

UNAPPROVED

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, May 8, 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 – Ray Salvatore was absent.

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 7:37 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 and Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 4/24/14
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 4/24/14
- C. Enrollment Report – 5/1/14
- D. School Police Report – 4/1/14
- E. Residency/Truancy Report – 5/1/14

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 5/8/14 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mrs. Teel made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognition of Achievements – Student and Parent Recognitions – Dr. Thornton asked Leslie Graham - Debate Team Advisor - to come up and present her debate team with certificates. Ms. Graham said that there are 50 students on the team, 30 varsity and 20 novice. They meet from September thru March, one night per week for two hours – very dedicated team and they all did excellent! The following students are 2014 State Champions of the CHS Debate Team: Samuel Ackerman, Chandler Beaulieu, Chase Boni, Andrew Donovan, Timothy Furtado, Patrick Hamilton, Bailey Hogan, Zackary Iwuc, Edward Kwaitkowski, Mikayla Labbe, Ryan Laverty, Inshaal Malik, Samuel Robinson. Rep. Ackerman was not able to attend tonight's meeting, however, she did send a Citation from the State of Rhode Island to the Debate Team! Next, Dr. Thornton presented Ms. Ducharme - CHS Choral Director, with her Clef Singers – the singers performed three numbers for the audience and did an outstanding job on each one of them!! Mr. Mithcell presented the Clef Singers with certificates for their performance at the 2014 Performance

Festival in Annapolis, MD – they received Gold Rating!!!! Congratulations to Ms. Ducharme and the following students: Katherine Alberg, Matthew Antunes, Sarah Arribas, Ariel Ayotte, Laura Berard, Ben Berlinger, Robert Bouffard, Jasmine Bright, Margaret Brochu, Andrew Cabatingen, Kerry Connolly, Kelsey Costa, Josef DaSilva, Abby Dwyer, Steven Faulkingham, Jake Lohrman-Fitzgerald, Madison Gaffney, Drew Galipeau, Taylor Giguere, Amanda Hardee, Samantha Hartsfield, Michael Hurder, Amy Irons, Alicia Johnson, Megan Krajanowski, Mikayla Labbe, Amanda Lapierre, Emily Levesque, Mackenzie Malloy, Mary Malloy, Matthew McCarthy, Andee McDermott, Kelsey McIntosh, Jill Orsini, Victoria Parks, Kaitlin Peters, Patcharee Phmsouvannady, Harmony-Lyn Salvas, Xavier Sanger, Robin Snead, Matthew Vincent. At this point we had a five-minute recess.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

- A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu said she had nothing new to report, but would keep this item on the agenda so that as new things come up she can keep everyone up to date!

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter made a motion to pay invoices totaling \$2,009,473.53, 2nd Mr. DiModica and Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter said that FM met on 5/6 and discussed some of the resolutions, the Durham School Services Transportation Contract, the Chromebook purchase.
- C. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said the sub-committee met on 5/6 and discussed interrogations and searches, proficiency based policy 9-12 and K-8 – split policy.
- D. Achievement and Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu said the sub-committee did not meet last Tuesday, but will meet next month and they will be discussing High School Guidance Department.

Agenda Item #9: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) Amended Policies: a) I-12 (IKA) – K-8 Proficiency – Based Reporting Policy, b) I-13 (IKFC) – High School Proficiency – Based Graduation Policy, c) J-7 (JGD) – Student Suspension Policy – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table I-12 and I-13 – there is more work that needs to be done, 2nd Mr. Mutter, approved 6-0. Mr. Chandler will put these on the website. Mrs. Teel requested that J-7 be read two times - read into the record that this was approved in sub-committee. She also stated that there have been several changes to this policy.
- B. Public Comment – Mrs. Beaulieu asked if anyone wanted to speak on any of the policies and no one did.

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Public

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. CHS Program of Studies 2014-2015 – The Choice Book – Mr. Tenreiro stated that there were 50 copies available in the Guidance Department. Mr. Duffy asked about an addition (pg. 10), but it was agreed that it could be put in if it goes in to policy.

- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Non-Renewals for the 2014-15 School Year – Mrs. Fogell stated that she presented this in Executive Session and noted that they do not discuss the teacher’s involved in open session. Mrs. Fogell and Dr. Thornton both recommended that the SC vote to rescind teacher non-renewals for 2014-15 school year. Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve to rescind teacher non-renewals for the 2014-15 school year, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Appointment of Building Committee Member – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this building committee is to help the district get money thru school housing aid – we can get 40% reimbursements on construction projects over the next several years and one of the requirements from RIDE is that we have a building committee in place. Mr. Duffy made a motion to nominate Mr. Fiorillo, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 5-0. Mr. Fiorillo abstained. Dr. Thornton noted that this committee will probably meet quarterly and one of the first goals will be to size up the project for our district.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Employee Contracts for: 1) Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning (2), 2) Principal – Middle School, 3) Assistant Principal – Middle School, 4) District Data Manager, 5) Attendance/Truancy Officer, 6) Confidential Assistant to the Director of Human Resources – Dr. Thornton said that the first three contracts were one year contracts and he is now recommending three year contracts, the last three changing to an actual dollar amount. Mr. Mutter noted that these contracts were discussed in FM and all had favorable evaluations – FM recommended approval. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve contracts listed from 1-6, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.
- E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-R-2014-06: Unassigned Fund Allocation – Mr. Mutter stated that this resolution was passed in FM with 2-0 vote. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-R-2014-07: Durham School Services Transportation Contract – Mr. Mutter said that he was not at the part of the FM meeting when they discussed this contract but Mr. DiModica noted that there were a couple of changes that were made at the meeting on 5/6 – Section 19 amended the contract because a few words were removed. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the Durham School Services Transportation Contract as amended, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0. Mr. Mutter made a motion to amend Line #7 (Durham location has changed) on Resolution SC-R-2014-07, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0. Mr. Mutter then made a motion to approve SC-R-2014-07 as amended, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.
- G. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-R-2014-08: Accelerated Funding Formula – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this refers to a House and Senate Bill that addresses the states share of the funding formula – it is significant – big impact on our district – this is still in FM so it needs to be on the next agenda. Mr. Mutter made a motion to table SC-R-2014-08, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- H. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-PR-5-2014-04: Hot Food Serving Counter – JJM Cumberland Hill School – Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-5-2014-04, (passed in FM 2-0 vote), 2nd Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- I. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-PR-5-2014-05: Computerized Registers – North Cumberland MS and McCourt MS – Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-5-2014-05, (passed in FM 3-0 vote), 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

- J. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-PR-5-2014-06: Convection Oven – North Cumberland MS Kitchen – Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-5-2014-06, (passed in FM 3-0 vote), 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- K. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-PR-5-2014-07: Chromebooks Purchase – Mr. Mutter noted that the Chromebooks have already been purchased – this is to re-affirm. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-5-2014-07, (passed in FM 3-0 vote), 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.
- L. Discussion and/or Vote to Delete the Following Policies: 1) JFA – Student Due Process Rights, 2) JFG – Interrogations and Searches – Mrs. Teel noted that both policies were passed in sub-committee with a 3-0 vote. Mrs. Teel made a motion to delete JFA, 2nd Mr. Mutter, but he asked Atty. Adams if J-7 is not being voted on tonight, would there be anything in its place? Atty. Adams said that state and federal have due process regulations in effect and RIDE also has regulations that relate to both – but we could rely on what the state is telling us to go by. Mr. Duffy said that he thought this should be tabled to cover ourselves – Mrs. Teel did not feel the same, and the motion to delete was approved 6-0. Mrs. Teel then made a motion to table JFG, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.
- M. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the Following Amended Policies: 1) I-12 (IKA) – K-8 Proficiency Based Reporting Policy, 2) I-13 (IKFC) – High School Proficiency Based Graduation Policy, 3) J-7 (JGD) – Student Suspension Policy – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table I-12 and I-13, 2nd Mr. Mutter, approved 6-0. Mrs. Teel noted that this is the first reading for J-7, second reading will be at the next SC meeting – so no action on this one.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following recommendations:

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Michelle McIntosh, Summer School/Credit Recovery Coordinator, at Cumberland School Department, effective 5/12/2014. (budgeted) Stipend \$3,500**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Mark Primiano, Summer School/Credit Recovery Coordinator, at Cumberland School Department, effective 5/12/2014. (budgeted) Stipend \$3,500**

Withdrawal

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the withdrawal of an **unpaid leave for school year 2014-2015 for Carolyn Stambaugh, Nurse/Teacher, at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 8/25/2014. (budgeted)**

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approved personnel recommendations as outlined by Mrs. Fogell, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

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

Mr. DiModica stated that the Sports Boosters Club is looking for Executive Board Members – they are looking for volunteers. Mr. Fiorillo stated that last week he attended the B.F. Norton Science Expo and said that it was great – the students were really excited and it was really great to see! Mrs. Beaulieu reminded everyone about Art Night at CHS on May 14 from 6-9 p.m. – in the lobby of CHS. Mrs. Beaulieu congratulated the 260 students that walked on May 2nd for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and raised over \$3,300 for the charity! Mrs. Beaulieu also mentioned All Band Night – middle school and high school bands – great – two conductors – was excellent!

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

Dr. Thornton stated that there was no Executive Session tonight.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Mr. DiModica made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony