

Meeting Minutes Approved by School Committee – January 24, 2008

School Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 13, 2007

Present: Wagner, Wood, Costa, Thibodeau, Beaulieu, MacBeth, Dr. Morelle, Joe Rotella

Not present: Crowley

I. Meeting convened at 7:50 by Mr. Costa

II. Pledge of allegiance done by Thibodeau

III. Approval of Agenda vote was 4 to 1

Yes: Thibodeau, Beaulieu, Wood, Costa

No: MacBeth stated that “the meeting was not accessible to handicap people and it was dangerous for the general public attend due to the snow storm.

Wagner not present at this point, Crowley not present at meeting

IV. Chairperson’s Report-there was none

V. Comments from the Public

A. Public Comments-there was none

B. Student Government Report-there was none

VI. Reports of Standing Committees

Beaulieu stated the she will present on the curriculum sub-committee at the next meeting. The committee will work on goals in beginning of the year.

A. Payment of Bills

Wagner reported

1. Payment of invoices motion made by Wagner and there was a

second

by Thibodeau. The vote was 6 to 0 with all in favor

2. Sodexho Report receive and place on file

3. Budget Summary Report receive and place on file

4. Literacy Initiative: Award of bid for literacy initiative

motion made by

MacBeth and 2nd by Beaulieu. All in favor-all

**Motion made by MacBeth to award literacy initiative bid
to Dunn/Hill**

Institute for first year not to exceed \$84,650.

**Dr. Morelle explained that the money is coming from
money that**

would usually be spent on literacy initiative.

All in favor-all

5. Durham Contract Extension

**Motion to take the Durham Contract Extension off the
Table by**

MacBeth and 2nd by Wagner. All in favor-all

**Motion to approve Durham Contract Extension by
Thibodeau and 2nd**

by MacBeth.

**Discussion by Wood regarding savings and then
increase: 0% in 2007, 5.67 next year and 3.75 the last year. Wood also
discussed if state comes out with a state bid we have language that
we can piggyback on that. Wood asked if we can still negotiate if we
need to change # of busses. Alex Prignano stated, "Yes, we did it**

this year.” Three busses. We will have \$180,000 saving then we projected.

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Dr. Morelle discussed 3-year analysis and said if committee would like report she would go back and get it to committee at end of January

All in Favor-all

6. Special Education Evaluation Phase II

Motion to approve Special Education Evaluation Phase II not to exceed \$23,000 made by Wagner and 2nd by Thibodeau.

Discussion: MacBeth voiced concerns about not having any data back from Phase I, that special services has changed to special education and this no longer includes the ESL population, that quantitative methods and district documents is not elaborated on. MacBeth expressed concerns that there are assumption made that there is an over-identification of special education specifically in reading and that programs and services are aligned or go beyond mandates. What if the programs do not meet mandates? MacBeth also voiced that the Parent Advisory Committee does not support Phase II.

Beaulieu asked how many parents attend the PAC meeting. MacBeth stated that attendance varies each month, from ½ dozen to 13 or more depending on the topic.

Costa asked about meeting thus far.

Dr. Morelle said that reports go to her and then a committee will be

put together to view the report with a school committee member on the committee. Dr. Morelle stated that she would like to review what was brought up at tonight's meeting.

Costa asked where the extra \$30,000 was coming from

Dr. Morelle stated "Surplus."

All in Favor: 4 to 2 with Beaulieu, Wood, Thibodeau, Wagner voting yes with Costa and MacBeth voting no.

Cumberland Town Charter; Section 1404-compensation (of School Committee)

Motion for all seven member of next school committee to get \$2400 stipend by Wagner and 2nd by Thibodeau.

Discussion: Joe Rotella stated that it would not be changing charter.

There was discussion about taking Motion back after Wood asked about the change.

Motion to table by Thibodeau and 2nd by Wagner.

All in Favor: 5 to 1 with Thibodeau, Wagner, Costa, Beaulieu, MacBeth voting yes and Wood voting no.

Wagner commented that for November we are in the black with fluctuation among accounts.

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VII. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report-no discussion

B. Truancy Report-no discussion

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Open Session: 11/8/07 Motion by Wood with second by Wagner, All in Favor-All (6 to 0)

D. Facilities Report-no discussion

E. Enrollment Report-no discussion

VIII. Approval on Minutes

A. Executive Session: 11/8/07 Wood stated that on page 25, Douglas Costa should be Donald Costa. Motion to approve by Wagner and 2nd by Thibodeau All in Favor- Costa, Wagner, Wood, Beaulieu, Thibodeau with a recusant by MacBeth.

B. Special Meeting/Executive Session: 11/29/07

Motion to table by Wood and 2nd by Beaulieu. All in favor: all 6 to 0.

IX. Personnel Recommendations

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Thibodeau and Second by Wagner to approve appointment of Tim Carpentier, JV Girls Basketball Coach, Cumberland High School, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective 12/14/2007

All in Favor- All (6 to 0)

Motion by Beaulieu and second by Wood to approve appointment of Christopher Fernandes, Head Coach-Girl's Outdoor Track, at Cumberland High School, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective 12/14/2007

All in Favor-All (6 to 0)

**Motion by Wagner and 2nd by Beaulieu to approve
Appointments-Middle School coordinators for 2007-2008 school year,
effective 12/14/07**

Joseph L. McCourt Middle School

Charlene Luiz, English

Karen Brodeur, Math

Kathleen Jones, Science

Cecile Palumbo, Social Studies

North Cumberland Middle School

Paula Vadenais, English

Bethany Coughlin, Math

Rachel Emery, Science

Conor Geary, Social Students

All in Favor-All (6 to 0)

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**Motion to approve appointment of Lisa Colwell, Director of Special
Education, Cumberland Public Schools, effective 12/14/2007 (per
contract agreement as acting director) by Thibodeau and 2nd by
Wagner. All in favor- All (6 to 0)**

**Motion to approve appointment of Andrew Gibbons, Wrestling coach,
at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 12/14/07 by Wood and
2nd by Beaulieu and Wagner. All in favor-all (6 to 0)**

Resignation

Motion to approve resignation of Julie Letourneau, Girls Basketball Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 11/9/07 by Thibodeau and 2nd by Wood. All in Favor-All (6 to 0)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Motion to approve FMLA Medical Leave of Virginia Zurowski, Special Educator, at Cumberland High School, effective 11/5/2007 with a return to work date of 2/5/2008 by MacBeth with 2nd by Thibodeau. All in favor- all (6 to 0)

Retirement

Motion to approve to change the date of retirement of David Meikle, Physical Education Teacher at Garvin Memorial, from 12/21/2007 to the end of the 2007-2008 school year by Beaulieu and 2nd by Wagner. All in Favor-all (6 to 0).

Motion to approve retirement of Donna Steiner, School Psychologist at Cumberland High School, effective 12/21/2007 by Wagner with 2nd by Beaulieu. All in Favor- all (6 to 0)

X. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update- Wood tabled

XI. New Business

- A. Head Lice Policy**
- B. Medication Policy Revision**
- C. Wellness Policy Revision**
- D. 2008-2009 Budget Planning Process**

Costa tabled all new business and Dr. Morelle stated that it is important to do when public is here.

XII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Morelle reported that due to snow Preschool/Kindergarten stay home and 1 hour early for all High, Middle, Garvin, Ashton, Community, Cumberland Hill. There was a minor accident on Staples with a mini bus with four students on the bus but everyone fine.

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XIII. Comments from the Public

Mr. McLaughlin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. He stated that it will be a challenging year and there needs to be outside the box thinking. He talked about a Christmas concert in East Providence and the separation of church and state and how the history to the song, Silent Night was told. He then told the history of the song, Silent Night.

XIV. School committee Comments

Wood stated that at the next meeting he will talk about the community service grant, books to cd's. He also stated that the freshman football team won the state championship.

Thibodeau thanked the school committee for coming to the meeting for ICSE

MacBeth stated she went to the Special Education Parent Advisory Meeting and the Committee does not support Phase II. MacBeth stated she went to the NCMS parent meeting. She asked for clarification on where the district stands on field trips and that sports continues to be an issue since soccer has now been brought up along with cross-country and lacrosse. MacBeth praised the choruses from McCourt and NCMS that performed at Four Corners Community Chapel.

Costa wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and stated that there would be a feature school every month with recognitions and saying of the Pledge. He talked about the need to revisit all policies and the need for a time line for automatic revue.

Dr. Morelle stated that the CLEF singers will be at the State House Wednesday morning, December 19th and 10:00.

XV. Vote to go into executive session for discussion and/or action B1. CTA/ICSE Motion by Thibodeau and 2nd by Wagner All in favor-all (6 to 0)