

APPROVED-December 9, 2010

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting

Mr. Wood convened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Linda Teel, Erika Sanzi, Jeff Mutter, John Gibbons, Dan Pedro, Earl Wood

Staff Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration, Fred Schockaert, Dep. Director of Special Services.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda

**Motion was made by Mr. Pedro to approve the agenda, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved
7-0.**

Agenda Item #4: Swearing In of New Members

President of the Cumberland Town Council, Jim Higgins, swore in all seven members.

Agenda Item #5: New Business

A. Election of Officers – Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to nominate Mr. Mutter as the Chairman, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, but then Mr. Gibbons made a motion to close the nominations before the vote was taken, and that motion was 2nd by Mrs. Teel and approved 7-0. Then the vote was taken for Chairman, it was approved 6-0 (Mr. Mutter abstained from voting for himself). Next was a nomination for Vice Chairman – Mr. Gibbons nominated Mrs. Beaulieu, 2nd by Mrs. Teel, but before the vote was taken, Mr. Gibbons asked to close the nominations, 2nd by Mrs. Teel, approved 6-1 (Mr. Wood voted no). Then the vote for Vice Chairman was taken, approved 5-1, (Mr. Wood voted no and Mrs. Beaulieu abstained from voting for herself). Next, Mrs. Beaulieu nominated Mrs. Teel for Clerk, 2nd by Mr. Gibbons. Before the vote was taken Mr. Gibbons made a motion to close the nominations for Clerk, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0. Then the vote for Clerk was taken, approved 6-0, (Mrs. Teel abstained from voting for herself).

B. Discussion of School Committee Sub-Committees – Mr. Wood stated that currently there are five sub committees, each chaired by a different SC member. He would like to look into combining some of the committees so that the SC members are not meeting so frequently. Mr. Mutter thought that they should have a workshop to discuss this prior to the SC meeting on November 18th. Mr. Pedro made a suggestion that they meet earlier in the evening on November

18th. The committee agreed and so they will meet at 6 p.m. They will also discuss the SC liaisons for each of the schools. Dr. Morelle asked if the SC wanted anyone from Administration at that workshop, but Mr. Mutter said they did not.

C. Discussion of Orientation of School Committee Members and Selection of Dates – Dr. Morelle stated that she would meet with Mr. Mutter and would outline what has been done in the past and wanted SC members to have a clear understanding of open meetings and their responsibilities and also how the SC and Superintendent share responsibilities for the school department – Dr. Morelle felt that setting expectations between the two parties is an essential piece so that everyone can work together. Mr. Mutter would like to speak more about the orientation after their workshop next week.

Agenda Item # 6: Comments from the Public

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment

Mr. Wood made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony