

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MAY 26, 2005

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, May 26, 2005, at the North Cumberland Middle School, 400 Nate Whipple Highway, was called to order by Vice Chairman Donald J. Costa at 6:58 PM, with the following present:

Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Joseph M. Nasif, Jr., Superintendent, Donna A. Morelle, Assistant Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director Legal Services/Employee Relations

Absent: Paul Neves, Chair; Arthur DaCosta, Clerk; Rosa Crowley

I. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - None.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Bills - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE payment of bills in the amount of \$776,430.80.

2. Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the contract for architectural services at Cumberland High School to RGB (the architectural firm performing services for Phase II and III for the high school) as a change order to their contract for a proposal to review all the fire code violations at the high school. The project would provide a plan for compliance which includes meeting with the fire department and providing a description of the remedies required, identification of those items which variances would be needed until work can be completed, those that can be remedied by using our staff, those which must be bid, those which might be waived due to mitigating circumstances and a reasonable time-line for complete compliance. Mr. DeQuattro would also provide budgets for the work that needs to be bid. This proposal is a not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.

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Mr. DeQuattro provided an estimated amount of hours per task and a rate schedule which will be compared to the Town's bid for architectural services for CHS. If the hourly rates on Mr. DeQuattro's proposal are in excess of the rates in his bid, the lower rates will apply. This will be funded from the Capital Improvement line item in the School Budget.

b. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for kitchen equipment for various schools to be paid from the food service account in the amount of \$10,271.30 to Kittredge; \$750 to RI Restaurant Supply; \$257.53 to Tri-Mark.

c. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for data network cabling services for various schools to Third Millenium, Cumberland, RI, in the amount of \$6,627.10.

d. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for copy paper for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to RICOH Corporation, Uniontown, OH, not to exceed \$39,890.25 and to Semper.xeter, Central Falls, RI, not to exceed \$3,763.

e. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for printed supplies for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to DP Printing, Pascoag, RI, not to exceed \$2,369.24 and to Old Colony Printing, Whitinsville, MA, not to exceed \$9,328.29.

The Superintendent's departure at 7:05 to attend the Town Budget Hearing is noted.

f. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for medical supplies for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to School Health Supply, not to exceed \$2,226.02 and to Medco Supply Co., not to exceed \$7646.82.

g. On a motion by Ms. Teel, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for school supplies for the 2005-2006 fiscal year in the amount of \$50,393.65.

h. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for file server Dell computers (State Bid) in the amount of \$8,408.25.

Mr. Costa reported they will be reviewing two proposed bids for the busing contract and hope to bring a recommendation forward at the June 9th meeting.

B. Special Education Advisory - Mr. Costa reported a recent meeting on the new federal laws becoming effective July 1st had been well attended. The next meeting will be June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

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VI. New Business

A. Superintendent-Elect Contract - Mr. Costa explained that Mr. Neves was attending Honors Night at the High School and requested this be postponed until the June 9th meeting.

VII. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Personnel Recommendations - Mr. Rotella presented the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Peter Karbonik, Teacher Assistant at Cumberland High School, effective May 1, 2005.

2. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the Military Leave of Derek Davenport, Social Studies Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective June 6, 2005.

3. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the FMLA of Tracie Drolet, Special Education Teacher at B.F. Norton School, effective May 2, 2005.

B. General Comments - The Assistant Superintendent gave the Superintendent's update on the Wellness Center construction and upcoming curtain wall project that will take place over the summer. She invited the public to the Town Budget Hearings following the School Committee meeting.

VIII. Comments from the Public - None.

IX. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill will be holding a field day and spirit. He reminded the committee of the upcoming golf tournament. He also reported on the 3.5 Elementary/ Tucker Field Building committee, noting the home bleachers will be back on the west side. The next meeting will be June 13th. Mr. Costa congratulated the High School and Cumberland Middle School for being recognized by the Board of Regents for exceptional improvement.

X. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary