence in the area of mock trial: Kyle Aslin, Carrie Bilenker, Kimberly LaFronz, Nicole Maturo, Nicole Somma, Valerie Podbelski, Ryan Monahan, Margarita Bronshteyn, Bridget Gautieri, and Emily Norwine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools also wish to commend the following advisor, Amanda Tyrpak and Patrick Murphy.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

The Board voted resolution 4 and presented an award and certificate to Coach Darren Torsonone being honored. The Board and Dr. Carrick congratulated Coach Torsonone for his achievement.

Motion by Mrs. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Caulfield

5/23/11 - 4:

**DISTRICT 11 COACH OF THE YEAR
AND COUNTY COACH OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Darren Torsonone, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, has been recognized as 2010-2011 District 11 Coach of the Year and 2010-2011 County Coach of the Year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools wish to commend and congratulate Darren Torsonone for his achieving this recognition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Darren Torsonone.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

The Board voted resolutions 5 and 6 and presented an award and certificate to Daniel Murphy and Rebecca Deczynski for being student liaisons to the Board of Education. The Board and Dr. Carrick thanked them for their service to the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Patella

5/23/11 - 5:

STUDENT LIAISON RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Daniel Murphy was chosen as Student Liaison to the Board of Education

for the 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, Daniel Murphy successfully completed his term as Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools desire to acknowledge Daniel Murphy and express appreciation on behalf of the students and staff of the Cranford School District for:

1. Attendance and participation at Board meetings and Work Sessions as part of the responsibilities of a Student Liaison to the Board of Education.
2. Diligence and determination in undertaking the responsibilities as a Student Liaison of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the school district has been enriched by the service of Daniel Murphy as a Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools extend a special "Thank You" to Daniel Murphy on behalf of the students and staff of the Cranford School District in appreciation for his services as a Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Daniel Murphy.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

Motion by Mrs. Patella, seconded by Mr. Shaw
5/23/11 - 6:

STUDENT LIAISON RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Rebecca Deczynski was chosen as Student Liaison to the Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Deczynski successfully completed her term as Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools desire to acknowledge Rebecca Deczynski and express appreciation on behalf of the students and

staff of the Cranford School District for:

1. Attendance and participation at Board meetings and Work Sessions as part of the responsibilities of a Student Liaison to the Board of Education.
2. Diligence and determination in undertaking the responsibilities as a Student Liaison of the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the school district has been enriched by the service of Rebecca Deczynski as a Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools extend a special "Thank You" to Rebecca Deczynski on behalf of the students and staff of the Cranford School District in appreciation for her services as a Student Liaison to the Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Rebecca Deczynski.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

The Board voted resolution 7 and presented certificates to the student athletes and coaches being honored. The Board and Dr. Carrick congratulated all of the students and coaches for their achievements.

Motion by Mr. Baranoff, seconded by Mrs. Sudiak

5/23/11 - 7:

ATHLETIC HONORS FOR WINTER SPORTS

WHEREAS, these student athletes have been chosen for their outstanding Winter sports season, and

WHEREAS, these student athletes have been chosen from among many other excellent athletes in the State of New Jersey, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools wish to commend the following student athletes for their demonstrated excellence in the area of athletics:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Honor(s)</u>
Alba, Maria	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Allen, Lucy	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Allen, William	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Bagniewski, Stephanie	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Belmont, Scott	Bowling	Union County Conference Champions
Bender, William	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Birch, Corey	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Brawley, Evan	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Brogan, Brianna	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Burns, Catherine	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Byrne, Megan	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Cabrales, Cristian	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Chan, Brandon	Bowling	Union County Conference Champions
Christiano, John	Wrestling	First Team All Union County District Champion District 11 Team Champions Region III Champion First Team All Conference
Coda, Timothy	Bowling	Union County Conference Champions
Couto, Daniel	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
DiGiovanni, Matthew	Wrestling	First Team All Union County District Champion District 11 Team Champions Region III Champion First Team All Conference
Dwyer, James	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
El-Khoury, Raymond	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Ellenbacher, Jenna	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Espuga, Ryan	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Farrell, Ryan	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
French, Kathleen	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions

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ATHLETIC HONORS FOR WINTER SPORTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Honor(s)</u>
Fried, Zachary	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Gallo, AnnaLee	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Ghiretti, Matthew	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Giaccio, Joseph	Wrestling	First Team All Union County District Champion District 11 Team Champions First Team All Conference
Gomez, Ivanna	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Hall, Tyler	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Harvan, Emily	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Heine, Jennifer	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Helmstetter, Michael	Wrestling	District Champion

Henry, Ian	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Jayne, Lucas	Swimming	District 11 Team Champions
Joseph, Lori	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Joyce, Kellie	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Kalafatis, Nicholas	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Kenajian, Faye	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Kessler, Robert	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Knight, Eric	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Kotov, Dmitriy	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Lento, Joseph	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Lento, Robert	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Leu, Brian	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Longo, Juliet	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Margulis, Elena	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Markovitch, Corey	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Markovitch, Kyle	Wrestling	First Team All Union County District Champion
		District 11 Team Champions
		First Team All Conference
McCoy, Jessica	Basketball	First Team All Conference
Mease, Allison	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Miller, Andrew	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Miller, Catherine	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Miller, Kelly	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Miller, Morgan	Basketball	First Team All Conference
		Union County Coaches Honoree
Milwicz, Michael	Bowling	Union County Conference Champions
Nayda, Vasyl	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions

5/23/11 - 7: (continued)

ATHLETIC HONORS FOR WINTER SPORTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Honor(s)</u>
Nino, Gabriel	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Pawlick, Eric	Ice Hockey	First Team All Conference
Peebles, Joshua	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Pijanowski, Megan	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Roman, Emily	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Rothman, Keri	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Scher, Samuel	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Schneider, Andrew	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Sigl, Brian	Bowling	Union County Conference Champions
Spinelli, Daniel	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Stapleton, Brian	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Sterling, Johnathan	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Treboschi, Victoria	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Trotter, Sean	Basketball	First Team All Conference
		Union County Coaches Honoree

Vaughn, Owen	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Vosseller, Galen	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Walano, Eric	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions Third Team All Union County (50 yard freestyle)
Weinstein, Danielle	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions
Weiss, Jeffrey	Wrestling	District 11 Team Champions
Woo, Brian	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions Second Team All Union County (200 yard freestyle)
Woo, Christian	Swimming	Union County Conference Champions

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools also wish to commend the following coaches: Jacquelyn Dyer, Ryan Huber, Richard Hurley, Peter Kane, Barbara Kolesa, Richard Goldstein and Darren Torsone.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

The Board voted resolution 1 and presented an award and certificate to Lore Walsh, who is being honored as Teacher of the Year. The Board and Dr. Carrick congratulated Lore Walsh for her achievement.

Motion by Mrs. Widdows, seconded by Mr. Caulfield

5/23/11 - 1:

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Department of Education will sponsor the New Jersey Teacher of the Year program for the 2011-2012 school year, and

WHEREAS, Lore Walsh has been selected by the Teacher of the Year committee, and

WHEREAS, Lore Walsh has demonstrated her ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, and

WHEREAS, Lore Walsh has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators, and colleagues, and

WHEREAS, Lore Walsh is an exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher, and

WHEREAS, Lore Walsh may also be nominated for State and National Teacher of the Year honors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools confirm the selection of **Lore Walsh** as Teacher of the Year for 2011-2012 for the Cranford Public Schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools commend **Lore Walsh** for her outstanding qualities as a teacher in the Cranford Public Schools and her high caliber of service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools enthusiastically approve and support the submission of **Lore Walsh's** nomination to the New Jersey State Department of Education for State Teacher of the Year consideration.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

Lore Walsh thanked everyone for receiving this honor and commented that she is proud to be a part of such a great school district.

At 8:07 P.M., upon motion by Mrs. Widdows, seconded by Mrs. Morgese, the Board took a brief recess.

At 8:30 P.M., the meeting reconvened in the Board Room and roll call was taken with all Board members present. There were approximately 30 members of the public present and a representative from the Cranford Chronicle.

Dr. Carrick introduced Angela Cerchio, first grade teacher at Hillside Avenue School, to give a Multi Cultural Presentation to the Board. Ms. Cerchio and her students presented the program to the Board.

Dr. Carrick introduced Rui Dionisio, Principal of Cranford High School, to give a presentation on the proposed new Cougar Pride Peer Leadership Program to the Board. Mr. Dionisio, a staff member and student presented the program to the Board. The Board discussed the proposed program at length and unanimously agreed to approve the new program for the next school year.

Rebecca Deczynski reported on the current and upcoming events at Cranford High School.

Dr. Carrick reported on the status of the district's current enrollment, certified that the required number of safety drills are being conducted, student and student athlete achievements, staff achievements and accomplishments, that Christine Monsell was named 2011 Union County Counselor of the Year, student music awards and nominations and anti-bullying future training.

Mrs. Patella commented on the Booster Club awards program that she attended last week in which scholarships were awarded and thanked them for their hard work in their fundraising efforts. Mrs. Patella also commented on the Relay for Life that was held inside Hillside Avenue School last weekend and thanked everyone involved.

At 9:40 P.M., the meeting was open to audience participation. A former classroom assistant expressed concerns over not being released from his contract early to accept a teaching position at another district and commented that the district is not consistent with the 30 day notice requirement when employees try to leave earlier than their contract states. Board discussion ensued. Dr. Carrick also commented that this is the first she is hearing about it and that he never made an appointment to discuss the possibility of an early release. Mr. Sciarrillo also commented that the 30 day clause is a contractual obligation and part of his employment terms and conditions.

Mrs. Sudiak reported on the Cranford Fund for Educational Excellence annual fundraiser, bills that are in the assembly on Charter School reform, the presentation of Race to Nowhere at Cranford High School, the Garden State Coalition of Schools annual meeting with a legislative panel that was held last week, the New Jersey School Boards Association Delegate Assembly she attended, the Curriculum Committee meeting that was held, the Environmental Education Committee meeting that was held, the Tri-County Boards meeting that was held and that the newly calculated per pupil district spending is on the Department of Education website.

Mr. Caulfield reported that the district needs to address the Homework Policy issue now for implementation in September. Lengthy Board discussion on this issue ensued.

Mrs. Venditti reported on the Union County Schools Boards Association program that Mrs. Patella and her attended last week in which 8th grade students participated and that it was an enjoyable evening.

The Board voted the minutes from previous meetings.

Motion by Mrs. Widdows, seconded by Mr. Caulfield

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

March 14, 2011	Open Work Session	7:35 P.M.
March 14, 2011	Executive Session	8:35 P.M.
March 28, 2011	Regular Monthly Meeting	7:10 P.M.
March 28, 2011	Executive Session	8:50 P.M.
April 4, 2011	Open Work Session	8:05 P.M.
April 4, 2011	Executive Session	8:46 P.M.
April 26, 2011	Special Meeting	7:00 P.M.
April 26, 2011	Executive Session	7:06 P.M.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 8 Yes votes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Mr. Shaw) for March 14, March 28 and April 4 meeting minutes and 7 Yes votes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Widdows) for April 26 meeting minutes.

Next, the Board voted the following resolutions.

Resolutions 8 through 16 were moved, seconded and voted together.

Motion by Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mrs. Morgese

5/23/11 - 8:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANTS
AND DONATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of the following grants and donations in the amount of **\$300.00** to fund the Cranford School District Reading Academy, an intensive after-school reading program designed to help students in the Cranford School District overcome severe reading disabilities:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Spencer Savings Bank	\$100.00
JACLO Industries	\$200.00

5/23/11 - 9:

BUSINESS ITEMS

Approval of the following financial reports, payrolls, and investments:

- A. Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education, for the month ending April 30, 2011
- B. Report of the Treasurer to the Board of Education, for the month ending April 30, 2011
- C. Bills in the following amount: \$1,177,906.80
- D. Payroll:
 - 1. Regular & Supplemental Payroll for April 15, 2011 \$1,707,522.25
 - 2. Regular & Supplemental Payroll for April 29, 2011 \$1,608,029.61
 - 3. Board Share FICA for April 2011 \$ 57,669.14
 - 4. State Share FICA for April 2011 \$ 197,148.20
 - Total Payroll \$3,570,369.20
- E. Approval of the following payrolls for April 2011
 - Substitute (included in Section D) \$ 51,805.00
 - Home & Supplementary Instruction (included in Section D) \$ 10,028.60
- F. Use of Facilities Report for May and June

G. Confirmation of the following investments:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Beginning Balance as of 3/31/11</u>	<u>Transfer from Checking</u>	<u>Transfer to Checking</u>	<u>Interest Earnings</u>	<u>Ending Balance as of 4/30/11</u>
New Jersey Cash Management Fund	\$ 48,107.79	\$	\$	\$ 7.51	\$ 48,115.30
TD Bank Investment Account	\$6,673,227.37	\$	\$1,300,000.00	\$	\$5,373,227.37
Interest Rates - NJCM	0.18%				
TD Bank	0.25% (Interest credited to General Account)				

(Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Venditti and Mrs. Widdows abstain from voting on the payrolls as identified in Sections D & E)

***** Attachments Follow*****

5/23/11 - 10:

**APPROVED REVISED BUDGET STATEMENT
2010-2011**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revised 2010-2011 Budget Statement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this budget does not include any unapproved appropriations of moneys.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 11:

**BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION
BUDGETARY LINE ITEM STATUS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education regulation N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 require local school districts to file a monthly certification of budgetary line item status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education acknowledges that Robert J. Carfagno, Board Secretary, certifies the following statement:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, Robert J. Carfagno, Board Secretary, certify that no budgetary line items accounts are overappropriated nor overexpended for the period ending April 30, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 the Board of Education certifies that as of April 30, 2011 after review of the board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been

overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

5/23/11 - 12:

TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Cranford approved the 2011-2012 school tax levy in the amount of \$46,806,452.00 for the general fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that tax payments for the 2011-2012 school year be made in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$46,806,452.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>921,875.00</u>
Total	<u><u>\$47,728,327.00</u></u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following schedule of payments, which is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-75:

Payment Schedule - General Fund

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>
August 12, 2011	\$ 9,361,290.00
September 14, 2011	\$ 3,510,484.00
October 13, 2011	\$ 3,510,484.00
November 14, 2011	\$ 3,510,484.00
December 14, 2011	<u>\$ 3,510,484.00</u>
subtotal	<u>\$23,403,226.00</u>
January 12, 2012	\$ 3,900,538.00
February 14, 2012	\$ 3,900,538.00
March 14, 2012	\$ 3,900,538.00
April 4, 2012	\$ 3,900,538.00
May 14, 2012	\$ 3,900,537.00
June 14, 2012	<u>\$ 3,900,537.00</u>

subtotal \$23,403,226.00

Total General Fund \$46,806,452.00

Payment Schedule - Debt Service Fund

September 14, 2011 \$ 366,550.00

October 31, 2011 \$ 555,325.00

Total Debt Service Fund \$ 921,875.00

Total \$47,728,327.00

5/23/11 - 13:

**ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY PROGRAM AGREEMENT
WITH UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, local public school districts are required to provide environmental safety programs under the worker and community Right to Know Law (P.L. 1983, Ch. 35, N.J.S.A. 34:5A-1) and the Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act (P.L. 1983, C 516); and New Jersey Department of Labor Regulations N.J.A.C. 12:100-4.2, et. et. seq., and

WHEREAS, the Union County Educational Services Commission can provide coordination of these services with regard to educational training programs, computerized inventories, and labels for hazardous substances, developing a file of material safety data sheets/fact sheets, and bidding for the disposal of unwanted chemical wastes, and implementation of a Bloodborne Pathogens Management Services Program, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission to provide such coordinated services for the 2011-2012 school year at a fee of **\$2.95 per resident pupil enrollment**, as of October 15, 2010.

5/23/11 - 14:

**AUTHORIZATION TO BID
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to advertise for bids for the following:

**BID NO. 2011-5
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bid opening will be at Lincoln School on June 14, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

5/23/11 - 15:

**EXTRA ASSIGNMENTS FEE SCHEDULE
FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following athletic extra assignments fee schedule, per event, for the 2011-2012 school year, which have not been increased from the current year:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT PER EVENT</u>
<u>Varsity Sports</u>	
Site Supervisor/Crowd Control	\$75.00
Gate Supervisor	\$70.00
Ticket Seller	\$55.00
Ticket Taker	\$50.00
Announcer	\$55.00
Chain Crew	\$50.00
Clock Operator (faculty)	\$50.00
Scoreboard	\$50.00
Film Crew	\$40.00
<u>Freshman/Junior Varsity Sports</u>	
Clock Operator (student)	\$25.00
Announcer (student)	\$25.00

5/23/11 - 16:

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs as per the attached listing are directly related to and within the scope of district employees' and board members' duties, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the training and informational programs as per the attached listing are directly related to and within the scope of the traveler's current responsibilities and the board's professional development plan, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in these training and informational programs requires school district travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or furthers the efficient operation of the district, and

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APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to these programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the

federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with the New Jersey Office of Management and Budget travel circular is the allowable rate, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that participation in these training and informational programs are in compliance with the district policy on travel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of the listed number of district employees and school board members at these training and informational programs, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by statute, attendance at these training programs and informational events as per the attached listing.

*****Attachment Follows*****

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

Resolutions 17 through 22 were moved, seconded and voted together
Motion by Mrs. Morgese, seconded by Mr. Caulfield

5/23/11 - 17:

**APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTES
AND HOME INSTRUCTORS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves substitutes and home instructors for the 2010-2011 school year as shown on the attached listing(s) to be used subject to the needs of the district.

*****Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 18:

RESIGNATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the following resignations:

1. **Meredith Ferreira**, Speech Language Specialist, effective June 30, 2011. (HAS)
2. **John Arlotta**, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, effective July 11, 2011. (CHS)

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

5/23/11 - 19:

APPOINTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following appointment.

Barbara Bevilacqua, Lunchroom Assistant, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Her salary will be **\$12.60** per hour not to exceed 10 hours per week when school is in full session. (BPS)

5/23/11 - 20:

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION
SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Marlene Czapla and Erika Kelly to provide 1:1 reading instruction at an hourly rate of **\$24.81** per hour for 8 students to receive a total of 10 hours each, from June 24, 2011 through July 29, 2011. (District)

5/23/11 - 21:

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
SPECIAL EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following employment of certified personnel, for the Special Education extended summer school program, for the period of June 24, 2011 through July 29, 2011, 5 days per week, 5 hours per day. The rate will be **\$24.81** per hour for certified staff.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Carl Lorelli	Teacher
Brian Niemysyk	Teacher
Ann Curtis	Teacher
Christine Sabella	Teacher
Heather Austin	Teacher

Erika Kelly	Teacher
Eileen Faitoute	Teacher
Coleen McDonough	Teacher
TBD	Teacher
Joanne Sweeney	Substitute Teacher
Christine Ahern	Nurse
Victoria Doty	Nurse
Paula O'Hara	Substitute Nurse
Sheryl Lazo	Substitute Nurse
Carol Westlund (7hours per day)	Speech Therapist

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following employment of classroom assistants, for the 2011 Special Education extended summer school program, for the period of June 24, 2011 through July 29, 2011, 5 days per week, 5 hours per day. The hourly rate for classroom assistants will be **\$11.20** per hour:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Angie Braxton	Classroom Assistant
Cynthia Fields	Classroom Assistant
Carolyn Mulewski	Classroom Assistant
Cheryl Saffer	Classroom Assistant
Ruth Ward Neal	Classroom Assistant
Irina McRoberts	Classroom Assistant
Cynthia Brennan	Classroom Assistant
Susan Cave	Classroom Assistant
Joanne Truncali	Classroom Assistant
Teresa Natividad	Classroom Assistant
Ellen Ushay	Classroom Assistant
Tamika Hinton	Classroom Assistant

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**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPOINTMENTS**

Jennifer Barna	Classroom Assistant
Diane Kessler	Classroom Assistant
Angela Konieczny	Classroom Assistant
Paula Nowicki	Classroom Assistant
Diane Poszyler	Classroom Assistant
Kim Paster	Classroom Assistant
Paul Bruno	Classroom Assistant
Barbara Arthur	Classroom Assistant
Jessica Styler	Classroom Assistant
Jennifer Drechsel	Classroom Assistant
Thomas Polito	Classroom Assistant
Robert Caparruva	Classroom Assistant
Andrea Sincox	Classroom Assistant
Ali Muhammad	Classroom Assistant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation

of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following staff to provide clerical assistance for the extended school year. The hourly rate will be **\$11.45** per hour:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Daily Hours</u>
Maria Josefina Pascual	Clerical Assistant	25	5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following employment, for the child study team and related services staff to perform summer evaluations at a rate of **\$300.00** per evaluation, not to exceed **\$28,500.00**.

Louis Loprete	Psychologist
Amy Goldberg	Psychologist
Jennifer Adona	Psychologist
Christina Massa	Psychologist
Joann Jackson	Social Worker
Carol Westlund	Speech Therapist
Daun DeSimone	Speech Therapist
Anthony Paul	LDTTC
Judith Janeczko	LDTTC
Ann Hamilton-Winn	OT
Alison Bielinski	OT

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**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
SPECIAL EDUCATION
APPOINTMENTS**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following employment, for Holly Ahern, Social Worker, to perform summer evaluations at a rate of **\$250.00** per evaluation and Joann Jackson, Social Worker to perform mentoring to Holly Ahern at a rate of **\$50.00** per evaluation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Dr. Bonnie Cimring, Psychologist, to perform Child Study Team Coordinator duties at her hourly rate based on her annual salary, not to exceed 14 hours per week for 6 weeks from June 24, 2011 through August 26, 2011. (District)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Jessica McDougall, Board Certified Behavior Analyst, to provide ABA services to students attending the extended school year program for a maximum of 12 hours a week at a rate of **\$60.00** an hour not to exceed \$3,600.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Christina Massa, School Psychologist, to provide counseling services to students in the extended school year program for a total of 5

hours a week for 5 weeks at a rate of \$24.81 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Pediatric Advantage to provide occupational therapy services for 4.5 hours per day for 25 days to students attending the extended school year program at a rate of \$90.00 per hour not to exceed \$10,125.00.

5/23/11 - 22:

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS
HOME PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following individual to provide an ABA home program for a special education student to meet all current student IEP requirements for the 2011 extended school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Tamilka Hinton	Home Tutor	\$47.93 per hour during July and August not to exceed 30 hours

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.
Resolutions 23 and 24 were moved, seconded and voted together.
Motion by Mrs. Boyle, seconded by Mrs. Patella

5/23/11 - 23:

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT
OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the following students in order to provide an appropriate education commencing May 24, 2011 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Cranford is responsible for tuition and transportation. The confidential listing is on file in the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's office.

<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Program</u>
1	The Children's Institute, Verona NJ	AUT
1	The Shepard School, Kinnelon, NJ	ED

5/23/11 - 24:

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT
OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the following students in order to provide an appropriate education during the 2011-2012 school year. Cranford is responsible for tuition and transportation. The confidential listing is on file in the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's office.

<u>Number of Students</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Program</u>
1	The Children's Institute, Verona NJ	AUT
1	The Shepard School, Kinnelon, NJ	ED

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

Resolutions 25 through 32 were moved, seconded and voted together.
Motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Patella

5/23/11 - 25:

STAFF REASSIGNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the reassignment of the following personnel effective May 16, 2011 through June 21, 2011:

Felicia Van Ostenbridge, from classroom assistant (BPS) to classroom assistant.
(HAS)

5/23/11 - 26:

**REAPPOINTMENTS
ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints administrative/supervisory personnel listed on the attached appointment list for the 2011-2012 school year effective July 1, 2011. Salary rates will be based on the salary policy for administrative/supervisory (CASA) personnel at the appropriate scale and step, to be revised upon completion of a new successor agreement between the Board of Education and the Cranford Administrative and Supervisor Association. The aforementioned shall be effective July 1, 2011.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 27:

REAPPOINTMENTS BUILDING SERVICE PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints building service personnel listed on the attached appointment list for the 2011-2012 school year effective July 1, 2011 at the appropriate scale and step based on the salary policy for building services personnel.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 28:

REAPPOINTMENTS OFFICE PERSONNEL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints office personnel listed on the attached appointment list for the 2011-2012 school year effective July 1, 2011 at the appropriate scale and step based on the salary policy for office personnel.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 29:

REAPPOINTMENTS CLASSROOM ASSISTANTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints classroom assistants listed on the attached appointment list for the 2011-2012 school year.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 30:

**REAPPOINTMENTS CERTIFIED
LUNCHROOM ASSISTANTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints the part-time certified lunchroom assistants on the attached appointment list, at a rate of **\$17.70** per hour for the 2011-2012 school year.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 31:

**REAPPOINTMENTS NON-CERTIFIED
LUNCHROOM ASSISTANTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints the part time non-certified lunchroom assistants on the attached appointment list, at the rate of **\$12.60** per hour for the 2011-2012 school year.

***** Attachment Follows*****

5/23/11 - 32:

REAPPOINTMENTS CLERICAL ASSISTANTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, appoints clerical assistants on the attached appointment list for the 2011-2012 school year effective July 1, 2011 at the appropriate scale and step based on the salary policy for clerical assistants.

***** Attachment Follows*****

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No for resolutions 27, 28, 30 through 32 and 8 Yes votes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Mrs. Widdows) for resolutions 25 and 29 and 7 Yes votes, 0 No, 2 Abstain (Mr. Shaw and Mrs. Widdows) for resolution 26.

Motion by Mrs. Patella, seconded by Mrs. Sudiak

5/23/11 - 33:

FIELD TRIP DESTINATION APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 to pre-approve all field trip destinations and to ensure that such trip is educationally necessary,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent

of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required by code, the field trip destinations as per attached listing.

*****Attachment Follows*****

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.
Motion by Mr. Baranoff, seconded by Mrs. Sudiak

5/23/11 - 34:

POLICIES FOR FIRST READING

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following policies for first reading:

Policy 1100	Communication With The Public
Policy 1120	Board of Education Meetings
Policy 3541.5	Employee Off Hour Use of Equipment
Policy 4112.2	Certification
Policy 5114	Suspension and Expulsion
Policy 5131	Conduct/Discipline
Policy 5131.1	Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
Policy 5131.5	School District Vandalism/Violence
Policy 5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Substance Abuse
Policy 6145.1/6145.2	Interscholastic Competition
Policy 9200	Orientation and Training of Board Members

*****Attachments Follow*****

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

At 10:39 P.M., the meeting was open to audience participation. There was none.

At 10:40 P.M., upon motion by Mrs. Sudiak, seconded by Mr. Caulfield, the Board recessed to Executive Session for consideration of issues dealing with Personnel, Litigation and Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege. Action may be taken later when the Board returns to Public Session. Minutes of the Executive Session will be released to the Public after the reason for non-disclosure no longer exists.

**Executive Session #1
11:02 P.M. – 11:32 P.M.**

At 11:32 P.M., the Board returned to Public Session with all Board Members being present and voted the following resolutions.

Motion by Mr. Baranoff, seconded by Mrs. Boyle
5/23/11 - 35:

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Settlement Agreement, OAL Docket No.: EDU01122-2011 N, between the Board of Education and Linda Logue, parent of M.L.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

Motion by Mrs. Boyle, seconded by Mr. Caulfield
5/23/11 - 36:

CONTRACT REVISION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following contract revision for the 2011-2012 school year:

Mario J. Cunha

From: Maintenance Department Foreman, effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. His salary will be based on Scale C-4, Step 17, \$65,041.00 plus a foreman stipend, \$5,261.00 = \$70,302.00. (District)

To: Acting Director of Buildings and Grounds, effective July 1, 2011 through January 1, 2012 and Director of Buildings and Grounds effective January 2, 2012 through June 30, 2012. His salary will be based on Scale VI, Step 9, \$91,872.00.** (District)

**To be revised upon completion of a new successor agreement between the Board of Education and the Cranford Administrative and Supervisor Association, effective July 1, 2011.

A roll call vote was taken and passed with 9 Yes votes, 0 No.

At 11:34 P.M., upon motion by Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mr. Boyle, the Board recessed to Executive Session for consideration of issues dealing with Personnel and Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege. Action may be taken later when the Board returns to Public Session. Minutes of the Executive Session will be released to the Public after the reason for non-disclosure no longer exists.

**Executive Session #2
11:35 P.M. – 12:51 P.M.**

At 12:52 P.M. the Board returned to Public Session with all Board members being present except for Mrs. Sudiak.

At 12:52 P.M., upon motion by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Widdows, the Board

unanimously agreed to adjourn.

Robert J. Carfagno
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

