

# **"UNAPPROVED" MINUTES**

## **CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 9, 2006**

### **MINUTES**

**The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Chairman Paul Neves, with the following present:**

**Paul Neves, Chairman, Arthur DaCosta, Clerk, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau,  
Earl T. Wood**

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

**Tardy: Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair**

**Absent: Rose Crowley**

**I. 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. ICSE**

**Mr. DaCosta made a motion to recess to Executive Session. Mr.**

**Thibodeau provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session was recessed at 7:01 p.m.**

**Open Session reconvened at 7:40 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes, with Mr. Costa recused.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by committee members.**

**III. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the agenda.**

**IV. Chairpersons' Report - None.**

**V. Comments from the Public - None.**

**VI. Reports of Standing Committees**

**A. Personnel Committee - Mr. Thibodeau reported meeting tonight to discuss job descriptions. There were no changes and no votes.**

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**VII. Consent Agenda - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel and Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the Consent Agenda, without the Personnel Recommendations.**

**A. Police Report**

**B. Truancy Report**

**C. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Open Session: 1/26/06, 2/9/06, 2/23/06**

**2. Executive Session: 2/9/06, 2/23/06**

**3. Budget Hearing: 2/11/06, 2/16/06**

**D. Facilities Report**

**E. Enrollment Report**

**F. 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 following resignations:**

**a. Jaime Austin, Special Educator at B.F. Norton School, effective 3/10/2006.**

**b. Kimberly McDonald, Speech/Language Pathologist at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2006**

**c. David Sherman, Wrestling Coach at McCourt Middle School, effective 2/18/2006.**

**2. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the following appointments:**

**a. Steven Kelly, Girls LaCrosse Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 3/10/2006 (FTE: n/a, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Co-pay: n/a budgeted).**

**b. Matthew Allen, Boys' Lacrosse Co-Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 3/10/2006 (FTE: n/a, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Co-pay: n/a budgeted).**

**c. Paul Mazziotti, Boys' Lacrosse Co-Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 3/10/2006 (FTE: n/a, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Co-pay: n/a budgeted).**

## **VIII. Old Business**

**A. Building Committee Update - The Superintendent stated she would reserve comments on CHS2010 to New Business. Mr. Wood reported that the 3.5 Building Committee met last night. Shop drawings for windows and doors have been submitted for Ashton and shop drawings for Cumberland Hill should be arriving Monday. He reported six architectural firms participated in the walk through at Ashton and Cumberland Hill. The committee will be meeting on the 25th to review proposals and will be holding interviews on the 29th. A special meeting of the School Committee will be needed on April 3rd at 5:30 in order to have a proposal for the Town Council meeting on April 5th. Yard Works will be back in the spring on drainage issues at Tucker Field.**

**B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported he will be contacting the seven members of the screening committee and begin interviews next week for the position at B.F. Norton.**

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He noted the delay due to the budget process. The search committee for Assistant Superintendent should be up and running this week. The Superintendent reported they knew who representatives would be from ICSE and CTA for the Assistant Superintendent's search committee and they have been discussing who would be available from the SIT teams. She noted that teachers at B.F. Norton have been busy with the up-coming SALT visit. Mr. Draper will be available through March and possibly through the school year.

## **IX. New Business**

**A. B.F. Norton SALT Visit -** The Superintendent reported on behalf of B.F. Norton and shared a binder of their self-study with committee members. The visit began this past Monday and there was shadowing of students; Tuesday team members met with members of the SIT. Wednesday they interviewed members of administration. The report will be out on Thursday.

**B. Release of NECAP Results -** The Superintendent reported the 2005 NECAP test results for grades three through eight are becoming available. They have received passwords to download raw data and they have been working hard to understand the data and identify their strengths and areas of need to allocate resources

**C. CHS2010 Phase I, II, III Necessity of Construction Application for Housing Aid -** The Superintendent explained the housing aid application was sent to the Department of Education to be reviewed by the Board of Regents. A vote of approval of what was done in

**Phase I and II, and what is proposed in Phase III is required. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the CHS2010 Phase I, II, III Necessity of Construction Application for Housing Aid. It will be resubmitted to RIDE.**

**D. Policy Regarding Posting of School Committee Minutes - Mr. Rotella reported on the Attorney General's opinion on a complaint by a member of the public and the committee needs to be responsive to the open meeting laws. The minutes need to be available 35 days after a meeting or by the next scheduled meeting of the committee. Unofficial minutes can be made available. He recommended the Rules and Regulations subcommittee review this for a policy.**

**X. Superintendent's Report - The Superintendent reported there was a celebration today for the service learning team that organized a grass routes organization, Save Our Schools, at Cumberland High School to pass the bond. Sixty-five students and three teachers were honored. Dr. Morelle reported that as a result of meeting with Student Government members she and Mr. Barrett contacted RINET. A consultant was sent in for the data conversion and a systems error was found in the conversion and the problem has been solved.**

**XI. Comments from the Public - None.**

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**XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Thibodeau commented on the students' complaints about the lockers not having locks and the problems with smoking in the High School. Mr. DaCosta commented about My Space.com. The Superintendent noted that web site is not available in the schools; it had been blocked in September because the librarian at the High School felt it was not a good use of students' time. She noted she has encouraged a number of administrators to attend a workshop with the Attorney General given by the North Smithfield Substance Abuse Task Force. There will also be a presentation at Community School the first Tuesday in April on the subject. Ms. Teel thanked three teachers for presenting a Science Notebook overview. She reported there will be a Las Vegas night at the Providence Marriott, March 24th , as a fund raiser. Mr. Wood noted he has spoken to Mr. Hilton about the lockers and is including that on a Property Committee agenda. The Superintendent also noted she does have a report from Mr. Driscoll about the larcenies and she has spoken to him about the smoking issue and he will be coming up with a plan and the School Committee will be given a full report. Mr. Wood also reported JJM Cumberland Hill fathers/sons will be attending a P-Bruins game Friday night and mothers/daughters will be bowling on Sunday.**

**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)**

**1. CTA/ICSE**

**2. Central Administrators' Contracts**

**3. Non-Contractual Salaries**

**Mr. DaCosta made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

**Open Session reconvened at 9:21 p.m. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE sealing the Executive Session minutes.**

**XIV. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 9:22 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Shirley Harris**

**Recording Secretary**

**Subject to approval by the School Committee**