

**Cranbury Township Board of Education
Cranbury, New Jersey
Minutes
December 15, 2009**

I. CALLED TO ORDER at 6:05 PM.

A. Flag Salute

B. Roll Call

(Arrived at 7:20 PM)	<u> X </u>	Jennifer Cooke	<u> X </u>	Nicole Pormilli (Arrived at 6:30 PM)
(Arrived at 6:09 PM)	<u> X </u>	Kevin Fox	<u> X </u>	William Schraudenbach
	<u> X </u>	Julie Hardaker	<u> X </u>	Lynne Schwarz
(Arrived at 6:08 PM)	<u> X </u>	Wendi Patella	<u> X </u>	Evelyn Spann
		<u> X </u>	Joan Weidner	

Also Present:

<u> X </u>	John J. Haney, Chief School Administrator
<u> X </u>	Joyce Picariello, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
<u>≈50</u>	Members of the Public

C. Opening Statement

STATEMENT TO BE READ BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Board Secretary as follows: On December 2, 2009, a notice was sent to The Home News Tribune, Cranbury Press, Trenton Times, Township Clerk, and posted in the Public Library.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2009.

Moved by: Lynne Schwarz Seconded by: Julie Hardaker
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried: X Motion rejected:

III. PRESENTATION(S) - Acknowledgement of Cranbury Boys Soccer and Girls Cross Country Tri-County Champions, and the PHS Boys Soccer State Champions

IV. REPORT OF THE CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

A. Correspondence - None

B. Information/Report

Winter Concerts

The music directors – Ashley DiStefano, Eric Haltmeier, John McClerman, and Tom Nichols – did an outstanding job of preparing the students for their performances. The selection of music, stage presence of the performers, and excitement and enthusiasm generated by all contributed to a memorable experience for the students and the audience. The choirs and bands have, once again, achieved a high standard for performances. Congratulations to the music department and the students! We look forward to the K-3 concert scheduled for December 22, 2009.

Art Show

Please be sure to stop and admire the student art projects that Tamara Woronczuk has displayed. The artwork is of high quality.

C. Calendar

Tuesday	December 15	Intervention and Referral Services Meeting Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, Large Group Room
Wednesday	December 16	Winter Concert Rehearsal, Grades 4-6 and Percussion, 9:20 AM
Thursday	December 17	Winter Concert, Grades 4-6 and Percussion, 7:00 PM, Auditorium
Tuesday	December 22	Winter Concerts - Grades K-1, 9:20 AM; Gr. 2-3, 10:30 AM Art Show, Grades K-2
Wednesday	December 23	Holiday Parties, Gr. K-5, 11:30 AM, Gr. 6-8, 11:45 AM 12:30 PM Early Dismissal
Thursday	December 24	School and Offices Closed
Friday	December 25	School and Offices Closed
Monday	December 28	School Closed
Tuesday	December 29	School Closed Progress Reports Mailed - Grades 3-8
Wednesday	December 30	School Closed
Thursday	December 31	School Closed
Friday	January 1	School and Offices Closed
Monday	January 4	School Reopens Play Rehearsals Begin
Tuesday	January 5	PTO Board Meeting, 1:00 PM PHS Presentation to Middle School Parents, 7:00, Large Group Room
Friday	January 8	Student Council Dance, Grades 6-8, 7:30 PM
Wednesday	January 13	2 nd Grade Art Night, 7:00 PM
Friday	January 15	PHS Orientation (for students), 8:40 AM
Monday	January 18	School Closed, Martin Luther King Day, Staff Workshop
Tuesday	January 19	Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
Thursday	January 21	Middle School Exams - English Intervention and Referral Services Meeting
Friday	January 22	Jam Fest, Grades 6-8. 7:30-9:30 PM
Monday	January 25	Middle School Exams - Science
Tuesday	January 26	Middle School Exams - Social Studies and World Language TQM Meeting, 1:00-3:00 PM, Large Group Room
Wednesday	January 27	Variety Show Rehearsal, 3:00-6:00 PM
Thursday	January 28	Middle School Exams - Mathematics End of Semester 1 End of Quarter 2
Friday	January 29	PHS Registration K-3 Variety Show

- D. Fire Drills: November 16, 2009
November 24, 2009
December 3, 2009
December 4, 2009

V. REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

A. Correspondence

Gala Invitation from the Cranbury PTO – The Board discussed ideas and ways that members of the Board could support his event.

B. Information/Report

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Karen Callahan distributed information to the Board and discussed several transportation issues that have occurred since September.
2. Patty Thomsson inquired about the procedures for bus safety.
3. Mary DeMilt asked about the bus accident that occurred earlier in the year.
4. Lori Bornstein discussed various issues that she has experienced with Bus #1.

VII. FINANCE

A. Committee Report – No report at this time.

B. Next Meeting - January 20, 2010

C. Recommendation(s):

1. Approved the attached bill list as of December 15, 2009
2. Approved a Joint Transportation Agreement with Hamilton Township School District (Host district) to provide transportation to New Road Upper School, Route Number NRU9 for two Cranbury students at a total annual cost of \$9,045.00, effective September 21, 2009 through June 17, 2010.
3. Approved the amended 2009-2010 employment contract with Kimberly Barca, Speech-Language Specialist, from .45 FTE to .466 FTE which would revise her annual salary from \$38,004.75 to \$39,356.03, retroactive to September 1, 2009.
4. Approved Ellen Yochelson to provide French instruction to a home-bound student at the rate of \$37.25 per hour, for one hour per week.
5. TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE AND REIMBURSEMENT
As required, pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:11-12 the Board of Education must approve in advance all travel expenditures by district employees and board members. It has been determined that the training and informational programs detailed below are directly related to and within the scope of the employees and board members responsibilities and duties. Approved reimbursement for attendance of the following:

Staff Name	Date	Event	Location	Registration	Mileage
Linda Penney	2009-2010	Mercer County Math Supervisors Association Meetings	Rider University	N/A	\$9.50 per event
Isabelle Perry	2009-2010	Observations at OOD Schools	Sayreville	N/A	\$20.00
Cara Moshinsky	1/19/10	Eating Disorders	Somerset Medical Ctr.	\$10.00	\$18.00
Erica Kauffman	1/11/10	What's New in Young Adult Literature	Voorhees, NJ	\$199.00	\$26.53
Sharron Fass	1/13/10	Riverside School Classroom Observation	Princeton	N/A	\$6.20

6. In accordance with the terms and conditions of Article XVIII of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Cranbury Education Association, motion to approve the following Professional Development/Educational Improvement Graduate coursework reimbursement for the 2009-2010 school year.

The Board resolves, under the terms of the agreement with The Cranbury Education Association (Article XVIII) to use the following formula to calculate the reimbursement rate for graduate level course work.

The contractual maximum will be divided by the number of credits requested, and approved by the Chief School Administrator, to determine the amount that will be reimbursed per credit. The district will recalculate the per credit reimbursement at the completion of the School Year to determine the amount of any additional reimbursements.

Requests for graduate level course work must be submitted to the CSA by January 30 of the school year preceding the course, to qualify for reimbursement.

As stated in the contract the district will reimburse for up to nine credits per year and the maximum per credit reimbursement will be the lesser of actual cost or The College of New Jersey in-state rate per credit cost.

Name	Credits	College	Semester	Course Name
Barbara Adams	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525 - Technology in Curriculum
Sally Atzrott	3	Rutgers	Spring 2010	Curriculum Development in the Elementary School
Nichole Keener	3	Rider	Spring 2010	EDUC 500: Intro to Research
Laura Munice	3	Rider	Spring 2010	SPED 522: Literacy and Students with Special Needs
Thomas Nichols	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum
Carol Rogaski	3	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum
Doris Schoenfeld	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum
Thomas Stinson	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum
Donna Tarantino	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum
Emily Vorp	4	Ramapo	Spring 2010	EDTC 525: Technology in the Curriculum

Items 1-6

Moved by: Lynne Schwarz Seconded by: Nicole Pormilli

Board Member	<u>J.C.</u>	<u>K.F.</u>	<u>J.H.</u>	<u>W.P.</u>	<u>N.P.</u>	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>L.S.</u>	<u>E.S.</u>	<u>J.W.</u>
Absences	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ayes	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
Nays	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Abstentions	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion Carried: X Motion Rejected:

VIII. FACILITIES

A. Committee Report – Bill Schraudenbach stated that the Facilities Committee will be meeting tomorrow.

B. Next Meeting - December 16, 2009

C. Recommendation(s)

IX. CURRICULUM

A. Committee Report

Julie Hardaker reported that Isabelle Perry attended the last Curriculum Committee meeting and provided information on the Preschool Program. Julie thanked Isabelle for the excellent presentation.

B. Next Meeting - February 5, 2010

C. Recommendation(s):

1. Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Cranbury School Vikings Girls Cross-Country completed the 2009 cross-country season with an undefeated record of 17 wins; and

WHEREAS, in so doing, the girls finished first place in the annual Tri-County Conference; and

WHEREAS, the team displayed teamwork, good sportsmanship, and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury School Vikings Girls Cross-Country Team Members were ably supported by one another that will provide assurance for continued success in Cranbury School's future cross-country seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jay Gilligan provided excellent leadership while coaching the team throughout the season and was capably assisted by Coach Idania Rodriguez;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranbury Township Board of Education by this resolution does express to the Cranbury School Vikings Girls Cross-Country Team congratulations and commendation for its excellent season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the December 15, 2009, Cranbury Board of Education meeting and a copy of this resolution be presented to each member and coaches of the Cranbury Cross-Country Team.

CRANBURY SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS -COUNTRY MEMBERS

Julie Bond	Nicolette Garthe	Jessica Powell*
Rebecca Casey	Maia Hauschild	Lindsay Reilly
Brittney Coniglione	Emma Izzo	Rachel Reiss
Olivia Cook	Catherine Keve	Brianna Romaine
Emma Corr	Rachel Kleiman	Maya Sarafin
Sydney Crowe	Nicole Metzheiser	Severine Stier
Ashley Cukier	Sophia Mosier	Tessa Vaccaro
Katherine Ellsworth		Eleanor Whaley

Coach:	James Gilligan	*Team Manager
Assistant Coach:	Idania Rodriguez	

2. Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Cranbury School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team completed the 2009 soccer season with an undefeated record of 11 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie;

WHEREAS, in so doing won the Tri-County Conference Championship with a record of 7 wins, 0 losses; and

WHEREAS, the team displayed teamwork, good sportsmanship, and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, the Cranbury School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team was ably supported by the Cranbury School Boys' Junior Varsity Team that will provide assurance for continued success in Cranbury School's future soccer seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cox provided excellent leadership while coaching the boys throughout the season and was capably assisted by Coach Alfonso, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranbury Township Board of Education by this resolution does express to the Cranbury School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team congratulations and commendation for its excellent season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the December 15, 2009, Cranbury Board of Education meeting and a copy of this resolution be presented to each member and coach of the Cranbury Boys' Varsity Soccer Team.

CRANBURY SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS

Varsity Team

John Blair*	Kristopher Kenny
Brian Crowe	Patrick McCormick
Adam Durner	Callahan O'Meara
Kenneth Griffin	John O'Grady*
Benjamin Gross	Michael Papakonstantinou
Kevin Halliday*	Dalton Sekelsky
Nicholas Halliday	Alexander Torske

Head Coach:	Sean Cox	*Team Captains
Assistant Coach:	Katherine Alfonso	

3. Approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Princeton High School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team completed the 2009 soccer season with an undefeated record of 21 wins, 0 losses, and 4 ties;

WHEREAS, in so doing won the 2009 Mercer County Tournament, the CVC Patriot Division, and the Central Jersey Group III State Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team displayed teamwork, good sportsmanship, and determination throughout the season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sutcliffe provided excellent leadership while coaching the boys throughout the season and was capably assisted by Coach Salazar, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cranbury Township Board of Education by this resolution does express to the Princeton High School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team congratulations and commendation for its excellent season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the minutes of the December 15, 2009, Cranbury Board of Education meeting and a copy of this resolution be presented to each member and coach of the Princeton High School Varsity Boys Soccer

Team.

PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS
Varsity Team

Pablo Arroyo	Patrick Furlong	Robert Morales
Scott Bechler	Evan Gershkovich	Aidan Passannante
Michael Brennan	Ajami Gikandi	Max Reid
Alan Bryant	Lido Guzman	Scott Schwarz
Ben Davis	Zach Halliday	Andrei Spirin
Paul Ehrenworth	Steven Hellstern	Spencer Tank
Kyle Ehrenworth	Peter Marchetta	Wilson Urias
Thatcher Foster	John Marsh	Gustavo Vega

Head Coach:	Wayne Sutcliffe	Team Manager: Jamie Peretzman
Assistant Coach:	Carlos Salazar	

- 4. Provided a 504 student with two hours of support per week for 2.5 weeks effective December 7 through December 23 at the hourly rate.

Items 1-3

Moved by: Julie Hardaker Seconded by: Evelyn Spann
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried: X Motion rejected: _____

7:05 PM At this point in the Agenda, each team was introduced and every player was presented with a certificate of the resolution. A brief recess to socialize and provide refreshments followed.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM with Public Comment.

Item 4

Moved by: Kevin Fox Seconded by: Julie Hardaker
 Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried: X Motion rejected: _____

X. POLICY

A. Committee Report

Kevin Fox reported that the Committee did not meet this evening, and the next meeting will be January 19, 2010.

B. Next Meeting - January 19, 2010

C. Recommendation(s)

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Committee Report from meeting of December 4, 2009

Julie Hardaker reported that the Personnel Committee discussed 2010-11 staffing needs.

B. Next Meeting - January 29, 2010

C. Recommendation(s)

XII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

A. Princeton Regional

Lynne Schwarz distributed a copy of the high school student newspaper, "The Tower". She also stated that Princeton High School is ranked 94th out of approximately 21,000 public high schools by U.S. News.

B. Community Relations

Wendi Patella reported that the Committee met and reviewed a "Question and Answer" document regarding consolidation/regionalization.

C. Planning Board

Joan Weidner reported that the Planning Board met last week. There are no applications to review at this time. They are discussing possible zoning changes that might make Main Street more "business friendly".

D. Library Board

- Julie Hardaker reported that the Library Foundation has filed for Non-profit Status.
- January 16, 2010 is the annual retreat.
- The Public Library is tracking time spent on community outreach.

E. Technology – No report at this time.

F. Liaison

Joan Weidner contacted Winn Cody. Lynne Schwarz, Joan Weidner and Winn Cody will meet in the next few weeks.

Tree Committee – Jennifer Cooke reported that the Committee has reviewed all possible locations for the nearly 10,000 trees that the State is providing. The Committee is aware that the Board of Education is interested in obtaining some trees for the school property.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None at this time.

XIV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. John Haney will distribute the Committee Calendar (through April) in the next Board packet.
2. The Board discussed the use of a desk that raises and lowers allowing students to work from a sitting or standing position. This desk has been successfully utilized for certain students in other districts. John Haney stated that it is being reviewed and evaluated this year.
3. The Board President asked for volunteers to investigate and review the transportation issues.

XV. ADJOURNMENT at 10:11 PM.

Moved by: Evelyn Spann Seconded by: Kevin Fox
Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried: X Motion rejected: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Picariello
Board Secretary