

# **CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 27, 2006**

## **MINUTES**

**The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, April 27, 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, Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Arthur DaCosta, 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. 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. Wood provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session recessed at 7:01 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 7:35 p.m.**

**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. Crowley, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the agenda.**

**IV. Chairperson's Report - None.**

**V. Comments from the Public**

**A. Public Comments - None.**

**B. Student Government Report - None**

**VI. Reports of Standing Committees**

**A. Property Committee - Mr. Wood reported on the summer work at the High School, starting with the retrofit of the gym. Because of all the construction the campus will be closed and it was decided to take this opportunity to work on the pool. The projects were put together by Mr. Hilton and Mr. Calvert. Mr. Hilton has contacted a vendor to look at the hardware for the lockers. The boiler contracts for maintenance will be opened on May 11th. Carpet cleaning, glass repair and trash removal bids will be opened on May 12th. Mr. Wood noted that KBA is looking at the problem with the elevator at North Cumberland Middle School.**

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**B. Personnel Committee - Mr. Thibodeau reported the personnel committee met on the receptionist job. There as a sense of urgency because the Business Manager was looking to have someone on board. The revised job description includes being responsible for workers comp claim processing and posting the OSHA required worker compensation report. The ICSE job pool will be after the next meeting. On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE tabling until the next meeting.**

### **C. Finance Committee**

**1. Payment of Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Mr. Wood and Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,136,422.07.**

**2. Purchase - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Crowley and Mr. DaCosta, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the purchase of level reading books from the Reading Closet at B.F. Norton, not to exceed \$7,049.90.**

**3. Activities Accounts - Mr. Wood reported the property committee will contact owners of the student activities accounts to see if there is interest in donating to Phase III at the High School, possibly by adopting a hall or something similar.**

## **VII. Consent of Agenda**

**A. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following:**

1. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Mr. DaCosta, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE** the Parental Leave of Absence for Dristin Polseno, English Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective for the 2006-2007 school year (budgeted).

2. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE** the job share of Leslee Deslauriers, Grade 3 Teacher, at Cumberland Hill School with Tracie Drolet, effective for the 2006-2007 school year (budgeted).

3. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE** the job share of Margaret Ratcliffe, Grade 2 Teacher at Community School with Andrea Freidlan, at Community School, effective for the 2006-2007 school year (budgeted).

## **VIII. Old Business**

**A. Building Committee Update - Mr. Wood reported the 3.5 Building Committee met and reviewed the punch list for Tucker Field with Yard Works. They will be re-seeding around the track and turning the sprinklers on. Regarding windows and doors, all shop drawings are at Lockheed. The windows will be arriving at Ashton on June 6th. KBA is setting up meetings with teachers at JJM/Cumberland Hill and Ashton. Madison Engineering has been hired to design the plumbing for the concession stand bathrooms. The Chair requested a copy of the financial report for Phase II.**

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**B. Search Committee Update - Mr. Rotella reported he is waiting for a phone call from a third candidate for Assistant Superintendent and will be making a recommendation to the Superintendent for her to interview. The interviews for B.F. Norton Principal will be taking place tomorrow and next Wednesday. A search committee will then be set up for the Assistant Principals at the High School. Mr. Rotella also reported on attending the RICE job fair. Also attending were Ms. Moore, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Pires, Ms. Reinalda and two clerical staff members. They interviewed approximately 90 candidates and took additional applications.**

**C. Key Policy - Second Reading - Mr. DaCosta performed the second reading of the Key Policy. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley and Ms. Teel, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the policy.**

## **IX. New Business**

**A. Approval of School Committee Calendar - 2006-2007 - The Superintendent pointed out the start date of August 30th for students.**

**With the swing space at the High School the entire school will be active at any time. She surveyed the RI Collaborative and all but Pawtucket will be starting August 30th. The business office also indicated it would throw payroll off if school starts other than the 30th. The last day of school for seniors will be May 30th. This will be the last school year seniors complete 171 instructional days; after**

next year they will have to complete 180 days. Graduation would be scheduled for Monday, June 11th. Dr. Morelle explained that the calendar was always based on 171 days for seniors, it was just never noted. On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE** the 2006-2007 calendar as presented by the Superintendent.

**B. Open Meetings Policy - First Reading - Mr. DaCosta performed the first reading of the Open Meetings Policy.**

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

**XI. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Morelle reported she was at the Board of Regents today and two asset and development projects were approved for the Ashton and Cumberland Hill Schools and Phase III housing aid reimbursement. She congratulated Mr. Barrett and Mr. Vergenes for putting in a computer lab upgrade at McCourt Middle School. Tuesday night was the Strategic Plan workshop with parents, community members, teachers and administrators. They will be meeting again Saturday. The Superintendent complimented the Alternative Learning Program at the High School for completing an auto safety public service announcement. It is a 30 second PSA in honor of Jacob Smith. They are hoping to get the attention of the Governor's Commission on Highway Safety. Dr. Morelle commented on Lorraine Hynes' announcement that she would not be running for re-election to Town Council and that she will be missed.**

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**XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported the students from the French classes at the High School and middle schools took the National Language Exam. Cumberland students placed, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 9th and 10th. He asked if they could be recognized at a future meeting.**

**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)**

**B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)**

**1. CTA/ICSE**

**2. Central Administrators' Contracts**

**3. Non-Contractual Salaries**

**Executive Session was not needed.**

**XIV. Adjournment - On a motion by Mr. DaCosta, and a second by Mr. Costa, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE adjourning at 8:37 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Shirley Harris**

**Recording Secretary**

**Subject to approval by the School Committee**