

APPROVED 3-14-13

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Jeff Mutter, Linda Teel – arrived at 7:38 p.m., Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo, Raymond Salvatore

Administration Present: Dr. Phil Thornton, Superintendent, Robert Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, Atty. Stephen Adams

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0 (Mrs. Teel had not arrived yet).

Agenda Item #4: Student Government Report

- A. Student Activities – past events include the Winter Ball at Wright’s Farm and the Blood Drive which had 61 donors – this will help save 153 lives. Current events include Daffodil Days with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society and Pennies for Patients – this year’s goal is \$4,200.

Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – regular meeting 2/14/13
- B. Approval of Minutes - Executive Session 2/14/13 and 2/25/13

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0 (Mrs. Teel had not yet arrived).

Agenda Item #6: Report Out of Executive Session Meetings

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 2/14/2013 – 1) Report of Executive Session Vote – disciplinary hearing for J. Doe – SC upheld the superintendent’s decision 6-0. (Mrs. Teel absent) SC voted to notify the parents in English and Spanish, 6-0 – audio available. ICSE grievance 12-13-06 SC voted 5-1, Mr. Duffy voting no. ICSE grievance 12-13-07 SC voted 4-2, Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica voted no. ICSE grievance 12-13-10 SC voted 3-3, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica voted in favor of union – grievance was denied. Mr. Mutter made a motion to seal the minutes of the meeting, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.
- B. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 2/25/2013 – 1) Report of Executive Session Vote – Student J. Doe – Student Hearing Decision – there was no vote

taken at this meeting. Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes of the meeting, 2nd Mr. Mutter and Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent's Report

- A. CHS Portfolio Presentation – Mr. Tenreiro stated that this agenda item would be on the next meetings agenda.
- B. NEASC Self-Study and Visit Presentation – Mr. Tenreiro stated that from this Sunday, March 3rd through Wednesday, March 6th, members of the NEASC Team would be here. He said that everyone has been busily preparing for this visit. This team will review our school and compare its findings against their standards and then make recommendations so that we can be where we need to be. There have been numerous meetings and panels preparing for this 16-member team visit. There are two and five-year goals and the team will give goals/suggestions on how to meet these goals/critical strengths and needs. Mr. Tenreiro expects a complete report by October, 2013.

Agenda Item #8: Chairperson's Report

There was no report at this time.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

Mrs. D. was concerned about changing the graduation venue – she would like to see it stay here in Cumberland at Tucker Field. She said her daughter graduated from CHS and the ceremony was at Tucker and now she would like her son to have the same opportunity. Taxes are paid here, family and friends live here and she would like to see any money that is spent on the event, be spent here in town.

Mr. D. – he pays taxes to Cumberland and would not like to see any of his tax dollars going to PPAC.

Ms. T. – a senior at the high school, would like to see the graduation ceremony stay here at Tucker. She said her entire family has walked over to Tucker Field to graduate and she would like to do the same. She thinks it will be very expensive to have it in Providence – parking, restaurants, and not to mention the traffic situation. Our local restaurants will also be losing a lot of money because people would then stay in Providence to eat. Ms. T. said they had a meeting with Mr. Tenreiro and offered some suggestions like the students can throw out confetti at the end of the ceremony and teachers can throw up beach balls and they can set up the field differently for more seating accommodations. The students would like to keep it here.

Joseph D. – would like to keep the tradition of walking over the bridge to Tucker Field.

Mr. F. – was concerned about the possibility of some students not graduating this year and wanted to talk about the NECAPS. He said the state will be changing the testing in two years to common core and would like to know why these kids are being assessed by a test that will be thrown away in two years.

Katie L. – students are passionate about keeping the graduation at Tucker Field. She commented on how wonderful Mr. Tenreiro is with the students – he comes to

sporting events, and talks to the students all the time and she said that because of this Cumberland pride is on the rise and everyone is proud on graduation day so she would like to see it stay here – and she said that most of the students graduating do to. A petition is currently being passed around and it has over 800 signatures on it already.

Agenda Item #10: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter noted that there were no payments made tonight.
- B. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu said this is listed under Old Business.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said they met this past Tuesday and will meet again on 3/12.
- D. Special Programs Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Duffy noted that they did meet last week and will meet again in two weeks and will be discussing the start times at the high school.

Agenda Item #11: Old Business

- A. Update on Standards-Based Grading Timeline – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that they would be delaying the standard based report cards until 2014-15, for the middle and high schools.

Agenda Item #12: New Business

- A. Update on High School Program of Studies – Mr. Tenreiro started off by stating that every student in the high school deserves to graduate. He said that failing is not an option and that he holds the students to high expectations. Some changes for new students and graduates will be an increase in course credits for incoming freshmen, fifteen hours of community service must be completed for graduates, and PSAT participation is now a graduation requirement. There will be some de-leveling at the high school and all classes will meet college minimums, some students that do particular pathways will get a certification for that course, there may be virtual math modules for intervention – these are some of things that need to happen, but Mr. Tenreiro did mention that it took Smithfield High School seven years – so this is a long process for CHS. Mr. Mutter asked Dr. Thornton to write down for the SC what a perfect world would be for a math intervention scenario – how many interventionists, how much dollars, etc.
- B. Discussion of FY 2014 Budget Timeline – Dr. Thornton said he would finish the budget and send to the SC around 3/7 – he also reviewed the timeline.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 2013-2014 School Calendar – Dr. Thornton noted that this was the first reading of the calendar and that there was no need to vote tonight – he wants the SC to review it. There are 182 days of school on the calendar. Mrs. Teel asked if the February vacation could be shortened because the students will be out two weeks at Christmas.

- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2013-06: Amended Sodexo Facilities Management Agreement – Mr. Mutter made a motion to table this to the next meeting on 3/12, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
- E. Home School Instruction Requests 2012-13 School Year – there are none at this time.
- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amendment to Policy: 1) JECB Early Entry to Kindergarten and First Grade Policy – Mrs. Teel made a motion to move passage to amend JECB, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #13: Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Retirements

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Susan Alves**, Music Teacher, at **Cumberland High School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 26 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **John DeDominici**, Librarian, at **Community School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 26 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Roberta Harnois**, Grade 6 Teacher, at **Joseph L. McCourt Middle School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 24 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Charlene Luiz**, Grade 6 Teacher, at **Joseph L. McCourt Middle School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 34 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Louise Mailloux**, Social Studies Teacher, at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 17 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Linda McMahan**, Special Education Teacher, at **BF Norton School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 24 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Jane Viti**, School Counselor, at **Garvin/Ashton Schools**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 24 years**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Barbara Wroblewski**, Grade 3 Teacher, at **BF Norton School**, effective **6/30/2013. (budgeted) retiring after 26 years**

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the retirements as presented by Ms. Fogell, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Kathryn Bonner**, **Girls' Softball Assistant Coach**, at **Cumberland High School**, effective **2/1/2013. (budgeted)**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **John Brodeur**, **Girls' Basketball Coach**, at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **2/28/2013. (budgeted)**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Jenna George**, **Girls' Softball Coach**, at **Joseph L. McCourt Middle School**, effective **2 /22/2013. (budgeted)**

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the resignations as presented by Ms. Fogell, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Malinda DeWaele**, **Girls' Softball Assistant Coach**, at **Cumberland High School**, effective **3/4/2013. (budgeted)**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Christopher Fernandes**, **Girls' Outdoor Track Assistant Coach**, at **Cumberland High School**, effective **3/4/2013. (budgeted)**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Vanessa Molloy**, **Girls' Outdoor Track Head Coach**, at **Cumberland High School**, effective **3/4/2013. (budgeted)**

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve the appointments as presented by Ms. Fogell, 2nd Mr. DiModica and Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

Ms. Fogell added one other personnel recommendation – she requested the advice and consent of the School Committee to rescind the Dismissal of Contracts of Sergio Dacosta on February 25, 2013 – Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #14: Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #15: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #16: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items

Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5:

Mrs. Beaulieu noted the following - Before going into executive session, the school committee shall state for the record that any persons to be discussed pursuant to subsection (1) have been notified and this statement shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

A. Personnel Matters – Exception (1) - 1) CTA/ICSE 2) Discussion of Dismissal Recommendations

B. Negotiations/Litigation – Exception (2) - 1) CTA/ICSE 2) Potential Litigation 3) CTA Contract 4) Discussion and Possible Action on School Fees Litigation

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m., 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

The SC reconvened to open session at 9:47 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony