

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 24, 2005

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:30 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chairman, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DeCosta, Clerk,

Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

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

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

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - The Chair reported receiving a letter from McNaulty Real Estate making a \$5,000 donation to Garvin Memorial

School, \$3,000 for technology and \$2,000 for library books. The Chair received several letters in favor and against the non-renewals tonight. He noted the evaluation process has not changed from past years. The last letter was from Ms. Decelles questioning the dissection of science classes at the High School and that has been referred to Mr. Driscoll.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Personnel - Mr. Thibodeau reported appointments to the Superintendent's search committee were finalized.

1. Business Community - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the nomination of Tim Draper, Credit Union Central Falls.

2. Parent/High School - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of Dan Singleton.

3. Parent/Middle School - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of Daniel Meleleu.

4. Parent/Elementary - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of Dan York.

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**Mr. Thibodeau announced the following appointments:
Administration - Thomas Kenworthy; Mayor's Office - Tom Bruce;
School Committee - Steve Driscoll; ICSE - Phyliss Koutros; CTA -
Jackie Crowley and Kathy Lambert**

B. Finance

1. Payment of Bills - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE payment of bills in the amount of \$901,572.97.

2. Budget Amendment - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE amending the budget by \$170,000 (\$167,564 Vocational Tuition; \$2,436 Charter School Tuition). The Business Manager noted that reinstatements were actually covered in the salary line with early retirements.

3. Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE awarding the bid to AD & D Welding of Warwick, not to exceed \$25,650 for repairs to the boiler at North Cumberland Middle School.

b. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Mr. Thibodeau, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE awarding the bid to ASAP Software, through the state bid process, not to exceed \$14,512, for software anti-virus and Ghost.

c. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE awarding the bid to Digital Intelligence Systems Corp, not to exceed \$8,120 for Cisco Switching Equipment.

d. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Mr. Thibodeau, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE** awarding the bid to INVENSYS ENE in the amount of \$7,156 for maintenance on systems support for Garvin, Ashton, Cumberland Hill, Community, CHS. This is a sole source provider.

VI. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported that the lavs have not yet been turned over as there is some small work remaining. He toured the Auditorium which looks great. It won't be turned over on the 25th as planned. Mr. Wood requested this item include the second building committee. Mr. Neves voiced his objection to reading in the paper that the contractor has announced to the Town Council that he won't be meeting the Wellness Center deadline. He also requested financial updates on the projects.

B. Search Committee Updates - The Superintendent reported there are three search committees, for the Superintendent, Assistant Principal at Community and Truant Officer. He has a final interview to conduct for Truant Officer. He noted the difficulty in finding an assistant principal on a half-time basis.

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VII. New Business

A. Non-renewals - The Superintendent reported non-renewals must be completed by March first. They are looking at finances and enrollments. He noted he hand delivers the non-renewal letters individually. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the following non-renewals for the 2005-2006 school year:

Dianne Arzoomanian Leanne Paquet

Rebecca Tropea Donald Lareau

Kerri Ayo Lori Beauregard

Jenifer DiGiorgio Mary Ellen Rossi

Candace Lawson Crystal Trudeau

Elizabeth Shields Daniel Pedro

Tanya Bissonnette Gerald Dion

B. 2005-2006 Budget - The Superintendent reported there were several million dollars cut from the budget. To fund the budget with the literacy set aside, he is requesting an increase of 5.5 million dollars for \$50,622,746. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-2 TO APPROVE sending the 2005-2006 budget of \$50,622,746 to the town, with Mr. Thibodeau and Mr. Neves voting against.

VIII. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Personnel Recommendations - None.

B. General Comments - The Superintendent announced JH Lynch has established two scholarships for CHS graduating seniors furthering their education in a construction related field; \$5,000 for a student entering a four year program and \$2,500 for a student entering a two year program. Information is available in the Guidance Office. The second building committee dealing with elementary school renovations has been established and will be meeting next week with architectural services for windows and doors at Ashton and Cumberland Hill. There was a career fair at CHS last week and Mr. Nasif was impressed by the number of companies and number of students who attended.

Dr. Morelle reported on the new teacher induction. They met with the building coordinators and mentors and new teachers hired since September. The Superintendent reported kindergarten registration will be held Tuesday, March 8th, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Wednesday, March 9th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church hall.

IX. Comments from the Public - None.

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X. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported there will be an Honors breakfast at North Cumberland Middle School. Students will be taking a national French test at Hendriken next Saturday. Mr. DaCosta thanked the McNulty family for their donation to Garvin School. Ms. Teel reported Community will be hosting School Report Night on March 1st. Mr. Neves reported March 2nd will be Reading Night at most elementary schools.

XI. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Action Items Referred to in GLRI 42-46-5

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1)

1. CTA/ICSE

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

1. CTA/ICSE

Executive Session was not needed.

XII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, Open session was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary