

**Approved 3/12/2009**

## **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**

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**Ryan Pearson, Clerk**

**Cumberland School Committee**