

APPROVED – 9/22/2011

Minutes

An regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:30PM at Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I.

Call to order by: Chairman Jeff Mutter

Time: 7:37 pm

Members Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Dr. Philip Thornton, Superintendent

Joseph A. Rotella, Esq., Director of Administration

Alexander Prignano, Business Manager

III. Approval of Agenda –

Motion: Mr. Wood

Second: Mr. Gibbons

Approved 7-0

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion to move Approval of Minutes (regular and executive) until after Public Comments made by Mr. Pedro.

Second: Mrs. Beaulieu

Approved 7-0

V. Chairperson's report

None

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Thornton wanted to thank Cumberland's fire, police and town council members for their teamwork during Hurricane Irene. Also he gave thanks to Mike Chandler on his efforts to get the communication lines up and running after the storm.

Although delayed due to the storm, all schools opened successfully. The majority of CHS students had schedules and those without were quickly resolved. Busses ran ok with minor glitches. Dr. Thornton continues to work through his punch list of maintenance items he'd like addressed at the schools. Most recently, maintenance will be removing the old 1970 lockers that are no longer functioning from CHS.

A new District website will be launched this fall.

There has been a recent influx of students just prior to the beginning of the school year.

Enrollment is down 9 elementary students, 78 middle school students, and 87 high school students

VII. Comments from the Public

A parent or elementary school children expressed her concerns regarding the location of a bus stop at the corner of Pound Rd and Mendon Rd. The stop had formerly been located in Royal Court. Mr. Neves, Durham Bus Services, will speak to the police department regarding the safety of the stop.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held 8/25/11 and the Executive Session Meeting held 8/25/11 was made by Mrs. Beaulieu and Mr. Pedro.

Second: Mr. Wood

Approved 7-0

VIII. Reports of Standing Committee

Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$493,232.83 made by Mr. Woods

Second: Mr. Gibbons

Approved: 7-0

IX. New Business

A. Recalls

I recommend that the action taken by the school committee on February 17, 2011 not to renew the employment of the following for the 2011–2012 school year, be rescinded:

Sandra Lariviere, (#351) recall to the position of Grade 4 Teacher at B. F. Norton School, effective 9/8/2011.

Motion to accept recall recommendation as made by Mr. Rotella (see attached) made by Mrs. Beaulieu.

Second: Mr. Pedro

Approved: 7-0

B. Home School Instruction Requests 2011-2012 School Year

Motion to approve passage of Home School Instruction Requests as presented by Dr. Thornton made by Mrs. Beaulieu.

Second: Mr. Gibbons

Approved: 7-0

C. Discussion and/or Vote on 2011-2012 Revised School Calendar

Professional Development Day rescheduled due to hurricane to 9/16/11. The PD must be completed by the end of September in order to qualify for Federal Funds. Dr. Thornton presented a revised calendar reflecting the addition of the 9/16 PD as well as the reduction in school days from 183 to 180.

Mr. Mutter asks that the Committee motion to approve the amended calendar and then vote against the motion. Mr. Wood motions to approve the calendar. Second by Mr. Gibbons. After discussion about the reduction in days, the Committee votes the motion down.

Motion failed: 7-0

Mr. Mutter suggests that the calendar be sent to Fiscal Management for further review. Ms. Sanzi inquired as to whether or not any calendar changes may have contractual issues. Dr. Thornton replied yes.

Discussion concerning elimination of February vacation and April vacation and replace it with one week off in March. Dr. Thornton said that there has been some discussion concerning this issue by RI superintendents. He recommends that the SC send a letter to the Superintendent's Association informing them of our interest in revising the school calendar. Mr. Wood is to draft the letter. Dr. Thornton will bring the topic up at the next Superintendent's meeting.

D. Discussion and/or vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2011-13

Mr. Woods made a motion to approve SC-R-2011-13/ FY12 Budget for the amount of \$52,574,966 a reduction from \$52,791,732 (See attachment #2).

Second: Mrs. Sanzi

Motion approved: 6-0, Mr. Pedro voted no.

E. Pursuant to the RIGL 42-46-5 – Exception (9) Grievance (1) 09-10-06

Mr. Rotella provided a brief recap of the outcome of the arbitration for the above referenced grievance regarding use of Plan of Assistance. He recommends that the School Committee approve the arbitration agreement. In the event the SC approves the agreement, the CTA must also vote to approve the agreement.

Mr. Gibbons made a motion to approve the arbitration agreement as presented by Mr. Rotella

Second: Mrs. Sanzi

Approved 7-0

Grievance 10-11-01 will remain on the agenda.

X. Personnel Recommendations

A. Mr. Gibbons made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Mr. Rotella (See attachment #1)

Second: Mr. Wood

Approved 7-0

XI. Comments from the Public

No Comments

XII. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mrs. Sanzi wanted to recognize the efforts of Community School parents and teachers who worked on the school's entryway and gardens.

Mr. Pedro expressed his concern regarding middle school band and chorus. At one time those activities took place during the school day. Now they must take place before or after school with the help of volunteers. He would like the band/chorus directors to receive a stipend for their efforts.

XIII. Vote to go into Executive Session

No Executive Session

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Sanzi.

Second: Mr. Wood

Approved 7-0

Linda G. Teel, Clerk

Cumberland School Committee

Attachment #1

SC-R-2011-13

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO AMEND THE 2011-2012 BUDGET THAT WAS APPROVED JUNE 9TH 2011 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$216,766.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CUMBERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CUMBERLAND, RI AS FOLLOWS:

APPROVES After Discussion and Vote:

A Resolution Authorizing and Empowering the Cumberland School Committee to Amend the 2011-2012 Budget from \$52,791,732 to \$52,574,966.

See Attachment.

DATE ADOPTED: _____

A TRUE COPY, ATTEST: _____

CLERK

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

9/8/2011

CUMBERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FY 2012 Budget

June 9, 2012 Adjustments

Revenues	Budget	Book Approved	SC	Budget Proposed
Revised Variance				

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Town Appropriation	1	36,202,474.00	36,202,474.00	0.00
Town Appropriation MS/Elem Tech	1	361,350.00	361,350.00	0.00
Town Appropriation FCAP	1	122,792.00	0.00	-122,792.00
Town Appropriation Additional	1	461,233.00	0.00	-461,233.00
Fund Balance Capital	1	100,000.00	0.00	-100,000.00
State Aid	1	11,689,289.00	11,651,156.00	-38,133.00
		48,937,138.00	48,214,980.00	-722,158.00

Appropriations

Area Vocational School	45	300,000.00	400,000.00	-100,000.00
Facilities		-	Sodexo	Maint
Contract	37	711,705.00	569,364.00	142,341.00
Asst Supt Article	31 PD 32	49,330.00	0.00	49,330.00
Technology - RINET Article	31 Tech 35	68,309.00	0.00	68,309.00
Facilities Capital Improvements	41	222,792.00	0.00	222,792.00
Facilities Director	37	66,325.00	33,163.00	33,162.00
Director Administration	34	105,175.00	63,100.00	42,075.00
Math Coaches	3,5,7,9,11	112,570.00	0.00	112,570.00
Music	15	97,808.00	75,411.00	22,397.00
Music	18	97,808.00	75,411.00	22,397.00
High End Learners Initiative	15	61,840.00	0.00	61,840.00
High End Learners Initiative	18	61,840.00	0.00	61,840.00
Child Outreach	13	38,282.00	45,893.00	-7,611.00
Town Appropriation 2011	46	-362,195.00	0.00	-362,195.00
		1,631,589.00	1,262,342.00	369,247.00

GAP -352,911.00

**Undesignated Fund Balance 1 581,840.00 934,751.00 352,911.00
0.00**

As of September 8th 2011 FY 2012 Budget

Second 2012 Budget Adjustments

Revenues (as of June 9th Budget Approval) 52,791,732.00

Town Appropriation Technology 1 361,350.00 0.00 -361,350.00

Literacy Funds 5,788.00 125,372.00 119,584.00

Rentals 1 75,000.00 100,000.00 25,000.00

Proposed Revenue Budget 52,574,966.00

Appropriations (as of June 9th Budget Approval) -52,791,732.00

Asst Superintendent Salary 32 66,325.00 100,000.00 -33,675.00

Superintendent Salary 31 127,736.00 155,000.00 -27,264.00

Facilities Director Salary 37 33,163.00 0.00 33,163.00

Child Outreach 13 45,893.00 76,488.00 -30,595.00

Data Manager 35 45,000.00 50,000.00 -5,000.00

MS Library Clerk 15, 18 0.00 24,723.00 -24,723.00

CHS Hall Monitors (2) 21 0.00 32,940.00 -32,940.00

Crossing Guard - 2 McCourt 15 0.00 10,504.00 -10,504.00

Reduction in Teacher Substitutes 496,000.00 469,000.00 27,000.00

CHS Loss Class Overages 60,000.00 30,000.00 30,000.00

All Other Salary Adjustments 5,175.00

Fringe Benefits Buybacks	46	401,500.00	388,800.00	12,700.00
Fringe Benefits Claims	46	6,214,631.00	6,213,454.00	1,177.00
Fringe Benefits CTA Pension	46	3,240,516.00	3,260,596.00	-20,080.00
Fringe Benefits			Non	Certified
Pension	46	365,422.00	369,176.00	-3,754.00
All Other Fringe Benefits	46	13,033.00		
Property & Casualty Insurance	37	185,000.00	170,000.00	15,000.00
Superintendent Purchase Services	31	19,000.00	5,000.00	14,000.00
Technology Capital	41	361,350.00	0.00	361,350.00
Non Public Textbooks	45	20,000.00	25,000.00	-5,000.00
RIASC SC Dues	31	0.00	7,523.00	-7,523.00
NESDEC Dues	31	0.00	3,810.00	-3,810.00
Spec Ed Speech Consultant	28	0.00	28,964.00	-28,964.00
Virtual High School 3 Courses		0.00	19,000.00	-19,000.00
McCourt Medical Supplies	16	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Advertising (School Spring)	45	38,000.00	30,000.00	8,000.00
1 Additional Bus			-	Disallowed
Routes	45	2,377,115.80	2,427,115.80	-50,000.00
		-52,574,966.00		

Attachment #2

Cumberland Public Schools

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting Date: 9/8/2011

Resignation

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

Joann Daday, Grade 4 Teacher, at B.F. Norton School, effective 8/31/2011.

Appointments

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

Alysha Castonguay, Football/Basketball Cheerleading Coach at Systemwide, effective 9/9/2011. (FTE: n/a; Step n/a; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: n/a; Budgeted)

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

Sarah Cuddy, Mathematics Teacher, at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, effective 9/9/2011. (FTE: 1.0; Step: Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 16.0%; Budgeted)

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

Kimberly Graziano, Mathematics Teacher, at North Cumberland Middle School,

effective 9/9/2011. (FTE: 1; Step: Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 16.0%; Budgeted)

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

Amanda L'Etoile, Social Studies Department Chairperson, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/9/2011. (Budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Marguerite Savickas, Data Manager, at Cumberland Public Schools, per Contractual Agreement, effective 9/9/2011. (Budgeted)

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

Jessica Shiel, Girl's Volleyball Assistant Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/9/2011. (Budgeted)

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

Colin Smith, from FTE .8 to FTE 1.0 Physical Education Teacher, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/9/2011. (Budgeted)

Leave of Absence

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Medical Leave

for James Connor, Guidance Counselor, at Cumberland High School, effective 9/6/2011 with a return date of 9/19/2011. (Budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Parental Leave for Paula Burke, Mathematics Teacher, at

Cumberland High School, effective 10/14/2011 and to return at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. (Budgeted)