

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JUNE 23, 2005

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at the B.F. Norton School, 364 Broad Street, was called to order by Chairman Paul Neves at 7:32 PM, with the following present:

Paul Neves, Chair, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk, Rosa Crowley, 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: Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair

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

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE amending the agenda by moving IX. New Business/Student Presentation to follow the Defibrillator Donation. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the amended agenda, with Mr. DaCosta not having arrived.

III. Chairperson's Report - None.

IV. Defibrillator Donation - The Superintendent reported that a citizen of Cumberland, John Johnson, was donating a defibrillator to the school department. Mr. Johnson explained he grew up on Cumberland and got a great education and this was his way of saying thank you.

Mr. DaCosta's arrival is noted at 7:37 p.m.

V. New Business

A. Student Presentation - Mr. Kenworthy and Mr. Pires made a power point presentation on North Cumberland Middle School. They reviewed the demographics and highlighted the student activities, including athletics, clubs and the New England Math League.

VI. Comments from the Public - None.

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VII. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Curriculum Committee - Ms. Teel reported there weren't enough members in attendance and the meeting will be rescheduled.

B. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Bills - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the payment of bills in the amount of \$870,240.42.

2. Award of Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the bid by O'Sullivan Flooring of Quincy, MA, for wood floor refinishing, not to exceed the amount of \$10,500.

b. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the bid by various vendors for athletic supplies, not to exceed \$2,435.

c. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the bid for computer print supplies to various bidders, not to exceed \$24,269.26.

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported there hadn't been a quorum at the last CHS2010 meeting. The advance stages of construction were to begin today since there will be no students in the building. The small part of the curtain wall should be nearly installed by August 12th, with the majority installed in late October. They are working with Mr. Driscoll to reassign some of the classrooms in September. The lavs should be completed by the end of August. The Chair requested that Mr. Steel and Mr. DePasquale

attend the next school committee meeting.

C. Search Committee Update - The Superintendent reported the search of a Director of Building & Grounds has ended and he will try to finalize an agreement. Mr. Rotella reported the search committee for Community School has been established and will be scheduling interviews for June 30th. The application period for the Assistant Superintendent position has closed.

D. School Safety - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE tabling.

E. 2005-2006 Budget - The Superintendent reported that Monday they should know if there will be some relief from the required contribution to the pension fund. He requested scheduling another budget hearing Monday, June 27th.

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IX. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following

- 1. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was**

VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Tricia Bursell, Special Education Teacher at Cumberland Middle School, effective June 3, 2005. The Superintendent thanked her for her years of service.

2. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was **VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE** the resignation of Roland Nipps, English Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year.

3. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was **VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE** the appointment of Kathleen DiModica, Science Department Chairperson at Cumberland High School (budgeted). The Committee congratulated Ms. DiModica.

3. On a motion by Mr. Wood and Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was **VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE** the appointment of Manuel Rodrigues, Night Custodian at Cumberland Hill School, effective June 24, 2005 (budgeted, 1.0 FTE, Step n/a, Advance Lane n/a, 10% Copay).

B. Recall - Mr. DaCosta made a motion to approve the recall of Tanya Bissonnette, CTA Job Pool effective June 24, 2005. Ms. Crowley provided a second.

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Crowley provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was **VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE** the motion. The meeting recessed at 8:14 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was **VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE** sealing the Executive Session minutes.

It was VOTED 5-1 TO APPROVE the recall of Tanya Bissonnette, CTA Job Pool, effective June 24, 2005, with Mr. Neves voting against.

C. General Comments - The Superintendent reported the First Class communication system kicked off today as well as training for the staff. Garvin School will be providing recognition for Sandy Egan, who recently passed away, by developing a reading corner in her name, as well as placing a park bench in the front of the school. On a personal note Mr. Nasif thanked his wife for allowing him to serve in the Cumberland School Department and everyone for the recognition. He commented on Dr. Morelle becoming the next Superintendent.

X. Comments from the Public - Dr. Morelle thanked Mr. Nasif and recognized Mrs. Nasif as well.

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XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported Cumberland Hill 4th and 5th graders put on the play, Aladin. He thanked Nasif and wished him well. Ms. Teel reported a successful field day and thanked Ms. Wooten, as well as the North Cumberland Fire Department for serving over a thousand hot dogs.

She also thanked Mr. Nasif. Mr. Thibodeau noted Mr. Nasif's ability to keep an even keel and thought that he had assembled a wonderful team to move ahead. Mr. DaCosta reported Garvin School finished their year with a field day and thanked GOSH for their festivities.

He thanked Mr. Nasif for his service and dedication to the school department. Mr. Neves thanked Mr. Nasif for his loyalty and presented Mrs. Nasif with flowers.

XII. Vote to get 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

2. Central Administrators' Salaries

3. Non-Contractual Salaries

No additional executive session was necessary.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary