

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 8, 2008

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The regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI, at 7:30 p.m., was called to order by Chairman Frederic C. Crowley, with the following present:

Frederick C. Crowley, Chair; Karen MacBeth, Clerk; Lisa Beaulieu; Robert C. Thibodeau; David Wagner; Earl Wood

Also Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent; Susan C. Carney, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent; Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

I. Chairman Convenes Meeting

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Beaulieu to approve the agenda

All in Favor: All

IV. Student Recognition

Destination Imagination Teams

V. Student Government Report

Junior Class President spoke about the upcoming prom, class elections, Honor Society banquet and staff appreciation

VI. Recess

Mr. Costa Arrives

VII. Chairperson's Report

**Letter from Mr. Bruce Calvert regarding the pool condition,
Special meeting for Space Utilization Task Force on May 14th
at 7:30 pm at the CHS Trans. Cafeteria**

VIII. Comments from the Public

IX. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills

**Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Wood
and**

Mr. Costa to approve the payment of bills.

All in Favor: All

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B. Mr. Wood spoke regarding facilities: B.F. Norton School roof to be done this summer/going out to bid. Community/Cumberland Hill

Elementary School bathrooms, locks and keys for high school. Need for three to five year plan by Mr. Hilton/ Dr. Morelle for repairs, updates, upkeep, health, safety & security, fire codes and various schools, enrollment at John J. McLaughlin Elementary School Kindergarten enrollment at 74 students already.

C. Mrs. Beaulieu spoke about continued work in curriculum standing committee and the continued use of Keywords.

D. Mr. Costa spoke about rules and regulation standing committee and continuing work on policy for trip of long duration. Other items will be covered during another portion of this SC meeting.

X. Consent Agenda

A. Police Report

B. Truancy Report

C. Approval of Minutes

1) Open Session: 3/13/08, 3/27/08, 4/10/08

2) Special Meeting: 3/11/08, 3/20/08

3) Unsealing of Executive Minutes: 3/20/08

D. Facilities Report

E. Enrollment Report

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau to hold C1 and C3

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mrs. MacBeth voted no)

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve consent agenda as amended

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Thibodeau, seconded by Mr. Wagner to table executive session minutes of 3/20/08

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mrs. MacBeth voted no)

Same motion was made again:

Motion by Mr. Thibodeau, seconded by Mr. Wagner to table executive session minutes of 3/20/08

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mrs. MacBeth voted no)

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XI. Approval of Minutes

A. Executive Session Minutes: 11/29/07

B. Executive Session Minutes: 2/14/08

Motion by Mr. Thibodeau seconded by Mr. Costa to table executive session minutes of 11/29/07

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mr. Wood voted no)

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wagner to have a recess by unanimous consent

All in Favor: All

Recess

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Beaulieu to remove executive session minutes from 2/14/08 from the table

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Beaulieu to approve executive session minutes for 2/14/08

All in Favor: No vote taken

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau to table the executive session minutes for 2/14/08

All in Favor: 5 to 2 (Mr. Wood and Mrs. MacBeth voted no)

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau to remove the 11/29/07 executive session minutes from the table

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Wood to approve the executive session minutes of 11/29/07

Discussion: Mrs. MacBeth stated concerns regarding the 5 ½ months since the meeting took place and that the minutes were formulated by using someone's notes months later.

Mr. Wagner asked who was present at the meeting and if they felt comfortable with the minutes.

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mrs. MacBeth voted no)

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XII. Personnel Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Costa, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the retirement of Theresa Aragao, Teacher Assistant, at Ashton School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Beaulieu to approve the retirement of Ethel Conway, Teacher Assistant, at Garvin Memorial School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the retirement of Alan Bogossian, Industrial Technical Studies Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Costa, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the retirement of James Borden, Industrial Technical Studies Teacher/Department Chair, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Beaulieu, seconded by Wood to approve the retirement of

Rosemary Crozier, Reading Specialist, at Garvin Memorial School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mrs. Beaulieu, seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the retirement of Donna Ferguson, Guidance Counselor/Department Chair, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Costa, seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the retirement of Deborah Jones, World Language Teacher/Department Chair, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

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Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Beaulieu to approve the retirement of Cheryl Healey, Grade 4 Teacher, at John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Crowley, seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the retirement of Vera Kelaghan, Nurse/Teacher Supervisor, at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: Mrs. Beaulieu, Mr. Crowley, Mrs. MacBeth, Mt. Thibodeau, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Wood

Recused: Mr. Costa

Motion by Beaulieu and Wood, seconded by Wagner to approve the retirement of Suzanne Tellier, Grade 4 Teacher, at Garvin Memorial School, effective 6/30/2008.

All in Favor: Mrs. Beaulieu, Mr. Crowley, Mrs. MacBeth, Mr. Thibodeau, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Wood

Recused: Mr. Costa

XIII. Old Business

A. Building Committee Update

Mr. Wood talked about the completion of the projects at the High School and Ashton

B. Vote to Approve 2008-2009 School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Costa to approve the 2008-2009 School Calendar

All in Favor: 6 to 1 (Mr. Wagner voted no)

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XIV. New Business

A. Emergency Response Planning Team Update – Captain Coin presented

B. Policy on Camera Surveillance Systems – First Reading by Mr. Costa.

C. Use of School Facilities Policy July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009

Correction on page 6 of page, and custodian fee of \$29.86 per hour.

Motion by Mr. Costa, seconded by Mr. Wagner to approve the School Facilities Policy as amended.

All in Favor: All

D. Safety and Security Task Force

“Mr. Thibodeau to run this committee,” stated Crowley.

Mr. Thibodeau accepted this assignment.

E. Strategic Planning Update – (see power point presentation attachment)

XV. Superintendent’s Report

“I would like to state explicitly that there has been no misappropriation of funds in the district travel budget located in the Superintendent’s budget” **Dr. Morelle stated.**

XVI. Comments from the Public

Kathy Richards questioned retirement incentive for 2 members. Dr. Morelle stated that as long as the two members met the April 30th date.”

XVII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mrs. Beaulieu thanked Kelly Lennon and the solo by Jasmine.

Mr. Wagner requested information and discussed travel of various teams.

XVIII. 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

4) Potential Litigation

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Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wood to go into executive session. Discussion: Mrs. MacBeth spoke about having executive session meetings before the school committee meetings so that the committee was not meeting after 10:00 p.m.

All in Favor: 6 to 0 (Mr. Thibodeau had left to take a phone call)

XIX. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wagner to reconvene meeting

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Wagner to seal the executive session minutes of 5/8/08

All in Favor: All

Motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor: All

Minutes reported by Karen MacBeth, Clerk

Minutes Formatted by Cindy Chabot

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