

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 12, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 6:30 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. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTED 6-1 TO APPROVE the agenda, with Ms. Crowley tardy.

II. 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

Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr.

Costa provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion, with Ms. Crowley tardy.

Open Session reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with Ms. Teel absent. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.

III. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Cumberland Boy Scout Troop #1.

IV. Chairperson's Report - Mr. Neves introduced the Troop Master who reported that Troop #1 was working on their Citizenship in the Community and Communication badges. The Chair read a letter from the RI Interscholastic League declaring Cumberland High School the Division II Super Bowl Champions because of a discrepancy in Tollman High School's football team. He hoped the football team could attend the next school committee meeting.

V. Comments from the Public - None.

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VI. Reports of Standing Committees - None.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session 12/15/05

C. Maintenance Report

D. Enrollment Report

E. Personnel Recommendations

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE removing Personnel Recommendations from the Consent Agenda.

On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda.

E. Personnel Recommendations

1. Appointments - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta and Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the following appointments:

a. Donna Lomax, Advisor of Wrestling Cheerleaders at Cumberland High School, effective 1/12/2006 (budgeted) for the 2005-2006 Wrestling Season.

b. Michael J. Aceto, Boys' Basketball Coach at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 12/14/2005 (Budgeted) for the 2005-2006 Basketball Season.

2. Resignations

a. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Diane P. Garvey,

Mathematics Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 1/05/2006.

b. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of Stephen Cardoso, JV Baseball Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 12/14/2005 and the resignation of Jerry Bonner, Assistant Girls' Indoor Track Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 11/21/2005.

3. Leaves of Absence

a. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Maternity FMLA of Jennifer Daniels, Special Education Teacher at Community School, effective 2/27/2006 to 6/05/2006.

b. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Maternity FMLA of Melissa R. English, .4 ESL/.4 Spanish Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 1/16/2006 to 3/10/2006.

c. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the extension of sick leave originally approved on October 13, 2005 of Laurie A. Bollin, Mathematics Teacher at Cumberland High School, said extension being unpaid, effective 1/30/2006 to 3/31/2006.

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d. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Medical Leave of Carolyn B. Kelly, RN,

School Nurse/Teacher at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 12/14/2005 to 2/08/2006.

e. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the FMLA of Maria Pais, Grade 4 Teacher at JJM Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective 12/15/2005 to 1/20/2006.

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - Mr. Wood reported the 3.5 Building Committee met last night and is looking to get a matching \$300,000 grant for Tucker Field Phase II. The bids for windows and doors for Ashton and Cumberland Hill will be opened Tuesday and a shortlist prepared for interviews. The committee hopes to have a recommendation for the next School Committee meeting. The Superintendent reported the technology portion is approximately 1.8 million for network infrastructure across the district and the allocation from the bond is \$930,000 for hardware and classroom materials. The Chair noted he has attended the last two CHS2010 Building Committee meetings and the committee is moving forward on the fire code issue.

B. Search Committee Update - The Superintendent reported an ad has been placed for the elementary principal at B.F. Norton and they have had positive feedback from the staff at B.F. Norton that the ad reflected the educational leader they are looking for. It will run again. The ad for Assistant Superintendent was also in the paper. Dr. Morelle noted her work in making it an attractive position. There isn't

a screening committee in place to date.

IX. New Business

A. 2006-2007 Budget Timeline - The Superintendent reviewed the Budget Timelines for the budget process. She noted February 11th is a Saturday, and if that isn't convenient she will review other dates with the Chairman.

B. 2006-2007 School Calendar - The Superintendent explained the draft calendar in the event that the construction schedule might impact the opening of school. It proposes a traditional opening prior to labor day, but there is the consideration of delaying the opening a week as well as scheduling a professional day for election day, November 7th. The contract allows for one full or two half professional days. The Chair asked if professional days could be a day or two before school begins. She noted the CTA has not yet been contacted. The Superintendent will continue reviewing suggestions.

C. District Strategic Planning - The Superintendent noted the packet is informational on what is required by the Department of Education. The Chair will forward any names of committee members who will be on the planning committee.

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X. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent noted her appreciation of comments on the Assistant Superintendent's position.

She reported she will be meeting with PTO presidents on the use of facilities policy. She has approved 40 out of 40 applications and has one inter-agency agreement. She has spoken to Mr. DaCosta about scheduling a Rules and Regulations Committee meeting to go over this.

XI. Comments from the Public - None.

XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported the robotics team from JJM Cumberland Hill will be participating in a competition at Roger Williams University this weekend. He noted the 8th grade students left North Cumberland Middle School for Quebec.

XIII. 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)

2. CTA/ICSE

No additional Executive Session was necessary.

XIV. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary