

Approved – 3/27/2014

Members of the Cumberland School Committee in collaboration with members of the Cumberland Town Council Finance Subcommittee will be attending a workshop on **Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:30PM** at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

All school committee members present

Collaborative School Committee/Town Council Findings on:

a. Per pupil funding formula

PowerPoint on the BEP and Funding Formula was provided by Chairperson Beaulieu. Chairperson Beaulieu noted that the Basic Education Program revenue is underfunded on both the state and local share; with the local share facing a projected \$8.2M gap in FY14. Beaulieu stated a plan to address the gap should be developed by the school and town officials.

b. Shared services

Councilor Murray and School Committeeman DiModica reported that they have met to discuss activities that could be explored in the shared services area. They plan to meet again soon.

c. An approach to long range planning

School Committeeman Mutter stated the concern around the Basic Education Plan funding mandates and the Senate 3050 tax cap.

d. Taxpayers' willingness to increase taxes to fund education

School Committeeman Duffy provided a presentation to group about the community's ability/willingness to raise taxes to support schools

e. The divide between charter schools and public schools

Mr. Murray reported that he and Mrs. Teel met and outlined some areas where various schools could collaborate. They will meet again to continue the dialog.

The group agreed to meet again in three weeks.

Meet was adjourned at 8:30 PM