

APPROVED-4/25/2013

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, April 11, 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, Atty. Stephen Adams

Agenda Item #1: Chairman Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda
Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve the following: Regular Meeting minutes 3/28/13, Special Meeting minutes 4/3/13, Enrollment Report 4/1/13, School Police Report 3/1/13, Truancy Report 4/1/13 and Communication – Fontaine: Concern NECAP as Graduation Requirement, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0. Mr. Mutter then made a motion to table the approval for minutes of Executive Session 4/3/13, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meetings

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 4/3/13 – 1) Report of Executive Session Vote – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. Salvatore made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.
- B. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 4/11/13 – 1) Report of Executive Session Vote – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. Mutter and Mrs. Teel made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Cumberland High School PBIS Recognition
Dr. Thornton asked Mr. Geiselman to present some sports awards to Mitchell Baxter, Christopher Skurka and Joyce Bonner. Dr. Colwell and Dr. Thornton presented PBIS awards to Christine Bandoni, Vanessa Molloy, Janet Miele, Steven Casavant, Christopher Skurka, Mark Primiano, Jared Dean and James Field. There were also certificates for PBIS members not in attendance – Karen Robinson, Carol Bibeault, Donna Zannelli, Tracey Iwuc, Kristen Grimm, Sarah Bielecki and Stephanie York. At

this point Mr. Field came up and with the consent of the SC, gave his Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Presentation – which is listed on the agenda as “A” under “Old Business”. Mr. Field started off by saying that they have been doing PBIS for over five years now and every one of our schools is at some stage of PBIS. He said that PBIS is the framework for improving climate and culture and this will happen with consistency over a period of time as each and every teacher should be responding to situations in the same way. It is a three tier approach – Universal Prevention Approach, Secondary Prevention and Tertiary Prevention. Mr. Field noted that the schools are also doing RTI at the same time. PBIS defines expectations, teaches expectations, acknowledges expectations, responds consistently to unexpected behavior, gives classroom support, gets involved with the families of students and analyzes data for each school to support that school. Some classrooms are showing videos once a week, others once a month or twice a year – depending on the needs of the school/classes. Children that are doing well are also acknowledged in this program. Mr. Field believes that PBIS is simply adults and children connecting. Tier One is Universal Systems (all students) – teaches academics and behaviors, need to teach and re-teach, consistency. Tier Two Systems of Supports (some students) – targeted interventions, target teams in each building, progress monitoring (data every 4 weeks), different programs at elementary, middle and high school – there was a new pilot program at the high school – Check and Connect Intervention – pilot program ran for 6 weeks and had good results so far. Tier Three Systems of Supports (few students) – student specifications, individualization interventions and supports, progress monitoring, wrap around services and supports. Mr. Field ended his presentation by reviewing school results as of 3/1/13 and showed some videos from each school of some positive PBIS results.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson’s Report

- A. Discussion of Senate 0188 – The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act Bill – Mrs. Beaulieu thanked Mr. Kerns and Mr. Schmitt for coming this evening. She went on to say that herself along with Mrs. Teel and Dr. Thornton had been at the statehouse this past week to testify and she urges anyone that has interest in this bill and would like to be heard should send a letter and/or attend the meetings regarding this bill.

Agenda Item #8: Comments from the Public
There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #9: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,415,734.77, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter noted that on 4/9/13 Fiscal Management met and discussed the swimming proposal, school start – Durham, and a motion was made at that time to keep these items in Fiscal Management.
- C. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – no updates.

- D. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – next meeting in two weeks.
- E. Special Programs Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Duffy said they would have their final meeting in two weeks and would be discussing the Durham model start time.

Agenda Item #10: Old Business

- A. Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS) Presentation – Jim Field presented this under the Superintendent’s Report.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve School Start/End Schedule with Durham School Services – Mr. Duffy made a motion to table this item, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Sodexo School Lunch Price Increase – Mr. Tucker from Sodexo was at the meeting and asked that the current prices for lunches be raised by fifteen cents, which would bring the cost of the lunches to \$2.25 for elementary, \$2.50 for middle and \$3.00 for high school. The cost increase was necessary to fit into specific regulations and guidelines. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the fifteen cent increase for 2013-2014 to the Cumberland Town Schools Meal Program, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Envious Swimming Club Pool Proposal at CHS-Mr. Mutter made a motion to table this item because of issues for concern and would like to see it on the next SC meeting agenda, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended 2012-13 School Calendar – 2014-15 school calendar is not on the agenda because bus information is still needed from RIDE. Dr. Thornton noted that 6/24/13 would be the last day of school and this would complete 180 days of school. With this information Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the amended 2012-13 school calendar that will show 6/24/13 as the last day of school, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Resignation

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Kristen Fougere, Assistant Field Hockey Coach, at Cumberland High School, effective 4/1/2013. (budgeted)

Mr. Mutter and Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the resignation, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo and Mrs. Teel, 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. DiModica noted that he had a wonderful time watching the Harlem Wizards on April 10th.

Agenda Item #15: Vote to go into Executive Session

Dr. Thornton noted that there would be no Executive Session Meeting held tonight.

Agenda Item #16: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony