

## **APPROVED-6.12.14**

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, May 22, 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, Mark Fiorillo, Ray Salvatore – Craig Duffy 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 7:35 p.m.

**Agenda Item #2:** Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Item #3:** Approval of Agenda  
Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #4:** Student Government Report  
Past events included the Food Drive in April, Staff Appreciation Week – students thanked all of the staff members with a different event each day, and the Spring Fling – thanks to all of the chaperones! Upcoming events include the Senior Prom which will be held at the Quidnesset Country Club, Senior Week – last period fun! Government elections 5/23 during advisory, Graduation at PPAC!

**Agenda Item #5:** Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 5/8/14 and B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 5/8/14. Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve Regular Meeting 5/8/14 and Executive Session 5/8/14 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #6:** Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 5/20/2014 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes and 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there was no Executive Session held that evening.

**Agenda Item #7:** Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognition of Achievements – 1) Student, Parent and Teacher Recognitions – Mr. Mitchell introduced Ms. Coughlin, NCMS Principal, to announce the following recognitions: 2014 RILMLE Scholar Leaders, Hannah Ballou and Christian Vallee. National Junior Honor Society Members: Paul Hugo Arcand, Hannah Ballou, Paul Barry, Jocelyn Bodington, Sarah Brochu, Luke Colomey, Emily Duffy, Stephanie Erickson, Zachary Fogell, Jany Gonzalez, Rachel Grady, Natalie Hartsfield, Sarah Keough, Derek Knobloch, Colin Langton, Griffin

Lamoureux, Rebecca Levesque, Aashita Mathur, Kathleen Maya, Erin McIntyre, Samantha Murphy, Jake Ray, Nick Rebelo, Bethany St. Jean, Caroline Squizzero, Merrick Tian, Christian Vallee, Madeline Voda, Megan Weiner and Teacher Advisors, Lorre Lang and Kayla Emery. National French Exam Winners (Placed Top 10 in RI) were Paul Hugo Arcand, Caroline Squizzero, Rachel Breitenbach, Jonathan Vo and the Teacher Advisor was Sandra Shaw. National French Exam Winners at CHS were Arianna Ket, Chase Boni and Paul Resendes. Dr. Masterson, Principal of MMS, recognized the following students whose artwork was displayed at the Fidelity Campus in Smithfield, RI on March 18<sup>th</sup>: Grade 6 – Jillian Cook, Zack Kingston, Trista Rock, Emma McKinnon, Alicia Oliveri, Sarah Fahrenholtz, Conner Elliot, Mya Santos. Grade 7 – Laura Dion, Jaylee Coats, Jarrod Strenke, Halie Walton, Mason Matos, Kaylee Johnson. Grade 8 – Sam Buskey, Kayla Paquette, Kailey Vinacco, Brian Simanski, Alexandria Santos, Jasmine Reynolds, Heloisa Tebaldi, Ana O’Callaghan, Nicole Gonzalez, Louise Morey, Madison Saraiva, Dayna Jackvony, Jimmy Zhang, Keaton Bergeron, Vanessa Beausoleil. Art Educator – Loriann Santopietro. 2) 2014 District Teacher of the Year – Mr. Mitchell noted that there were several nominations that were all sent to Dr. Thornton and then reviewed by a committee that eventually chooses the winner. Ana Parenteau – SP. Educator at B.F. Norton is the 2014 District Teacher of the Year! Mr. DiManna, B.F. Norton Principal spoke a little bit about Ana and how passionate she is about her work and what an elite practitioner she is. Congratulations Ana! 3) Cumberland Athletic Director Inducted in RIIL Hall of Fame – Frank Geiselman – coached at CHS for 26 years! Congratulations Frank! 4) Pennies for Patients of R.I. – Ashton School, John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary, Community School and Cumberland High School – Deb Watterson and Bob Van Winter from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society were on hand to congratulate four Cumberland Schools who were in the Top 10 Overall Fundraising Schools in the State of Rhode Island for this statewide competition! Cumberland High School, Community Elementary, Ashton Elementary and Garvin Memorial Elementary did a fantastic job at raising money for this fundraiser! There was also a special thanks to CHS Principal Alan Tenreiro and staff who challenged their students and staff to raise \$25,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – they are currently at around \$21,000 and are still going!!!! Congratulations CHS!!!! Deb and Bob thanked all of the district’s schools for all of the donations to this wonderful fundraiser! At this time there was a short recess.

At this time Mrs. Beaulieu noted that Agenda Item “E” under New Business would be moved up. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trip: CHS Disney Grad Nite – Orlando, FL – April 2015 - Kate Ward briefly gave the SC members some information about the trip, what the requirements are for each student to be able to attend and also some dates and locations. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the Disney Trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #8:** Chairperson's Report

- A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu said that she and Mr. Mutter had an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Gist and legal counsel and will continue to meet regarding this issue.

**Agenda Item #9:** Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter stated that there were no payments tonight.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter said the sub-committee did meet and they discussed the BEP Audit, the Charter School Athletic Tuition and Resolution SC-R-2014-08.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said the sub-committee would be meeting next Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu said the sub-committee did not meet but will meet in June to discuss the CHS Guidance Department.

**Agenda Item #10:** Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) Amended Policies – a) J-7 (JGD) Student Suspension Policy – Mrs. Teel noted that this was the second reading for this policy and that no changes had been made since the first reading.
- B. Public Comment – Mrs. Beaulieu asked if anyone wanted to speak about the policy and no one did.

**Agenda Item #11:** Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

**Agenda Item #12:** New Business

- A. School Security Update – Mr. Alexander from Sodexo gave the following update: 26 doors, 80 locksets are currently being installed at Community Elementary, locksets for McCourt were being installed today and then 8 doors would also be installed, B. F. Norton is the next school and the rest of the schools will follow. Card access is currently being tied in to the alarm panels. Completion of these projects should be by the end of the summer. Dr. Thornton noted that currently there are 300 keys in the district – that number will be reduced to 30 and those keys will not be able to be copied. Dr. Thornton said that the keys cannot be copied because the blanks cannot be bought. Keys for the exterior doors will also be limited. Dr. Thornton also noted that once everyone has the swipe cards, access times will be monitored – he said that the town is helping the district fund this project – master lease.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Scheduling of BEP Audit – Mr. Mutter noted that this was discussed in sub-committee but that no votes were taken. He is asking that Dr. Thornton secure some bids as to what this might cost and then everyone can meet and discuss. The committee can figure out what is necessary and what is required – can an RFP be developed before the next meeting? Mr. Salvatore asked Mr. Mutter if the town is asking to do this audit

and Mr. Mutter said that the Mayor had mentioned it, but nothing has been done to date.

- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Proposed Charter School Athletic Tuition – Mr. Mutter said that this had been tabled in sub-committee so he made a motion to table this item, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-R-2014-08: Accelerated Funding Formula – Mr. Mutter stated that Fiscal Management recommended passage – this urges the General Assembly to accelerate the funding. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-R-2014-08, Mr. Salvatore made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion for discussion – he asked if upon approval would the SC send a letter, as a committee, to the General Assembly and Mrs. Beaulieu said yes they would and Mr. Salvatore then asked if they could also ask our representatives to come to the meetings and Mrs. Beaulieu said yes. The motion was approved 6-0.
- E. This item was moved to just before the Chairperson’s Report.
- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the Following Amended Policy: J-7 (JGD) – Student Suspension Policy – Mrs. Teel stated that this policy has had a first and second reading and was passed with a 3-0 vote in Policy and Procedures. Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve this policy as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Mrs. Beaulieu stated that the Resolution is very important and wanted to take a moment to review some of the Resolution and so she read some of it and referenced Article 12 Section 4 of the R.I. Constitution and also other Articles in the Constitution because she felt that everyone should understand this and be aware because of its importance.

**Agenda Item #13:** Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

**Retirements**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of Donna Carreiro, Principal, at JJM Cumberland Hill School, effective 6/30/2014. (budgeted) retiring after 9 years

Mr. Salvatore made a motion to approve the retirement of Donna Carreiro, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel and Mr. Fiorillo, Mrs. Beaulieu noted that Mrs. Carreiro was part of a great team and she truly loved the district and will be missed very much, motion was approved 6-0.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of JoAnn Arthurs, Building Secretary, at Garvin Elementary School, effective 6/27/2014. (budgeted) retiring after 20 years

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve the retirement of JoAnn Arthurs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that Mrs. Arthurs will be greatly missed!

### Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Colleen McMichael, Nurse/Teacher, at JJM Cumberland Hill School, effective 5/22/2014. (budgeted)

### Leave of Absences

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the unpaid leave of Tina LeMay, Grade 2 Teacher, at Garvin Elementary School, effective 5/12/2014. (budgeted) Unpaid 5/12/14 to end of school year

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the resignation of Colleen McMichael and the leave of absence for Tina LeMay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

### **Agenda Item #14:** School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Fiorillo noted that last night the SPED Advisory met for the last time for this year and they hope that more members join the committee next year. Mr. Mutter noted that he was unsure about the inequities referenced in the resolution and he reminded the SC that the question was ignored and it should not be ignored – and as we go through the audit process he wanted everyone to remember that it was ignored and he hopes that as we move down the path, we don't ignore it. Mr. Salvatore said that he was in support of what Mr. Mutter said and is in agreement to hire a firm to do an audit. Mrs. Beaulieu said the Art Show at CHS last week was a great success – it was packed and the CHS Band and the Clef Singers were outstanding as well! It was wonderful!! Also, the CHS Lacrosse Team won the first game in the playoffs tonight!

### **Agenda Item #15:** Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Dr. Thornton noted that there would not be any Executive Session this evening.

### **Agenda Item #16:** Adjournment

Mr. DiModica made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel and Mr. Mutter, approved 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony