

Approved Meeting Minutes - 7/13/06

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JUNE 22, 2006

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, June 22, 2006 at the Administrative Office/Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, was called to order at 7:30 PM, by Vice Chairman Donald J. Costa, with the following present:

Donald J. Costa, Vice Chair, Linda Teel, Robert C. Thibodeau, Earl T. Wood

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

Absent: Arthur DaCosta, Clerk Tardy: Paul Neves, Chairman, Rosa Crowley

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

II. Approval of Agenda - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 4-0 TO APPROVE the agenda, without Ms.

Crowley and Mr. Neves.

Ms. Crowley's arrival is noted at 7:34 p.m.

III. Chairperson's Report - Mr. Costa commented on the number of years the retirees have been teaching. Dr. Morelle stated many have been her colleagues and she wished them health and good luck. The Superintendent read the following list of retirees, presented certificates to those present and the committee offered congratulations:

Lidia Araujo	Martha Aurelio	Frank Bielecki
Regina Blais	Emily Cooney	Eni Desmond
Marilyn George	Pamela Gibbs	Diane Hardy
Joyce Hindle-Koutsogiane	Doreen Howe	Kathleen Kenwood
Howard Lancaster	Lynda Martin	Olivia Neves
Ron Noble	Janice Plasse	Janet Querceto
Marlene Renfrew	Laura Riggs-Mitchell	Susan Rodowicz
Suzanne Rodrigues	Elaine Rowan	Kenneth Ruschetta

IV. Comments from the Public

A. Public Comments - None.

V. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Finance Committee

1. Payment of Invoices - On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second

by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the payment of invoices in the amount of \$932,693.55.

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2. Award of Bids

a. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for replacement of the compressor for the pool wing of CHS to Arden Engineering, Pawtucket, RI, not to exceed \$11,121, without Mr. Neves.

b. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for dishwashers for various schools to Jacob Licht Division of M. Tucker Co., Inc., Providence, RI, not to exceed \$84,630, without Mr. Neves.

c. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE awarding the bid for custodial supplies to various vendors not to exceed \$41,564.72, without Mr. Neves.

d. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the purchase of textbooks in the amount of \$181,073.45, as follows, without Mr. Neves:

Middle School Math, Glencoe/McGraw Hill	\$74,236.50
Middle School Social Studies, Prentice Hall	57,362.50
CHS, Glencoe/McGraw Hill	10,197.00
CHS, Prentice Hall	39,177.45

The Superintendent explained that this was approved in the finance

committee meeting subject to the approval of the curriculum standing committee. She will be making a presentation to the curriculum standing committee.

VI. Consent Agenda

B. Personnel Recommendations - The Superintendent presented the following:

1. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Paula Maloney, Principal at B.F. Norton School, effective 7/1/2006, (FTE:1.0, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Copay: 20%, budgeted), without Mr. Neves.

2. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Scott Fuller, Assistant Principal, at Cumberland High School, effective 7/1/2006 (FTE: 1.0, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Copay: 20%, budgeted), without Mr. Neves.

3. On a motion by Ms. Crowley, and a second by Ms. Teel and Mr. Thibodeau, it was VOTE 5-0 TO APPROVE the appointment of Brien Keller, Assistant Principal, at Cumberland High School, effective 7/1/2006 (FTE: 1.0, Step: n/a, Advanced Lane: n/a, Copay: 20%, budgeted), without Mr. Neves. The Superintendent introduced the three appointees.

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4. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Mr. Wood and Ms. Teel, it was VOTED TO APPROVE the appointment of Karen Sullivan, Varsity Field Hockey Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/1/2006 (Copay: n/a/, budgeted), without Mr. Neves.

5. On a motion by Mr. Thibodeau, and a second by Ms. Teel and Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of T. Tim Walsh, Assistant Principal, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 6/30/2006.

6. On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE the resignation of the following:

a. Adam Gilbert, Asst. Boys' Ice Hockey Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 6/12/2006.

b. Matthew Allen, Boys' Lacrosse Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 6/6/2006.

c. Jerred Dean, Freshman Baseball Coach at Cumberland High School, effective 6/12/2006.

On a motion by Mr. Wood, and a second by Ms. Teel, it was VOTED 5-0 TO APPROVE moving New Business/Ashton School "Learning for All" Update to be the next item on the agenda.

VII. New Business

A. Ashton School "Learning for All" Update - Ms. Karbonik reported

they reduced those reading below grade level by 9%. They showed NECAP results for Ashton. Ms. Arzoomanian spoke about AMS and bench marking students three times a year. Ms. Brousseau explained her approach to enrichment with teachers. Ms. Romanello talked about phonological awareness activities and the Ashton Supporting Kids (ASK) problem solving. Ms. Karbonik stated she would like to pilot the program school wide.

Mr. Neves' arrival is noted at 8:30 p.m.

Ms. Karbonik stated they gave parents folders for the summer. The biggest resources needed would be additional books for the library and literacy program. She would be happy to share the folder on the intranet with other schools. The Superintendent complimented them on their inventiveness.

Mr. Costa relinquished the chair to Mr. Neves.

VIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update - Mr. Wood reported the wood floor in the Wellness Center is being varnished and the lockers are in. KBA has provided schematic drawings of the science wing and cafeteria.

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Mr. Wood also reported on the shipment of windows and doors and they will be looking at the cost of the fire codes. They are working on the punch list for Tucker Field.

B. Search Committee Update - The Superintendent reported she hoped to bring a recommendation for Assistant Superintendent to the committee soon. A search committee for the middle level will be put together using the pool of candidates for the principal position.

C. 2006-2007 School Budget Update - The Superintendent explained that she had expected to have a final vote on the budget by now, but they don't have an appropriation from the town. She stated she needs to know what the appropriation will be before coming to the school committee for reconciliation. Dr. Morelle read from the Charter the requirement of two public hearings. She stated she believes the Council is working in the school department's best interest and their actions are courageous. She stated she needed a clear set of facts and felt it would be premature to start making cuts in the budget. As soon as she has the appropriation, she will contact the committee.

D. Recalls - On a motion by Mr. Costa, and a second by Ms. Teel and Ms. Crowley, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE tabling.

IX. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Morelle acknowledged the Ashton presentation, the retirees and appointments to the leadership team. She reported there was a fire in the dumpster coming up the driveway to the High School. It took about an hour to get under control. She noted it brought to their attention again that there is no emergency

egress from the High School.

X. Comments from the Public - None.

XI. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) - Mr. Wood reported on the ceremony to dedicate the playground at JJM/Cumberland Hill School. He recognized the Boys' Baseball team and the Girls' Softball team at North Cumberland Middle School. Mr. Thibodeau commented on the Town Solicitor directing a Town Council member to change a vote and thought she should resign. The Chair commented on the ceremony at B.F. Norton for the volunteer reading program. Mr. Neves announced he would not be seeking re-election after 14 years on the School Committee.

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

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B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2)

7) CTA/ICSE

8) Central Administrators' Contracts

9) Non-Contractual Salaries

Mr. Costa made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Ms. Teel provided a second. On a roll call vote, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE the motion. Open Session recessed at 9:21 p.m. Open Session reconvened at 10:15 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.

XII. Adjournment - On a motion by Ms. Teel, and a second by Mr. Wood, it was VOTED 6-0 TO APPROVE adjourning the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Harris

Recording Secretary

Approved by the School Committee 7/13/06