

UNAPPROVED

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

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

Administration Present: Donna A. Morelle, EdD., Superintendent, Dr. Susan Carney, Assistant Superintendent, Joseph A. Rotella, Director of Administration, Alex Prignano, Business Manager

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting

Chairman Mutter convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda

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

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the minutes for 5/12/11 regular meeting and 5/10/11 executive session, 2nd Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #5: Chairperson's Report

No report at this time.

Agenda Item #6: Student Achievement

Dr. Morelle welcomed the following students and their parents – the students were being recognized for their outstanding performance in “Le Grand Concours” – a French competition – Abdulrahman Alsasa, Sarah Arribas, Chanelle Bonnici, Viviana Gonzalez, Ryan Lynch, Natalie Paris, Justin Wood.

Agenda Item #7: Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills – no payments at this time.

Agenda Item #9: New Business

A. Superintendent Search Screening Committee Appointments – Mr. Mutter announced the following appointments: Lisa Colwell – Central Leadership, Donna Zannelli – Asst Principal-High, Jason Masterson – Asst Principal-Middle, Nidia Karbonik – Principal-Elementary, Roderick McGarry – Teacher-High, Roberta Harnois-Teacher-Middle, Craig Dwyer-Elected Official, Matthew Diamond-Youth Representative. The following were Committee appointments: Michael Boday, Karen Berard Reed, Joanne Labranche, Liane Czirjak,

Tim Draper, Amy Bergeron, Michael Magee.

B. Discussion of Leadership Team FY 2012 Budget Priorities – Dr. Morelle discussed the top three priorities that she and CLRT discussed at a previous meeting – the first was technology – which was already in the budget – technology at the elementary schools. Second were the staffing cuts at the elementary and middle level – Dr. Morelle referred to the elementary guidance position and the library position – she said if she knew financial circumstances earlier, she may not have brought up these cuts – if there is a possibility – she does not think they should be cut. The third are the math coach additions – two have already been added and Dr. Carney said that they are supported by funding and the third coach may be funded by Title 1 – she said that they may find out about the funding as early as June but most likely by the Fall-all grants need to be reviewed. Mr. Mutter reiterated the point that if the SC needed to make a choice – this was how the CLRT viewed these top three priorities.

C. Discussion and/or vote on FY 2011 Budget Amendment – some discussion took place regarding the Cops Grant, Dr. Morelle mentioned that Captain Coyne is waiting for the funds to be designated. The SC decided that there would be no need for a resolution tonight – as items are bought – resolutions would have to be done. At this point Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the budget amendment as presented, 2nd Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.

D. Discussion and/or vote to approve Resolution SC-PR-5-2011-008: Ramp & Drain Installation at B.F. Norton School – Mr. Gibbons made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

E. Discussion and/or vote to approve SC-PR-5-2011-009: Asphalt & Ramp Repairs at Garvin Memorial School – Mr. Wood made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Beaulieu, approved 7-0.

F. Discussion and/or vote to approve SC-PR-5-2011-010: Installation of Ceiling in Computer Lab at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School – Mrs. Beaulieu made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.

G. Discussion and/or vote to approve Cumberland Use of School Facilities Packet – Rental Period July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 – Mrs. Teel asked Dr. Morelle for advice and she said that they would update some of the names in the packet and bring the updated version to the next SC meeting. Mrs. Sanzi then made a motion to table this item, 2nd Mr. Gibbons, approved 7-0.

H. Discussion and/or vote to Approve GASB 54: Fund Balance Policy – Mr. Mutter referred this to the Fiscal Management Committee.

I. Discussion and/or vote to Approve Contracts for: Asst. Superintendent, Dir. Of Administration, Business Manager, Dir. Of Special Education, Dep. Dir. Of Special Education, High School Principal, Middle School Principals, Elementary Principals, High School Assistant Principals, Middle School Assistant Principals, Dir. Of Information Technology, Network Manager, District Support Technician, Child Outreach Coordinator – Mr. Mutter asked that this be kept on the table until the next SC meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Personnel Recommendations

No personnel recommendations at this time.

Agenda Item #11: Comments from the Public

Ryan Pearson noted that the Student Achievement portion of the SC meetings was great – he commended the committee for this item. He also went on to say that the quality of the staff is very important, there is a great demand on the staff and they need to be rewarded for their performance. He suggested that the SC take their time to think their decisions through, especially the compensation packages – keep a performance-based culture alive and well and moving forward.

Agenda Item #12: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

No reports at this time.

Agenda Item #13: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5:

A. Personnel Matters

B. Negotiations/Litigation

There was no executive session.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

Mr. Pedro made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. Wood, approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony