

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 13, 2005

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, October 13, 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: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

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

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE sealing the 6:30 p.m. Executive Session minutes.

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by the whole committee, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the

agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - None.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Rules and Regulations - Mr. DaCosta asked committee members to review the Field Trip policy.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session: 8/25/05, 9/08/05

2. Executive Session: 9/8/05

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE amending the minutes of August 25, 2005 Open Session minutes with corrections to the spelling of the names of Jessica Galla, Samath Ok, Donna Reinalda.

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C. Maintenance Report

D. Enrollments Reports

E. Personnel Recommendations

A. Resignation of Carol Mancinelli, Business Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 10/7/2005.

B. Maternity Leave of Laurie Bollin, Math Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 10/24/2005-1/27/2006.

C. Appointment of Melissa English, .4 ESL/.4 Spanish Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 9/6/2005 (FTE: 0.8, Step 1, no Advanced Lane, 10% Copay, Budgeted)

D. Appointment of Kristin Traham, Business Education Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 9/24/2005 (FTE: 1.0, Step 1 - Prorated, no Advanced Lane; 10% Copay, Budgeted). One year position.

On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the amended Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of Roberta Fidalgo, Speech Language Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 9/16/2005 (FTE: 0.4, Step 12, Advanced Lane Masters, 10% Co-pay, Budgeted). The Superintendent noted the position was a cost savings due to the teacher working only two days.

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent reported the CHS2010 Building Committee is developing an RFP for an architect and a construction manager under the bond that was recently

passed. They also have directed Mr. Barrett and herself to convene the Technology Advisory Board for the development of the infrastructure. Mr. Wood reported the 3.5 Building Committee is looking at future projects at the elementary schools and will be going out to bid for architect services to see what can be done with the money available. He noted there is a sample window in the Superintendent's conference room.

B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported they will begin to look for an Assistant Superintendent. They have also advertised for some hard to fill areas. He reported retirees have been approached with a negative response to the \$100/day stipend. The Chair requested this be referred to an Executive Session for further discussion.

C. District Strategic Plan - The Superintendent reported the committee has a planning sheet to select approximately 25 people who meet the criteria. She is looking for a balance of people with skill sets including people with technology, curriculum and service learning.

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The Chair declared a recess at 7:56 p.m. The Vice Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

with the absence of the Chair and Mr. DaCosta.

VIII. New Business

A. New England Common Assessment Program - The Superintendent reported on the new grade level expectations and the testing is now taking place in the fall for NECAP at grades 3 through 8 in RI, NH and VT and GLEs for grades 2 through 7. The results should be available in January or February. She commended everyone for their hard work on these.

B. RIDE School Support System - Ms. Moore reported this is similar to the SALT visits, but district wide. Members of the Department of Education will be here to look at all the Special Education programs and services November 14th through 18th. They will report back in December, with a full report in January. She noted the report will be available on the RIDE web site.

C. Use of Facilities Policy - 1st Reading - The Chair noted Mr. DaCosta had requested tabling until the next meeting; there were no objections.

IX. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent noted she is looking for a specific name for the Strategic Planning. She reported they are considering participation in the RI Scholars Program to motivate students to complete more rigorous classes and would like to make a presentation at a future meeting. Dr. Morelle reported they have received grant funding from the American Revolution Collaborative. The amount is to be shared with East Providence and Cranston.

X. Comments from the Public - None.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported Cumberland Hill PTO will hold a Harvest Dance on October 28th, a holiday bazaar on November 5 and two book fairs. He noted the playground committee is still raising funds. Ms. Teel thanked everyone for passing the Phase III bond. Mr. Thibodeau asked the Superintendent to inventory the condition of the American flags in all the classrooms.

XII. 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

Mr. Thibodeau made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the motion, with Mr. Neves and Mr. DaCosta off the dias.

Open Session recessed at 8:27 p.m.

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Open Session reconvened at 8:48 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood,

and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE adjourning at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary