

# Cumberland School Department

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Lisa A. Beaulieu, Chairperson  
Jeffrey J. Mutter, Vice Chairperson  
Linda G. Teel, Clerk

Paul DiModica  
Craig Duffy  
Mark Fiorillo  
Raymond Salvatore

Unapproved

## Minutes

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on **Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:30 PM** at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I.

Call to order by: Chairwoman Lisa Beaulieu  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Staff in attendance: Phil Thornton, Superintendent  
Robert Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent  
Steve Adams, legal counsel

### **III. Approval of Agenda –**

Motion to approve the agenda with the exception of 5B Executive Sessions Minutes 1/10/13: Mr. Mutter; Second: Mr. Salvatore  
Approved 7-0

### **IV. Student Government Report**

Representatives from CHS provided a recap of ongoing activities: Four families have been “adopted” \$175 raised for Make A Wish; Winter Ball to be held 1/25/13; Daffodil Day and Pennies for Patients are upcoming events.

### **V. Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting 1/10/13  
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda: Mr. Salvatore; Second: Mr. DiModica  
Approved 7-0

### **VI. Report Out of Executive Session Meetings**

a. 1/10/13 – CTA Employee Disciplinary Hearing – Teacher A  
The School Committee voted 6-0, 1 abstention (Mrs. Teel) to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation for a 3-day suspension for Teacher A.  
Motion to Seal Minutes of Executive Session: Mrs. Teel; Second: Mr. Salvatore  
Approved: 7-0

b. 1/24/13 – Student Hearings  
No Votes Taken

c. 1/24/13 ICSE Arbitration Agreement  
The School Committee voted 7-0 to uphold the Superintendent’s recommendation to accept the settlement agreement with ICSE.  
Motion to Seal Minutes of Executive Session: Mrs. Teel; Second: Mr. DiModica  
Approved: 7-0

## **VII. Superintendent's Report**

The committee continued its discussion of "Great by Choice."

## **VIII. Chairperson's Report**

- a. Chairperson Beaulieu assigned Craig Duffy to chair the High School Start Time Special Program Sub-Committee. Linda Teel and Raymond Salvatore are also to serve on the committee.
- b. State Funding Formula Acceleration  
The Chairperson reported that the governor's budget does not include any provisions to accelerate the state funding formula costing Cumberland \$3.4 million.

## **IX. Public Hearing – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Following Policies**

- a. LGA – Title 1 Parental Involvement with Local Education Agencies  
Mrs. Teel reported out that the policy committee voted 3-0 to recommend to the full committee that LGA – Title 1 Parental Involvement with Local Education Agencies be approved for a first reading.
- b. IICC – School Volunteers  
Mrs. Teel reported out that the policy committee voted 2-1 (Mrs. Teel in the negative) to recommend to the full committee that Policy IICC – School Volunteer be approved as amended for a first reading.

Language for an Appeals Process was approved in a 2-1 vote, (Mr. Mutter in the negative). The following language should be added in a section titled "Appeals Process" after the section "Disqualifying Information."

*An individual who has been denied the opportunity to volunteer in the district has the right to have this decision appealed to the Cumberland School Committee.*

In addition, the policy committee voted 3-0 to amend the policy so that it has an implementation date for the school year 2013/2014.

The School Volunteers policy requires background checks for all school volunteers. It should be noted that the RI legislators are moving forward on passing legislation that would require volunteer background checks. Highlights of the policy include:

- A statement of confidentiality - that information is not share outside the classrooms.
- Volunteers will be required to complete an application and Disclosure statement.
- A RI BCI will be required and anyone who has not resided in RI for a period of one year will be required to obtain a National Fingerprint BCI.
- In the event a BCI uncovers any potential disqualifying information, the superintendent will decide whether or not that individual can volunteer in the schools.

## **X. Comments from the Public**

None.

## **XI. Reports of Standing Committees**

- a. Payment of Bills: None
- b. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update  
The committee met 1/22/13 and discussed CHS profile and program of studies. Mr. Tenreiro discussed collapsing the levels of study from 4 into 3: college prep, honors, AP.
- c. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update  
The committee met 1/22/13 and discussed revising the policy for superintendent's review.

## **XII. New Business**

- a. Home School Instruction Requests 2012-13 School Year  
None
- b. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2013-02: Amended Durham Contract Payment Schedule  
Motion to approve revised schedule made by Mr. DiModica; Second Mr. Fiorillo.  
Approved: 7-0.
- c. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Replacement of Water Heater at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School  
Mr. Mutter reported that no action was taken during finance and that Mr. Prignano would be bringing vendor recommendations to the finance committee.
- d. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Field Trips of Long Duration
  - 1) The Holocaust in Germany, Poland & the Czech Republic -2014  
Teachers Ashley Proulx and Stephanie DaSilva requested that the SC approve an overseas fieldtrip to study the Holocaust for the summer of 2014 for an approximate cost of \$3500.  
Motion to approve made by Mr. Mutter, Second by Mr. DiModica. Approved: 6-1, Mrs. Beaulieu in the negative.
- e. Review of One-to-One Computing  
The Chair referred this item to the fiscal subcommittee. One-to-One refers to every student being teamed with computer. In part, the PARCC assessments are driving the need for more student computers. In addition, there is the potential for textbook savings.
- f. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Following Policies
  - 1) LGA Title 1 Parental Involvement with Local Education Agencies
  - 2) IICC – School VolunteersNo votes taken.

**XIII. Personnel Recommendations**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Leonard DiOrio, Custodian-days, at Cumberland High School-Trans, effective 4/11/2012 retroactive. (budgeted)

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the Unpaid leave of Rosanna Mejia, Grade 2 ESL Teacher, at B.F. Norton School, effective 8/26/2013 for the 2013-2014 school year. (budgeted)

Motion to approve personnel recommendations made by Mr. Mutter; Second Mr. Salvatore. Approved 7-0.

**XIV. Comments from the Public**

Ms. Ross asked if there was a cost/benefit analysis was done regarding the student/teacher ratio under Mr. Tenreiro's recommendation to collapse the high school levels. Mr. Tenreiro will continue this discussion at upcoming Student Achievement subcommittee meetings.

**XV. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)**

None

**XVI. Vote to Go into Executive Session**

No vote taken. No Executive Session.

**XVII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Mutter; second Mr. Salvatore, Mr. Duffy. Approved: 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

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Linda G. Teel, Clerk  
Cumberland School Committee