

UNAPPROVED Minutes

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:30PM at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I

Agenda item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donald Costa at 7:40pm.

Members Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Susan C. Carney, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent

Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Agenda item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda item #3: Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Mr. Wood

Second by Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Pedro

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Agenda item #4: Student Government Report

Agenda item #5: Recognition of Achievements

Agenda item #6: Presentation of Student Field Trips from Joseph L.

**McCourt Middle School and
North Cumberland Middle School**

Agenda item #7: Chairperson's Report

Agenda item #8: Comments from the Public

No members of the public requested to speak.

Agenda item #9: Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Open Session minutes of 1/8/09, the Budget Workshop minutes of 1/22/09, and the Special Meeting minutes of 1/27/09 by Mr. Wood

Second by Mr. Kelly and Mrs. Crowley

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Agenda item #10: Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of 1/27/09 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu and Mr. Pedro

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Agenda item #11: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills

Motion to approve register for total \$1,623,623.66 by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (7-0)

B. Discussion and/or Vote on Legal Advertising Costs

Motion to instruct Joseph Rotella to send a letter for an advisory opinion to the Attorney General's office answering if the Valley Breeze, being a WEEKLY and FREE publication, meets the qualifications for advertising under the Open Meetings Act. In addition, the committee seeks clarification of the 48 hour posting rule for supplemental notices of meetings and if weekend hours count towards the 48 hour requirement.

Second by Mr. Pearson

Unanimous approval (7-0)

C. Discussion and/or Vote on Videostreaming

Mr. Kelly reported that the Finance sub-committee discussed the issue and found that in these economic times the committee cannot afford to purchase videostreaming services. No vote was taken on the issue. Mr Kelly noted, however, the committee would resume using the TV service offered by Cox Communications. Mr. Pearson indicated that the school committee meetings can be seen on Cox Channel 18 on Tuesdays at 11AM and Wednesdays at 8PM.

Agenda item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve the appointment of Margret Wharton, Nurse Supervisor, System-Wide, effective 1/26/2009. (Budgeted) by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Crowley

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA maternity leave of Kerri Caplette, Grade 5 Teacher, at John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective 4/6/2009 with a return date of 6/8/2009. (Budgeted) by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro and Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Motion to approve the Catastrophic Leave of Cathleen Cordeiro, Special Educator, at Community School, effective 2/4/2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.(Budgeted) by Mr. Wood

Second by Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Crowley

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Motion to approve the Catastrophic Leave of Kimberly Dorrance, Special Educator, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 1/5/2009 with a return date of 3/11/2009. (Budgeted) by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA Medical Leave of Kelly Hennessey-Liptrot, Guidance Counselor, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 1/5/2009 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year. (Budgeted) by Mrs. Crowley

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Agenda item #13: New Business

A. Vote on Non-Renewals

Mr. Costa stated that out of an abundance of caution he would be recusing himself from voting on the non-renewals of employees. (See attached Conflict of Interest form)

Motion to not renew the employment of the recommended employees (see attached list) for the 2009-2010 school year by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Motion to amend previous motion removing Jamie Benevides, Elizabeth Conley, Paul

Cournoyer, Lindy Iannucci, Brenda Moscarelli, Holly St. Pierre, and Carmela Valcourt

from the list to not be renewed by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro

Approved 5-1 with Mr. Pearson against

Motion to not renew the employment of the recommended employees for the 2009-2010 school year AS AMENDED by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Kelly

Approved 5-1 with Mrs. Crowley against

Motion to not renew the employment of Jamie Benevides, Elizabeth Conley, Paul Cournoyer, Lindy Iannucci, Brenda Moscarelli, Holly St. Pierre, and Carmela Valcourt for the 2009-2010 school year by Mrs. Beaulieu

Second by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Kelly

Approved 5-1 with Mrs. Crowley against

B. Discussion of Cumberland Public Schools Career Job Fair

Agenda item #14: Comments from the Public

Mr. Paul DiModica, Mr. Scott Germadnik, and Mr. James McLaughlin addressed the committee. Members of the committee answered their concerns.

Agenda item #15: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Agenda item #16: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion/Vote of Items Referred to in RIGL 42-46-5: Personnel Matters – Exception (1); Negotiations/Litigation – Exception (2)

The committee did not enter executive session. No Vote Taken

Agenda item #17: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly

Unanimous approval (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at: 9:17 pm

Ryan Pearson, Clerk

Cumberland School Committee