UNAPPROVED
There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, February 27, 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. Tim Groves

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson 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. Mutter made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Student Government Report

A. Student Activities-a representative from Student Government gave us the following update - January 31st was the winter ball which was held at Wright's Farm and over 400 students attended, it was a great time, the blood drive that was held in February saved 201 lives – great success, there will be a variety show at CHS during the second week in March, Pennies for Patients is ongoing and the students goal is to exceed last years total of $3,500.

Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – 1) School Committee/Town Council Workshop 2/4/14 – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that this item is not in tonight's packet, 2) Special Meeting 2/11/14, 3) Special Meeting 2/19/14 and 4) Special Meeting 2/19/14
B. Approval of Minutes – 1) Executive Session 2/11/14, 2) Executive Session 2/19/14

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve Special Meeting 2/11/14, Special Meeting 2/19/14, Special Meeting 2/19/14, Executive Session 2/11/14, and Executive Session 2/19/14, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 2/27/14
    1. Student Hearing Decision – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the SC voted 7-0 to uphold Dr. Thornton's recommendation.
    2. Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Mutter and Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent's Report

A. Electronic Sign Update – Alex Prignano gave an update – so far raised $17,000 from former alumnae (money leftover in accounts by their classes), Town Council passed an ordinance that governs these units such as a height limit of 8 feet – the CHS sign is 14 or 15 feet high so a letter to the Mayor and the Town Council will be asking what needs to be done to get a variance for the sign regarding the height – the goal is to be done with this project by the end of the school year.
B. Middle School LCD Update – Dr. Thornton said the short throw LCD that they had originally picked out has been phased out by the vendor but a new one has been chosen – it is the Epson Ultra Short Throw – in the budget and hopefully will be in in a couple of months.
C. Security Doors Update – Dr. Thornton stated that there are 268 interior doors that need to be changed – there are 26 doors at Community that will be among the first to be done, also locksets at B.F. Norton and McCourt will be done shortly. Dr. Thornton said that by the end of this school year he expects the interior doors to be done.

Agenda Item #8: Chairperson's Report

A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu welcomed Councilman Schmidt and Councilman DaCosta and the Boy Scout Troop from Cumberland Hill. Mrs. Beaulieu gave a brief presentation regarding the funding formula and the BEP. She started off by saying that the formula has been in place since 2010 and the formula is all about students learning, what educates a child effectively. Mrs. Beaulieu explained how the formula is funded and also reviewed some state and town figures. She reviewed the key components which are core instruction, student success factor and state share ratio. The amount of dollars has increased per student since FY12. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the FY14 town contribution should be about $38,700,000 – Mrs. Teel noted that we continue to ask for more dollars because we are underfunded and Dr. Thornton stated that if there was no gap and we received more money we could do things like have a marching band at the high school, have a middle school band, pursue STEM – BEP covers the basics Reading, Math, English, Reading Programs, etc., but we are still using books (approximately 48) that were published before 2000 – we are trying to get that number to zero. Mrs. Beaulieu also showed a slide that listed some things that BEP does not cover like cost of teacher's retirements, upkeep, safety, consultants, transportation, non-public textbooks, dues and fee's for professional organizations – just to name a few. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that this information is on the district's website.

Agenda Item #9: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter stated that there were no payments this evening.

B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter said that FM met on Tuesday, February 25th and discussed the monthly reports, Sodexo reports and the Durham School Services extension.
C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said they also met on February 25th discussed several policies and scheduled tentative meetings for 3/11, 3/25, 4/8 and 4/22. She noted that there are about 10 to 15 more policies that need to be cleaned up.
D. Achievement and Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that when they met they discussed One to One Computing, NECAP in the future, STEM initiative.

Agenda Item #10: Public Hearing

A. First Reading of the following Policies: 1) Amended Policies - a) IICA – School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration Policy, b) IHBF – Homebound/Hospitalized Instruction Policy, c) JFCJ – Crisis Management Policy, d) BF – School Board Policy Approval Process. 2) New Policy – GCBD/BDBD – Leaves and Absences for Professional/Support Staff. Mrs. Teel stated that she would like all of these policies, with the exception of IHBF – Homebound/Hospitalized Instruction Policy, to be tabled tonight. IHBF was approved earlier in P&P Sub-Committee with a 3-0 vote.

Agenda Item #11: Comments from the Public

Bill P. got up and asked the SC to please consider E-Verify for all new School Department employees.
Rep. McLaughlin stated that there were four bills submitted with reference to NECAP and Common Core Testing.

Agenda Item #12: Old Business

A. Energy Management System Update – Alex Prignano gave a brief update – we are trying to modernize our facilities and bring down our utility costs – the companies that we are working with guarantee savings each year and the savings is used to pay for our new equipment. We have interviewed two qualifying companies so far, next we should select a vendor – they will do an audit for us – which will be no cost to us – they will list the equipment needed – we would do a formal presentation to the Town Council – payment would be 10 – 15 years – Mr. Prignano noted that he would like to go to the state to get housing formula money. There are several steps that would have to be taken in order to do this – tell the state why we need the improvements, describe the districts design for green results, form a building committee, provide three years of scheduled maintenance, provide community demographics, feasibility study for work being done, etc. Cumberland could get a 40% reimbursement. There would be other projects that would also be submitted to the state for review – long-term projects. Mr. Prignano hopes to have a good portion of this project completed by the end of this year.
B. One-to-One Computing Update – Mrs. Beaulieu said the chrome book rollout will be in the middle schools – Mike Chandler is still doing some reviewing

and Mrs. Beaulieu noted that Mike will be able to do a lot of the support from another building and will save a lot of money by doing this. They will have a presentation on what a chrome book will look like in a middle school and how it will fit in the classroom.

C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trip: 1) Paris/Normandy France Trip – April 2014 – Mrs. Malloy – French Teacher at CHS presented the SC with the itinerary for the trip and also showed a PowerPoint presentation of some of the highlights that the students will get to see. She said she only takes upper classmen and the students bring back great ideas – it is a great opportunity. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the trip, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #13: New Business

A. Vote on Recommendations for Non-Renewals/Dismissal of Teachers – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that in Executive Session earlier Mrs. Fogell presented a listing of non-renewals for review. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve Non-Renewals/Dismissal of Teachers as presented by Mrs. Fogell, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

B. Vote on Disciplinary Hearing for Student: J. Doe – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that they already referred to this item in Agenda Item #6 – Report Out of Executive Session Meeting.

C. Vote and/or Discussion on the First Reading of the Following Policies: 1) Amended Policies: a) IICA – School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration Policy, b) IHBF – Homebound/Hospitalized Instruction Policy, c) JFCJ – Crisis Management Policy, d) BF – School Board Policy Approval Process
2) New Policy: a) GCBD/BDBD – Leaves and Absences for Professional/Support Staff – Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve as amended, IHBF – Homebound/Hospitalized Instruction Policy, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0. Mrs. Teel made a motion to table IICA, JFCJ, BF and GCBD/BDBD, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-1, Mr. Mutter in the negative.

D. Discussion and/or Vote Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2013-14 School Year – Mr. Mitchell recommended approval. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2013-14 School Year, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #14: Personnel Recommendations
Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

Retirement
I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Margaret Lachut, Art Teacher,** at **Systemwide**, effective **6/30/2014. (budgeted) Retiring after 17 years.**

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Elizabeth Fillo, Girls Assistant Lacrosse Coach,** at **Cumberland High School**, effective **3/17/2014. (budgeted)**

Leave of Absences

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the Unpaid leave of **Sandra-Lynn White, Science Teacher,** at **Cumberland High School**, effective **2/18/2014. (budgeted) Unpaid 2/18/14 to end of school year.**

Mr. DiModica thanked Mrs. Lachut for her 17 years of service and then made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Mrs. Fogell, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #15: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)
Mr. DiModica said he visited the Woonsocket Career Academy and said they would be accepting applications until March 15, 2014. Mrs. Teel said she recently went to watch the swimming championships and said the Clippers looked great! Mr. Fiorillo said that he recently went on a tour (with Dr. Thornton and Dr. Colwell) of the facilities for the students with significant disabilities and he noted that the projectors would be a great help! Mrs. Beaulieu wished the Debate Team the best of luck!

Agenda Item #16: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5
Dr. Thornton said there was no Executive Session this evening.

Agenda Item #17: Adjournment
Mr. DiModica made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony