

UNAPPROVED

Minutes

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, August 27, 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 Don Costa at 7:34pm.

Members Absent: Rosa Crowley, District 1

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. Wood

Second by Mr. Pearson

Approved (6-0)

Agenda item #4: Chairperson's Report

Agenda item #5: Superintendent's Report on Teaching & Learning

This item was not prepared in light of the Superintendent's intended absence due to a concurrently scheduled negotiation session with

the Cumberland Teachers Association; however, the session was cancelled by the association.

Agenda item #6: Comments from the Public

Agenda item #7: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of bills

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Award Bid for Medical Supplies

Motion to award bid to School Kids Healthcare for \$891.75, MEDCO Supply Company for \$1,461.82, Collins for \$626.87, School Health for \$307.75, Moore Medical for \$1,247.59, and United Health for \$3,143.78 by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson

Approved (6-0)

C. Discussion and/or Vote to Award Contract for Paving at John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary School

Motion to award to International Paving not to exceed \$12,400 by Mr. Kelly

Second by Mr. Pearson

Approved (6-0)

Agenda item #8: Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Open Session minutes of 8/13/09 and the Executive Session Meeting minutes of 8/13/09 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly

Approved (6-0)

Agenda item #9: Approval of Minutes

Motion to move agenda item #9 to the bottom of the agenda by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Approved (6-0)

Agenda item #10: Personnel Recommendations

Motion to approve the resignations of Amy Battisti, Guidance Counselor, at B.F. Norton School, effective 8/26/2009; Kathleen DiModica, Chemistry Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 8/18/2009; Brenda Moscarelli, Grade 1 ÷V ESL Teacher, at B.F. Norton School, effective 8/16/2009; Kathryn Newman, Guidance Counselor, at Cumberland High School, effective 8/19/2009; Vanessa Soito, Guidance Counselor, at John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill School, effective 8/21/2009; Carmela Valcourt, Kindergarten ESL Teacher, at B.F. Norton School, effective 8/17/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA medical leave of Nancy Duhamel, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/27/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the FMLA maternity leave of Sarah McLellan, Social Studies Teacher, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 9/2/2009 with a return date of 11/2/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Anderson Assistant Principal at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, per Agreement, effective 9/1/2009 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu and Mr. Pedro

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the appointments of:

Arelitsa Barth, Special Educator, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Malinda Borden, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Paul Brodeur, Mathematics Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Jonathan Dowiot, Social Studies Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 2; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

David Kenahan, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Janet Miele, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 10; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Karen Robinson, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 4; Lane: BA+30; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Anthony Silva, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Nicole Tella, Science Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 4; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Megan Morin, ESL Teacher, at B.F. Norton School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 3; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

James Field, Behavior Intervention Coordinator, at System-wide for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (Budgeted)

Amy Sattel, School Psychologist, at System-wide, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 0.6; Step 1; Lane: CAGS; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Marguerite Savickas, Data Manager at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009. (Budgeted)

Cheryl Webster, Speech/Language Pathologist, at System-wide, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 8; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Wood

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the appointments of:

**Erin Hughes, Special Educator, at Ashton School, effective 9/1/2009.
(FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)**

Claudia Mattero, Science Teacher, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 6; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Rebecca Maurano, Special Educator, at Ashton School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Michelle McIntosh, Special Educator, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: MA; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Stephanie Menard, Kindergarten Teacher, at Garvin Memorial School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 2; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Christine Payson, Grade 6 Teacher, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 9/1/2009. (FTE: 1.0; Step 2; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 11%; budgeted)

Lisa DiGiovanni, K-8 Literacy Coordinator, at System-wide for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Monique Swiszczy, K-8 Mathematics Coordinator, at System-wide for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Kelly Boebinger, Volleyball Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, for the fall 2009-2010 season, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Joseph Guinan, Volleyball Head Coach, at Cumberland High School,

for the fall 2009-2010 season, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly

Approved (6-0)

**Motion to approve the appointments of Department Chairs as follows:
Susan Alves, Fine Applied Technical Arts (FATA) Chairperson, at
Cumberland High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective
8/28/2009. (budgeted)**

**Andrew Barry, Guidance Department Chairperson, at Cumberland
High School, for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Elizabeth Conley, World Language Chairperson, at Cumberland High
School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)**

**Kelly DeMarco, Social Studies Department Chairperson, at
Cumberland High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective
8/28/2009. (budgeted)**

**Faye Enright, English Department Co-Chairperson, at Cumberland
High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Stephen Gordon, Physical Education Chairperson, at Cumberland
High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Luann Mesick, English Department Co-Chairperson, at Cumberland
High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

Suzanne Paquette, Science Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

David Rosen, Special Education Chairperson, at Cumberland High School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)
by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the appointment of Middle School Team Leaders as follows:

Susan Angell-Kubiak, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Karen Brodeur, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Erin Chabot, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

MaryAnn Guerin, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

Charlene Luiz, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009. (budgeted)

**Rhonda Silva, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Kimberly Slowik, Middle School Team Leader, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

by Mr. Wood

Second by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Pedro

Approved (6-0)

Motion to approve the appointment of Middle School Team Leaders as follows:

**Bethany Coughlin, Middle School Team Leader, at North Cumberland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Louise Mailloux, Middle School Team Leader, at North Cumberland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

**Paula Vadenais, Middle School Team Leader, at North Cumberland Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year, effective 8/28/2009.
(budgeted)**

by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Wood

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Approved (6-0)

Agenda item #11: New Business

A. Recalls

Motion to rescind the action of the school committee not to renew the employment of the following:

fâ Malaina Borden (#381), recall to the position of Grade 3 Teacher at Garvin Memorial School, effective 8/28/2009.

fâ Cristen Coppolino (#391), recall to the position of Reading Specialist at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009.

fâ Stephanie DaSilva (#384), recall to the position of Social Studies Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective 8/28/2009.

fâ Shannon Davis (#383), recall to the position of Music Teacher at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009.

fâ Leah Hogan, recall to the position of .5 Physical Education/APE/Health at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009.

fâ Erin Mahan (#385), recall to the position of Reading Specialist at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009.

By Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro

Approved (6-0)

Motion to rescind the action of the school committee not to renew the employment of James Delillo (#295), recall to the position of .7 Music Teacher at System-wide, effective 8/28/2009, by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Pedro

Approved (6-0)

B. Home School Instruction Requests 2009-10 School Year

Motion to approve the home school instruction requests as presented by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly

Approved (6-0)

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

1) Vote on ICSE Grievance: #08-09-19

Motion to deny ICSE Grievance #08-09-19 by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mrs. Beaulieu

Approved (6-0)

D. Discussion and/or Vote on FY 10 Budget

This item was not prepared in light of the Superintendent's intended absence due to a concurrently scheduled negotiation session with the Cumberland Teachers Association; however, the session was cancelled by the association.

E. Update on Opening of Schools for 2009-2010 School Year

**The Superintendent provided an update to the committee regarding the opening of schools and also reminded everyone that Cumberland Public Schools is now on Twitter. Recent updates on the Twitter account [CumberlandPublicSch] include information about the opening of school and the substantial rise in SAT scores for the Class of 2009 at Cumberland High School.
<http://twitter.com/cumbschools>**

Agenda item #12: Comments from the Public

Agenda item #13: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mrs. Beaulieu reported that the Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) Quarterly Chair meeting focused on the proposed Binding Arbitration and Contract Continuation Legislation. RIASC maintains that this legislation will undoubtedly cost cities and towns money and have negative consequences for students. RIASC opposes this legislation and urges everyone to please contact your representative. During the spring legislative session, the Senate passed the Contract Continuation Bill S-713 with 32 in favor, 2 against, and four members not voting. Senator Connors from Cumberland voted in favor of the bill. Senator Picard abstained. On the House side, the House Labor Committee approved House Bill 5762 with Representative Vaudreuil, one of our Representatives from Cumberland, voting in support of this Bill.

Agenda item #14: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion and/or Vote on Items Referred to in RIGL 42-46-5: Personnel Matters ;V Exception (1); Negotiations/Litigation ;V Exception (2)

No Vote Taken

Agenda item #17: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Pearson

Second by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Wood

Unanimous approval (6-0)

Meeting adjourned at: 8:31pm

Ryan Pearson, Clerk

Cumberland School Committee