

APPROVED-1/23/14

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 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: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – 1) Regular Meeting 12/12/2013
- B. Approval of Minutes – 1) Executive Session 12/12/2013
- C. Enrollment Report – 1/1/2014
- D. Truancy/Residency Report – 1/1/2014
- E. School Police Report – 12/1/2013

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 1/9/2014
 - 1) Report of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken.
 - 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Mutter, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. One-to-One Computing – Dr. Thornton noted that he had a good conversation with the team on Tuesday – they are thinking that maybe both middle schools could go one-to-one. They need to pick a device – figure which one is the best to go with and also do they buy or lease. Mike Chandler is talking to Westwood, Massachusetts – getting input. The SC will be receiving more information, timeline, budget information, etc., very soon.
- B. January 23, 2014 – RIDE Common Core State Standards Presentation Update – Dr. Thornton said that Dr. Michael Barnes will lay out what common core is, etc., at this meeting and Dr. Thornton said he is looking forward to this

meeting. He also mentioned to everyone that the next flu clinic is 1/16/14 at the Cumberland High School from 5 – 8 p.m.

- C. NEASC Visit Report Update – Mr. Tenreiro said that our high school received a glowing report. He noted such accommodations as challenging, core values are reflected in the culture of our school, safe school environment – emphasized words included most students, communication, partnership, teacher dedication, collaboration. NEASC gives you recommendations to continue on the path that you are on and for CHS it was things like continue to use more data at the classroom level, wireless initiative recommended, more alignments between assignments and rubrics, more resources/access to media center, increase multi-media and workspaces. Mr. Tenreiro said that he was very pleased with the report. Mrs. Beaulieu gave kudos to Mr. Tenreiro and his staff for doing such a great job – she said that it shows that everyone is trying to do a good job! She also noted that ten years ago the school did not get a good report/letter and she said that our community should be very pleased with the accomplishments and progress that the school is making.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson’s Report

- A. Ruptured Water Pipes in Classrooms at Cumberland High School – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the SC met early Sunday morning with Dr. Thornton and some council members. They toured the high school – she said the crew that was brought in to do the cleaning was very good and did a great job – she said they were rapid responders. Dr. Thornton thanked everyone for such a great team effort – everyone came together to get the job done. Dr. Thornton went on to say that he gave the SC a listing of what needs to be replaced – he went through everything with their insurance company. He said Providence Fire Restoration came in and did a great job with the clean up, he believes everyone will be back in their rooms very soon.

Agenda Item #8: Public Hearing

- A. Second Reading of the Following Policy: 1) KDB – Access to Public Records Policy - Mrs. Teel noted that this is the second reading and there are no changes. Mrs. Beaulieu asked if anyone wanted to speak and no one did, she closed the hearing.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #10: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter said the committee met earlier in the evening and he recommended paying invoices totaling \$930,039.44, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter noted that FM met on Tuesday evening and discussed Special Education, payment of bills, resolutions and the monthly report.

- C. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said the committee met on Tuesday and discussed the field trips of long durations, homebound and family medical leave. Next meeting in two weeks.
- D. Achievement and Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu said the committee met on Tuesday and discussed the One-to-One Computing for the district and also discussed correlation of student data at the elementary level.

Agenda Item 11: New Business

- A. School Safety Update – Police Chief John Desmarais – Chief Desmarais started off by saying that everyone knew why we were all here discussing school safety – it was the incident in Newtown, Connecticut last year. He said he started talking to Dr. Thornton about some issues that very same day. The Chief recently sat on a Task Force at Commissioner Gist’s office – they reviewed specific issues, discussed how many drills we should have, how many lockdowns, etc. Dr. Thornton and Mike Chandler have been working with the Chief in regards to replacing doors and windows in our schools. The fire department was contacted by the Chief to make sure the appropriate doors and windows were going to be ordered. The Chief said that he and Dr. Masterson, Nidia Karbonik and the fire department meet monthly to review the safety plans – he noted that some of the other districts are calling us for a copy of the plans – we are keeping ahead of the game. He stressed that all doors should be secured at all times. Chief Desmarais said that his department has a lot of training and they are having even more this year – he said that even though they are trained to be the first responders, in a Connecticut type scenario the teachers and administrators would actually be the first responders. Again, the Chief could not stress more the importance of securing all doors – Dr. Thornton assured us that this would happen – the doors to all of the schools would be secured. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training will be happening this year for the police department, but Chief Desmarais said he would also like to see this available to teachers, administrators, etc., if that is the way the district would like to go. The Chief concluded by saying that he is available for questions anytime of the day or night and would be happy to help in any way. Mr. Salvatore commented that he is very proud to have such a professional police department and such a great leader in Chief Desmarais – he said that he and his department are doing an excellent job for Cumberland. Mrs. Beaulieu said thank you for the collaboration and noted that everyone appreciates it. Chief Desmarais said that he looks forward to working with all of the SC members and school personnel/administrators. At this time Mike Chandler showed some slides of the new interior doors that were installed at the pool area, the new exterior door at Garvin, the Airphone Entry System at the high school, the mag lock system at the high school – timelines would be 3/1/14 for the mag lock system, Airphone System and lock and handle sets – about 268 interior doors will be installed in the district by the end of this school year and all exterior doors and entry ways will be installed by the start of

- school 2014. Dr. Masterson noted that new information is constantly becoming available and they are always editing their work – he said they couldn't take a brake from planning.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar – Dr. Thornton said they still do not have definite dates for the PARCC exams next year – they have tried getting that information from RIDE several times, but did not get it yet. Dr. Thornton said that the SC could set the calendar and then revise it. Mr. Duffy said it could be months before we get that date and that if we keep the April vacation for next year, he said he would be fine with that – but he is also okay with moving it to March. Mr. DiModica asked if any of the other districts followed our calendar and Dr. Thornton said that some have shown interest, but do not want to change for at least another couple of years. Mr. DiModica made a motion to table this item until the next meeting, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.
 - C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2013-20: Fund Transfer for Communications Coordinator Services – Mr. Mutter said this was approved in FM earlier tonight with a 3-0 vote so he made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0. Dr. Thornton noted that Justin Martin was in attendance.
 - D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-12-2013-06: Communications Coordinator Services – Mr. Mutter said this was approved in FM earlier tonight with a 3-0 vote so he made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.
 - E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests 2013-2014 School Year – Dr. Thornton said there was only one this evening and he recommended approval. Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.
 - F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the Following Policy: 1) KDB – Access to Public Records Policy – Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Mutter, approved 7-0.
 - G. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amending the Following Policies: 1) IICA – School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration and 2) IHBF – Homebound/Hospitalization Instruction Policy – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table both policies, 2nd Mr. Mutter, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following recommendations:

Leaves of Absence

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Leave for Erin Auclair, Physical Education Teacher, Garvin Elementary School, with an anticipated start date of February 7, 2014 and an expected return date of April 28, 2014.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA Leave for Stephanie Russo, School Counselor, Ashton Elementary School and Garvin

Elementary School, with an anticipated start date of March 31, 2014 and an expected return date of June 27, 2014.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0..

Agenda Item #13: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Fiorillo wanted to congratulate the Boys Varsity Hockey Team for doing a great job at the Winter Classic and also wanted to thank them for participating in a cancer treatment fundraiser tonight at Five Guys to support a Lincoln hockey player that is suffering from leukemia.

Mr. DiModica wanted to thank all the teachers, maintenance workers, administration, etc., everyone that stepped up and helped during the water pipe emergency. Mrs. Beaulieu congratulated Cumberland High School for finishing 2nd place in the Large School Division of RIIL Challenge Cup!!! She also commented about all of the improvements at the pool – locker rooms look great, the pool looks wonderful and the showers are working! There are also new programs to enjoy – the Muir team is doing a great job with the pool!

Agenda Item #14: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there was no Executive Session tonight.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony