

**APPROVED 5/28/2009**

**Minutes**

**A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, May 14, 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 Vice Chairman Earl Wood at 7:41pm.**

**Members Absent: Donald Costa, District 3\*Arrived at 7:58pm and Departed at 8:20pm**

**Brian Kelly, District 4**

**Staff in attendance: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent**

**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. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous Approval (5-0)**

**Agenda item #4: Student Government Report**

**Agenda item #5: Recognition of Achievements**

**The School Committee recognized over eighty student athletes from North Cumberland Middle School, Joseph L. McCourt Middle School and Cumberland High School for excelling on their individual teams at the local and state level. The district congratulates all individuals and teams who received All-Division, All-League, All-Class, and All-State Championships during the 2008-2009 season.**

**Agenda item #6: Chairperson's Report**

**A. Report of Votes of Settlement of Litigation**

**a. The Clerk Mr. Pearson read a statement provided to Chairman Costa from Director of Administration Joseph A. Rotella, Esq. (attached) disclosing two votes taken on December 18, 2008 and March 12, 2009.**

**Agenda item #7: Superintendent's Report on Teaching and Learning**

**Dr. Morelle announced recent grant awards received by the district that support improved student learning goals.**

- Cumberland schools will partner with the Woonsocket School Department and Lincoln Public Schools on a three- year mathematics initiative sponsored by the RI Department of Education. Teachers will work with the Dana Center from the University of Texas at Austin to develop an updated K-12 scope and sequence; professional development in the Grade Level and Grade Span Expectations; and units of study for teachers to use in their math classrooms.**

- Cumberland is awarded \$15,000 from the Wallace Foundation to**

**develop a leadership evaluation system. This project will be a collaborative effort among the Cumberland, Central Falls and West Warwick school systems.**

**• North Cumberland Middle School and Joseph L. McCourt Middle School have been awarded a \$1,500 Senate Grant for an after school program in mathematics. As a result of this funding, sixty students in Grade 6 will have the opportunity for additional instruction in the area of mathematics before the end of the school year.**

### **Agenda item #8: Comments from the Public**

### **Agenda item #9: Reports of Standing Committees**

#### **A. Payment of Bills**

**Motion to approve voucher in the amount of \$1,964,296.21 by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Unanimous approval (6-0)**

#### **B. Discussion and/or Vote on to Award SilentSherpa Contract for Energy Auditing Services**

**Motion to award contract for energy auditing services for term not to exceed one year to SilentSherpa by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Unanimous approval (6-0)**

#### **C. Discussion and/or Vote to Award SilentSherpa Contract for Energy Procurement Services**

**Motion to award contract for energy procurement services to**

**SilentSherpa by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Unanimous approval (6-0)**

**The committee took a recess between 8:18 pm and 8:26 pm, Mr. Costa also departed during this time period.**

**D. Discussion and/or vote to Approve FY 09 Budget Transfers**

**Motion to approve FY 09 Budget Transfers as presented by Mrs. Beaulieu (see attachment)**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**E. Discussion and/or vote on Designation of B.F. Norton Roof Fund Balance to be changed to Capital Project Fund Balance**

**Motion to designate B.F. Norton Roof Fund Balance as Capital Projects Fund Balance by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**F. Discussion and/or vote to Award Facilities Management Contract**

**No Vote Taken**

**Agenda item #10: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the OS minutes of 4/23/2009 amending “Mr. Crowley to Mrs. Crowley” by Mr. Pedro**

**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the minutes of PH 4/29/2009 by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Agenda item #11: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Executive Session minutes of 4/23/09 and 4/29/2009 by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Agenda item #12: Personnel Recommendations**

**Motion to approve the retirement of Joyce Ballou effective 6/27/2009 by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the retirement of Barbara Fadden effective 6/20/2009 by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the resignation of Colleen Pendergast by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the resignation of Candace Reim by Mr. Pearson**  
**Second by Mr. Pedro**  
**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the sabbatical leave of Cynthia Lancaster with the sense of the committee to budget the item if possible by Mr. Pearson**  
**NO SECOND**

**Motion to approve the sabbatical leave of Cynthia Lancaster by Mr. Wood**  
**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu**  
**Motion Failed (0-5)**

**Motion to approve the FMLA of Melissa Johnson by Mrs. Beaulieu**  
**Second by Mrs. Crowley**  
**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Agenda item #13: Old Business**

**A. Second Reading and Vote to Approve Items 1-5 As Amended**

**Motion to waive the second reading of policies 1-5 by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the affirmative action policy by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mr. Pedro**

**(4-1) with Mrs. Crowley dissenting**

**Motion to approve the food allergy policy by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mr. Pedro**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the fundraising policy by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mr. Pedro**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the special education staffing policy by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Crowley**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**Motion to approve the use of school facilities policy by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mr. Pedro**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**B. Vote to Approve 2009-2010 School Calendar**

**Motion to approve calendar by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**NO SECOND**

**Motion to table by Mr. Pedro**

**Second by Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Crowley**

**Motion Failed (3-2) with Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Wood dissenting**

**Motion to approve calendar by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Second by Mr. Pearson**

**Approved (3-2) with Mrs. Crowley and Mr. Wood dissenting**

**Agenda item #14: New Business**

**A. Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 Exception (9) Grievances:**

**Motion to table vote on grievances due to agenda error noting grievances as “CTA” grievances instead of “ICSE” by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mrs. Beaulieu**

**Unanimous approval (5-0)**

**B. Update on Exterior Lights at CHS**

**C. Discussion and Implementation of Sub-Committee Assignments and Re-Assignments by the Chairperson**

**The clerk read an order from Chairman Costa re-assigning the following sub-committees:**

**Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee**

**Daniel Pedro, Chair**

**Brian Kelly**

**Lisa Beaulieu**

**Curriculum Sub-Committee**

**Lisa Beaulieu, Chair**

**Earl Wood**

**Dan Pedro**

**Agenda item #15: Comments from the Public**

**Agenda item #16: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)**

**Agenda item #17: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Vote on Items Referred to in RIGL 42-46-5: Personnel Matters – Exception (1); Negotiations/Litigation – Exception (2)**

**No Vote Taken**

**Agenda item #18: Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pearson**

**Second by Mr. Pedro**

**(Unanimous approval 5-0)**

**Meeting adjourned at: 9:49pm**

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**Ryan Pearson, Clerk**

**Cumberland School Committee**