

**APPROVED-December 9, 2010**

## **CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.**

### **Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting**

**Chairman Mutter convened the meeting at 7:36 p.m.**

**Members Present: Jeffrey Mutter, Lisa Beaulieu, Linda Teel, John Gibbons, Daniel Pedro, Erika Sanzi, Earl Wood**

**Staff Present: Donna A. Morelle, Ed.D., Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration, Alex Prignano, Business Manager, Fred Schockaert, Deputy Director of Special Services.**

### **Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda**

**Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.**

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

**November 11 – hosted a New York City trip – students shopped and**

went sightseeing for the day. November 16 was the Junior ring ceremony, Juniors were presented their rings. October 18 students went to the house of compassion where they shared dinner and conversation with the residents. Current events include the Turkey Basket Program where students and teachers will try to collect enough food to provide turkey dinners for over 120 families – this is the largest number ever. Also, a Teddy Bear Raffle will be held – this is an oversized teddy bear that is being raffled off and all of the proceeds go to the Make A Wish Foundation. Lastly for current events is the Adopt a Family program, where student government will donate gifts to some families in need (family names provided by teachers and guidance)during December.

#### **Agenda Item #5: Chairperson's Report**

**No report at this time.**

#### **Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report on Teaching and Learning**

**Dr. Morelle told the committee about a review that is currently taking place in our district this week – it is the School Support System Review – it takes place once every five years – all work is public so if the community and the committee wanted to go on line and check the previous report for the district as well as other districts, it is available for review. RIDE reports several pieces of information regarding districts and this review is focusing on three different areas – FAPE(Free Appropriate Public Education), IEP's and Transistions. There are various teams that go out to our schools (not all of them)**

and interview faculty, principals, conduct classroom visits, they audited students IEP's, and for these same IEP's they interviewed parents and did a survey of parents. The teams will be finished on Friday and then the team will write a draft report for RIDE and then the report will be made available to the district. The information that we learn from this report will be helpful, it will also tell us about the quality of teaching we are providing and hopefully there will not be any compliance issues, if there are we will need to correct them immediately, other than that we have a year to develop a support development plan and to have it approved by the Dept of Education team that has been here for this review.

The report will be shared with the SC when it becomes available.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Comments from the Public**

There were no comments at this time.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees**

The Special Program sub-committee met earlier tonight and Chairman Mutter said that the committee amended the time line for Nesdec - on a 3-0 vote the committee amended the completion date of 10/15/10 to read, by the end of December, 2010. This was because the scope has been increased to look at the high school – which was brought up at the public forum – Nesdec has agreed to add this to their scope at no additional cost to us. The SC may be presented with this report from Nesdec at the December 9th meeting.

## **Agenda Item #9: Approval of Minutes**

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

**1) Special Meeting 10/19/10 – Mr. Pedro made a motion to amend these minutes-where it says Mr. Costa noted that if this meeting were taking place in the auditorium, it would have been videotaped – add the following – at this point the meeting was allowed to be videotaped. The motion was 2nd by Mr. Pedro (Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Teel and Mrs. Sanzi abstained from voting as they were not on the committee at that time), so the motion was approved 4-0. The motion was then made by Mrs. Beaulieu to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, again approved 4-0(Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Teel and Mrs. Sanzi abstaining).**

**2) Regular Meeting 10/28/10 – Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 4-0(Mr. Gibbons, Mrs. Teel and Mrs. Sanzi abstaining).**

## **Agenda Item #10: New Business**

**A. Home School Instruction Requests 2010-2011 School Year – Dr. Carney asked Dr. Morelle to recommend that the SC approve the one request that she currently has – she has reviewed the request and noted that all requirements have been met – Mrs. Beaulieu made the motion to approve the request, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.**

**B. Discussion and/or Vote to Appoint Sub-Committees/Liaisons – Chairman Mutter stated that the SC met earlier in the evening during a workshop and after discussion it was decided that Mr. Wood would chair the Finance sub-committee and Mrs. Beaulieu and Mr. Gibbons**

would also serve on that committee. The Special Programs sub-committee will remain intact until the Nesdec study is completed.

The SC will have another workshop on November 23rd and will further discuss other sub-committees – hopefully appointments will be made at the December 9th meeting.

### **Agenda Item #11: Personnel Recommendations**

**Dr. Morelle had the following personnel recommendations:**

#### **Retirement**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of

**Carol Hoyle, English Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 12/3/2010.**

**Mr. Wood made a motion to approve this retirement, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.**

**Dr. Morelle wanted to wish Carol the best of luck on her retirement and also wanted to thank her for over 40 years of service to the Cumberland School Department.**

#### **Resignation**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of

**Anne-Marie Brouillard, Building Secretary at Cumberland High School, effective 12/3/2010.**

**Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve this resignation, 2nd by Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.**

## **Appointments**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Jessica Rock, Art Teacher, at Systemwide, effective 9/1/2010. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 15.5%; budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Jonathan Gibbs, Middle School Team Leader, for the 2010-2011 school year at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve these appointments, 2nd by Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.**

## **Leaves of Absence**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Parental Leave of Catherine Knasas, Grade 4 Teacher, at Community School, effective 1/3/2011 and returning at the start of the 2011-2012 school year. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Maternity Leave of Jenifer Stafford, Grade 2 Teacher, at JJM Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective 2/7/2011 with a return date of 4/25/2011. (Budgeted)**

**Mr. Pedro made a motion to approve these leaves of absences, 2nd by Mr. Wood, approved 7-0.**

## **ADDENDUM #1**

## **Resignation**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of**

**Timothy Carpentier, Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 11/19/2010.**

**Mr. Wood made a motion to approve this resignation, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.**

## **Appointments**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Stefanie Capone-Bello, Girls' Softball Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Andrew Gibbons, Wrestling Coach, at North Cumberland Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Sherri Heard, Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Heidi Josephson, Boys' and Girls' Swim Coach, at Cumberland High School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the**

**appointment of Laura Marcolini, Boys' Basketball Coach, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of John McDonald, Girls' Softball Coach, at North Cumberland Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 11/19/2010. (Budgeted)**

**Mr. Wood made a motion to approve these appointments, 2nd by Mrs. Beaulieu and Mr. Pedro, approved 7-0.**

**Agenda Item #12: Comments from the Public**

**No comments at this time.**

**Agenda Item #13: School Committee Comments(School Liaison Reports) – Mr. Pedro noted that the wonderful parents at B.F. Norton School – through some networking – have arranged to take grades 1-5 (almost the entire school) to see the Rockettes this coming Wednesday (11/24) – Mr. Pedro will be one of the chaperones. Also, Mr. Pedro said that the Cumberland Band will be playing Winter Wonderland this December and the first rehearsal will be November 26 from 4-7 at the Ski Lodge. Mr. Pedro also wanted to express his congratulations to Carol Hoyle for all of her years of hard work and dedication to the Cumberland School System.**

**Agenda Item #14: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5:**

**A. Personnel Matters – Exception (1)**

**1) CTA/ICSE**

## **B. Negotiations/Litigation – Exception (2)**

### **1) CTA/ICSE**

### **2) Potential Litigation**

**Mr. Pedro made a motion to go into Executive Session A and B, 2nd by Mr. Wood, approved 7-0.**

**Agenda Item #15: Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**

**Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony**