

## **UNAPPROVED**

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 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 7:46 p.m.

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

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

**Agenda Item #4:** Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 6/12/14, Special Meeting 6/19/14.
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 6/12/14, Executive Session 6/19/14 – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the SC did not meet that evening – so there are no minutes.
- C. Enrollment Report 7/1/14.
- D. School Police Report 6/1/14.
- E. Residency/Truancy Report 7/1/14.

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #5:** Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 7/10/14 – Report Out of Executive Session Votes and Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken and with that Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #6:** Superintendent's Report  
Dr. Thornton reviewed the enrollment numbers so far – Pre-K – 5 has 2,055 registered, middle has 1,119 and high has 1,286 - +1 overall from last year. He also noted that some classrooms, depending on grade levels, are larger than others.

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

- A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that she had nothing to report this evening.

**Agenda Item #8:** Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$2,347,644.57, this passed in FM with a 3-0 vote, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter noted that FM met earlier in the evening and discussed the ICSE Contract, purchase of school supply items, employment contract for the Communications Coordinator, FY14 budget transfers, and some of the policies.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel noted that the sub-committee met on 6/24 and discussed a number of policies – which are on tonight’s agenda. Next meeting is 8/12 and they will discuss the SC conduct policy, chairperson scope, key control and update some other policies.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the High School Guidance Department would come to the SC in August with strategies for the new year.

**Agenda Item #9:** Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies: 1) Amended Policies: a) D-8 Financial Goals and Objectives, b) G-1 Affirmative Action, c) G-10 FERPA Policy for Students who have reached the age of majority, d) J-16 Student Searches, e) J-17 Student Residency – Mrs. Teel noted that the P&P Sub-Committee met on 6/24 and discussed and approved D-8 with a 2-0 vote, FM also approved D-8 – this is an amended policy and this is the first reading but it only requires one reading. G-1 needs to be reviewed every year – was approved with a 2-0 vote, this is also an amended policy – first reading, but only requires one reading. G-10 this is the second reading of this policy. J-16 this policy is in compliance with state laws, was approved with a 2-0 vote, this is the first reading tonight. J-17 was approved with a 2-0 vote, first reading tonight.
- B. Public Comment – Mrs. Beaulieu asked if anyone wanted to comment on any of the policies and no one did.

**Agenda Item #10:** Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

**Agenda Item #11:** New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 2014-2017 Independent Cumberland School Employees (ICSE) Contract – Mr. Mutter noted that earlier this evening during FM this contract was discussed and approved with a 3-0 vote, he then made a motion to approve the ICSE Contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, Mr. Fiorillo & Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- B. Vote to Rescind Teacher Non-Renewals for the 2014-15 School Year – Mr. Mutter made a motion to table this item, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Purchase of School Supply Items (Chromebooks, Textbooks, etc.) from Town Fund Balance in an Amount not Exceeding \$651,114 – Mr. Mutter noted that this item was discussed in FM earlier this evening – it is in the town’s FY15 budget – from fund balance to

- expense item – no action was taken on this item because of some conditions asked for by the town. The town would like the SC to pass a resolution before taken any action so this item was only for discussion this evening.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-7-2014-09 – Chromebooks for Middle Schools – Mr. Mutter stated that this amount is appropriated in the town’s fund balance and this is a step that the SC has been asked to complete and Mr. Mutter also noted that this was approved in FM with a 3-0 vote and with that he made a motion to approve as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, Mr. Mutter said this is not in our budget – we are following a procedure that we have been asked to do, motion was approved 6-0.
- E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-7-2014-10 – LCD Projectors and Cameras at CHS – Mr. Mutter said this is a resolution authorizing and empowering the Cumberland School Committee to execute a purchase from School Specialty of Mansfield, Ohio for up to 70 LCD Projectors (\$136,165.40) and from Hub Technical Services for Document Cameras (\$25,671) for Cumberland High School in an amount not to exceed \$161,836. Mr. Mutter wants to amend the resolution as follows: strike Line #19 and on Line #30 omit the words “contingent on Town Council purchase”. Mr. Mutter made a motion to amend SC-PR-7-2014-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, (the reason for the amendment is that the dollars are coming from the school department and not the town of Cumberland), motion approved 6-0. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-7-2014-10 as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-7-2014-11 – Thin Clients Accessories for Elementary Schools – Mr. Mutter said this is a resolution authorizing and empowering the Cumberland School Committee to execute a purchase from Hub Technical Services of South Easton, Massachusetts for up to 100 thin clients for the elementary schools in an amount not to exceed \$18,000. Mr. Mutter wants to amend the resolution as follows: strike Line #18 and on Lines #28 and 29 omit the words “contingent on Town Council” (line 28) and omit “purchase” (line 29). Mr. Mutter made a motion to amend SC-PR-7-2014-11, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, (amended reason same as above), motion approved 6-0. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve SC-PR-7-2014-11 as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.
- G. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2014-09 – FY 2013-14 Budget Amendment: Budget Transfers – Mr. Mutter said this is a resolution authorizing and empowering the Cumberland School Committee to amend the 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$821,000.00. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0. Mr. Mutter asked Mr. Prignano if the SC could have an updated document for the August meeting and Mr. Prignano said yes.
- H. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Employment Contract: Communications Coordinator – Dr. Thornton noted that this is a one-year contract. Mr. Mutter stated that this was approved in FM with a 3-0 vote – this one year contracts mirrors the 6 month contract – Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the Communications Coordinator contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

- I. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the Following Amended Policies – 1) D-8 Financial Goals and Objectives – Mrs. Teel noted that this passed in sub-committee with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to approve D-8, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0. 2) G-1 Affirmative Action – Mrs. Teel noted that this passed in sub-committee with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to approve G-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0. 3) G-10 FERPA Policy for Students who have reached the age of majority – Mrs. Teel noted that this passed in sub-committee with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to approve G-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0. 4) J-16 Searches of Students – Mrs. Teel noted that this passed in sub-committee with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to approve J-16, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0. 5) J-17 Student Residency – Mrs. Teel noted that this passed in sub-committee with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to approve J-17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

**Agenda Item #12:** Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Thornton had the following personnel recommendations:

**Resignations**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Victoria Carruba**, Social Studies Teacher (0.5 FTE) at McCourt Middle School, effective **6/30/2014**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Scott Fuller**, Mathematics Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective **6/30/2014**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Frank Geiselman**, Athletic Director at Cumberland School Department, effective **6/30/2014**.

Dr. Thornton thanked Mr. Geiselman for his years of service. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Frederik Schockaert**, Deputy Director of Special Education at Cumberland School Department, effective **8/1/2014**.

Dr. Thornton thanked Dr. Schockaert for his years of service. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Jennifer Stafford**, Kindergarten Teacher at Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective **6/30/2014**.

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

## **Appointments**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Lisa Sparks**, Social Worker at Systemwide, effective 8/21/2014.  
(FTE: 1.0; Step: TBD; Lane: TBD; Masters: TBD; Co-pay: 22.0%; budgeted)

Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

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

Mr. DiModica wanted to recognize the girls Lacrosse Team – he saw an article about them in the Providence Journal.

**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 would not be any Executive Session tonight.

**Agenda Item #15:** Adjournment

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. DiModica, approved 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony