

UNAPPROVED

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

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Jeff Mutter, Linda Teel, Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo, Raymond Salvatore

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

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Beaulieu asked that agenda item #11B – Discussion of Living History Event – An Eagle for Their Buttons – A Four Day March of the Civil War Soldier - be moved from that position to agenda item #7 – under Superintendents Report. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the agenda and to include moving item 11B to item #7, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Student Government Report

- A. Student Activities – some of the students played Bingo with the elderly during the month of February, Daffodil Days collected \$150 which was donated to the American Cancer Society, peanut butter was collected and donated to local food banks, t-shirts, ribbons and other orange items were sold and the profits were given to Aiden Nyberg and his family. Pennies for Patients proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia Society, on April 2nd the last blood drive for this school year will be held and the students are hoping for more than 90 donations, on 4/5 the Spring Fling will be held, 4/15 – 4/19 is April vacation and 4/26 – 4/29 is Grad Nite in Florida at Disneyworld for the seniors.

Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – 1) Special Meeting 2/25/13 and 2) Regular Meeting 3/14/13 and B. Approval of Minutes – 1) Executive Session 3/14/13 – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Report Out of Executive Session Meetings

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 3/14/13 -1) Report of Executive Session Vote – Mrs. Beaulieu said there were no votes taken at this meeting.

- 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. Mutter made a motion to seal the minutes, of 3/14/13, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo & Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.
- B. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 3/28/2013 – 1) Report of Executive Session Vote – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there was no meeting tonight. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – there was no need to do this – no meeting held.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent’s Report

Item #11B – Discussion of Living History Event – An Eagle for Their Buttons – a Four Day March of the Civil War Soldier – Mr. Rob Goldman explained a little bit about this four-day march by the 14th Rhode Island Heavy Artillery, which travels from Lincoln to Woonsocket. The Rhode Island Council for Humanities will camp at Cumberland Hill School grounds on May 2nd and he welcomes parents and students of all grades to come and see demonstrations, taste Civil War type food, listen to talks and see what it was like being a Civil War soldier.

A. Recognition of Achievements – Mr. Mitchell presented Susan Alves with the 2013 Yale Distinguished Educator Award. Mark Tucker presented Andrew McGinn with an award for being 1st place in the 2013 Sodexo Future Chef Contest – he won with “Andrews Super Salad”. Lisa Beaulieu presented certificates to Hannah Dubois and Alexander Haupt, winners in the 2013 Rhode Island Drama Festival “Apartment 251”. Rep. Ackerman presented certificates to Chase Boni and Samuel Ackerman, winners of the 2013 Rhode Island Forensics League State Championship.

Agenda Item #8: Chairperson’s Report

There was no report at this time.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

Mr. F. got up to talk about the NECAPS – he said there has been a lot of publicity about them lately – he said he had done some research and he said that he could not find where it said anywhere that passing NECAPS is a graduation requirement. He went on to say that in one of the guide books that he found regarding NECAPS, it actually stated that graduation decisions, promotions, referring a child to Special Education, etc. should not be determined/recommended based on the results of these tests – wrong test, wrong results. Mr. F. went on to say that SC members in Providence have sent letters to the R.I. Dept. of Education, the Commissioner and the Governor and he would ask that our SC members do the same.

Agenda Item #10: Old Business

- A. Bus Transportation Contract – 1) Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2013-07: Durham School Transportation Contract Extension – Mr. Mutter noted that Fiscal Management had met about two weeks ago and they recommended passage of this resolution, accompanied with a contract – but the SC is not approving the contract tonight because Mr. Mutter said that he wants Durham to have a chance to look at the contract and review it. Mrs. Fogell noted that some items were added to the existing contract and that it was not a new contract, just some minor additions. A rep

from Durham was at the meeting and did say that he looked at it quickly and it looked good – and with that Mr. Mutter said he would get back to Mrs. Fogell to solidify the document. Mr. Mutter then made a motion to approve SC-R-2013-07, Dr. Thornton noted to the SC members that the later CHS start time is not on this document and that we may have to add three buses if the time is changed, the motion was then 2nd by Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 2013-14 School Calendar

1) Calendar A 2) Calendar B 3) Calendar C

Mrs. Beaulieu briefly explained each calendar – Calendar A is the typical school calendar, Calendar B removed the February vacation and Calendar C has a March vacation but eliminates the February and April vacations. Mrs. Teel brought up a concern at a past SC meeting about lots of time off next year during the Christmas break and she wanted to see if the calendar could be adjusted so that the students are in school for longer periods after the Christmas break without interruption. Mrs. Teel would prefer Calendar C but realizes that there would be a budgetary impact with that calendar because the district needs to provide bus services to the kids that would be in school. Dr. Thornton told the SC that Calendar B or C would be good. Mrs. Teel then made a motion to approve Calendar C, if it is not too much of a dollar burden, 2nd Mr. DiModica, Mr. Duffy then asked if on Calendar B and C if the PD day could be moved to 2/18 so they could have a four day weekend (President's Day is the 17th), so Mr. DiModica withdrew his 2nd and Mrs. Teel then made a motion to amend Calendar C to move the PD day to 2/18, 2nd Mr. DiModica, Mr. Salvatore noted that he like Calendar B because of family vacations, etc. and Mr. Duffy likes Calendar C but for the 2014-15 school year but will ask for Calendar B to be approved during the 2013-14 school year, Dr. Thornton then noted that it would be a nice change to be approving calendars for the next two years. Mrs. Teel's motion to amend Calendar C failed – roll call vote as follows: Teel – yes, Fiorillo – yes, DiModica, Duffy, Mutter, Salvatore and Beaulieu voted no – motion failed. Mrs. Teel then made a motion to accept Calendar B and amend it to the PD day being changed to 2/18, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-1, Mr. Salvatore voting in the negative. Dr. Thornton wants Calendar C on the next SC meeting agenda and Mr. Duffy wants other districts in the state to know about Calendar C so that they can review and make changes to their calendars if they choose to.

C. Discussion and/or Vote on the Superintendent's Recommended FY 2014

School Budget – Mr. Mutter reviewed a couple of changes to the budget before making his motion and they were to increase library spending for MMS from \$2,000 to \$4,000 – they took \$2,000 from BFN because BFN received a grant for \$7,500 so the \$2,000 would be better used at MMS, they added two Math interventionist at the high school and .5 at the middle school, Mr. Mutter then recommended that SC-R-2013-09 FY 2014 School Budget of \$57,567,247 be approved with amendments, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Presentation – Dr. Thornton asked that this be tabled so Mr. Mutter made a motion to table this item, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0
- B. This item was covered under agenda item #7.
- C. Home School Instruction Requests 2012-13 School Year – there were no requests this evening.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2013-08: Amended FY 2013 School Budget – Mr. Mutter made a motion for passage of SC-R-2013-08, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
- E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trip: Combined Middle School Trip to Washington, DC – November, 2013 – Mr. Mutter recommended passage of this trip request, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.
- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amendment to Policy: AFB – Evaluation of Superintendent – Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve as amended, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Jack Dias, Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2012-13 school year, at Cumberland High School, effective 3/28/2013.**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Dale O'Dell, as a volunteer Boys Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2012-13 school year, at Cumberland High School, effective 3/28/2013.**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Matthew Smalley, Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse Coach for the 2012-13 school year, at Cumberland High School, effective 3/28/2013.**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Hilary Switzer, Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse Coach for the 2012-13 school year, at Cumberland High School, effective 3/28/2013.**

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

Leave of Absences

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA of **Stephanie York, School Psychologist, at Cumberland High School,** effective **3/28/2013. Leave begins on 4/1/13 to end of school year.**

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve as presented by Mrs. Fogell, 2nd Mr. DiModica and Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #13: Comments from the Public

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #14: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Salvatore commented that he was a judge for the History Fair at NCMS and he said that Mrs. Steinke's son tied for first place and he also said that it was a great fair and the students seemed very knowledgeable about their projects.

Mr. Mutter thanked Mr. Prignano for his help in Fiscal Management.

Agenda Item #15: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items

Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5: - there will be no Executive Session tonight.

Agenda Item #16: Adjournment

Mr. Mutter made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony