

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 15, 2005

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:35 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:

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

Rosa Crowley, Linda Teel, Earl T. Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Absent: Robert C. Thibodeau

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

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 VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the agenda.

III. Chairperson's Report - The Chairman recognized students who participated in fall sports at Cumberland High School. He commended Dr. Morelle and the staff for their handling of Friday's snow storm. He also commended the Superintendent for her work in the past six months.

IV. Comments from the Public - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee

1. Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,313,462.83.

2. Beacon Charter School

a. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the budget transfers as identified:

Increase Revenue - Additional State Aid (provided for Beacon Charger School cost) \$7,805

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Increase Appropriation: Other Tuitions

10-999-10699-99-00-3720 7,805

Transfer From: Business Office Computers

10-008-42730-99-00-5426 5,200

Telephone 10-007-41748-99-00-3402 2,000

Unemployment 10-999-99999-99-00-2901 5,416

Transfer To: Other Tuitions 10-999-10600-99-00-3720 12,616

b. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 4-1 TO APPROVE payment to Beacon Charter School for first and second quarter in the amount of \$20,421, with Mr. DaCosta voting against. The Superintendent stated they will continue to seek assistance, noting the state did not take into consideration the impact their decision would have on public schools.

Ms. Teel's arrival is noted at 7:43 p.m.

3. Bids

a. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the engineering/architectural fees for Edwards and Kelcey to expand the current review of fire code violations to include North Cumberland Middle and Community

Schools, not to exceed \$13,150

b. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of textbooks from Scholastic, Inc. for elementary school classroom libraries. (Funded primarily from Assistant Superintendent's budget and some from the school's budget), not to exceed \$9,330.15

c. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the replacement of parking lot lights at North Cumberland Middle School to SJV Electric Inc. of East Providence, not to exceed \$13,807.

VI. Consent Agenda

B. Police Report

C. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Open Session: October 27; November 10, 2005**
- 2. Executive Session: October 27, 2005**
- 3. Special Session: November 28, 2005**
- 4. Property Sub-committee: October 24, 2005**

D. Maintenance Report

E. Enrollments Report

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F. Personnel Recommendations

Retirements

Janice Plasse, Grade 5 Teacher at Community School, effective 6/30/2006

Marlene Renfrew, Grade 1 Teacher at JJM Cumberland Hill Annex, effective 11/23/2005

Marilyn George, Grade 3 Teacher at JJM Cumberland Hill Elementary, effective 6/30/2006

Resignations

Colleen Matta, Crossing Guard at B.F. Norton School, effective 11/23/2005

Michael Pariseau, Basketball Coach at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 11/16/2005

Anne Ziniti, Head Coach for Field Hockey at Cumberland High School, effective 11/7/2005

Leaves of Absence

Lisa St. Angelo, Guidance Counselor at McCourt Middle School, effective 2/14/2006 to 5/16/2006

Kimberly Hatch, Speech Language Teacher at Ashton School, effective

3/1/2006 to 5/31/2006

On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the consent agenda, with corrections to the spelling of Mr. DaCosta's name in the November 10th and October 24th minutes.

VII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - Mr. Wood reported the 3.5 Building Committee met with Edwards and Kelcey regarding drafting an RFP and going out to bid for windows and doors. The Superintendent reported meeting with the Cumberland Hill Fire Marshal and RGB on the fire code violations at the High School. They are sending out an RFP for a construction manager and an architect. They will continue looking at whether or not to install a fire suppression system Monday night.

B. Search Committee Update - They will be advertising for a principal for B.F. Norton and an Assistant Superintendent most likely in January.

VIII. New Business

A. 2006-2007 Budget Planning Process - The Superintendent explained the public part of the budget process starts in February through July. She will be working with central office administrators and the building principals. They will be identifying strengths linked to the strategic plan and the school improvement plan. One of her commitments is to make this process more inclusive and this year they will target the school improvement teams as one of their

audiences.

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B. Home School Instruction Request - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the request for home school instruction.

IX. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent commented on the school cancellation issue and noted there are "five C's" in deciding whether to cancel school or call a one hour delay: Consultation, coordination, conditions, care for safety of students and consideration for employees. She noted there were changes in the weather conditions on Friday that occurred later in the day.

X. Comments from the Public - None.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports - Mr. Wood reminded the committee of the two showings of A Christmas Carol at JJM Cumberland Hill School. They will be selling Christmas photos.

Ms. Teel reported Community's Holiday Bazaar was last weekend. She thanked the teachers and families who adopted other families through the school year. Mr. Costa reported the Special Education Advisory Board meeting was well attended. The next meeting will be January 10th. Mr. Neves noted the music program with chorus and band at the High School was well attended. He wished a safe, happy and prosperous holiday to the staff, students, administration, support staff and all workers.

XII. Voted 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**
- 2. Administrative Salaries**
- 3. Non-Contractual Salaries**

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

- 1. CTA/ICSE**

Mr. Costa 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 adjourning Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

Open Session was reconvened at 8:41 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

XIII. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr.

**DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning Open Session at
8:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary