

APPROVED-9.25.14

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Jeff Mutter, Linda Teel, William Dennen, Paul DiModica, Mark Fiorillo. Ray Salvatore was absent.

Administration Present: Dr. Phil Thornton, 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. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 8/28/14
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 8/28/14
- C. Enrollment Report – 9/1/14
- D. School Police Report – 8/1/14
- E. Residency/Truancy Report – 9/1/14

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

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report of Executive Session Meeting on 9/11/14 – 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. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Retirement Recognitions – Dr. Thornton presented Mary ReCasino with a certificate and a tote bag – everyone thanked Mary for her years of service to the Cumberland School District.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

- A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that there would be more discussion regarding the BEP under New Business agenda item A, later on in the meeting.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. Mutter made a motion to pay invoices totaling \$739,799.49, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Mutter noted that the committee met earlier in the evening and discussed the Sodexo Report, the budget amendment process, the designated fund balance and the RFP – R.I. State Funding Formula Impact and Improvement/BEP Compliance. Discussions only, no action taken.
- C. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel stated that the committee did not meet this week. The SC Conduct policy will be on their next agenda.
- D. Achievement and Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that the committee did not meet this week, but will be meeting in two weeks.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public
There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #10: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve RFP – R.I. State Funding Formula Impact and Improvement/BEP Compliance – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that certain parts of the funding formula are problematic and she is looking for solutions. She said it raises concerns about our school programs and what we are funding. She would like to know what the local obligation is because she wants to make sure that our students get what they need. Mr. Mutter noted that Cumberland has contributed the maximum for the last three years – per pupil has gone down though. He believes an RFP can be measured and he thinks that all the stakeholders could benefit from an RFP. He is advocating for an RFP. Mrs. Beaulieu stated that if Cumberland has a measure to bring to the General Assembly it would be good because at least it is something to discuss with them – funding is a big issue. Mr. Mutter stated that at one point it did not matter where you went to school, Pawtucket, Barrington, Cumberland, etc., you were entitled to the BEP – it should not make a difference where the child goes to school.
- B. Facilities Update – Projects Completed, Planned and Outstanding – Dr. Thornton gave an overview of what is currently happening in the district. Some projects mentioned were parking lot lights at Ashton, also some carpeting being replaced, roof flashing has been repaired, some landscaping has been improved. At Community ceiling tiles have been replaced, a new slab for the dumpsters has been installed, playground fence, bushes removed and replaced with smaller ones, blinds have been replaced. Cumberland Hill has put in some curbing, installed security cameras, chimney repairs, landscaping updates. Garvin has had some carpeting replaced, drainage in the playground area fixed. B.F. Norton has had the chimney repaired, some carpeting replaced, concrete sidewalk, cafeteria tables, landscaping updated. McCourt Middle has had lots of painting, air conditioning installed in some rooms, canopy repaired, some roof issues taken care of. NCMS intercom system has been repaired (instead of being replaced), boiler, new curtain for stage. CHS has had brick work done on the buildings, white boards installed,

Wellness elevator has been repaired, air conditioning in the main office, new sign, boiler, landscaping updated. He also reviewed some concerns that should be addressed in the near future – the gym floor at Ashton, ceiling tiles at Ashton, window repairs at Community, driveway exit at Community, gym floor at Cumberland Hill, windows at Garvin, BFN needs to be power washed, gym lighting at MMS, bleachers at MMS, lighting at NCMS, air conditioning, windows and brick work at the Wellness Center, practice field behind the high school needs to be tilled and loamed and then seeded (might be something to work with the town on), back-up generator for CHS (lighting). Mr. Prignano noted that some of these items are asterisked and they are in the budget.

- C. Discussion of Stage One Application – Request for School Housing Aid – Mr. Prignano stated that the stage 1 application is finished – stage 2 is not yet decided because we do not know what projects we are going to do. Stage 1 application will be sent to RIDE so that they can review it and come and meet with the Building Committee regarding some of the projects. He noted that a letter of intent needs to be sent off and it needs to be signed by the Mayor, Mayor elect, Superintendent Thornton. Mr. Prignano noted that a bond issue would have to be put on the ballot to help us with some of the projects. We have a year to send in the stage 2 applications.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests 2014-15 School Year – Dr. Thornton recommended approval. Mr. Mutter made a motion to approve the requests, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #11: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Denise Bricault, Student Management Clerk at Cumberland High School**, effective **8/28/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step n/a; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 10.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Rodney Cote, Custodian – Nights at North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **8/25/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step n/a; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 13.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Gina D’Aguanno, Supervisor of Nursing at Cumberland School Department**, effective **9/15/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step n/a; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22.0%; Stipend: \$3,000.00 budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Roberto Duran, Custodian – Nights at Cumberland High School**,

effective **8/25/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step n/a; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 13.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Janelle Garneau, Science Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **9/03/2014**. (**FTE: 0.6; Step 1; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Sarah M. Godino, Spanish Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **9/08/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step 7; Lane Masters; Co-pay: 22.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **James Marsland, Custodian – Nights** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **8/25/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step n/a; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 13.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Katelyn Oller, PE/APE/Health Teacher** at **System wide**, effective **8/28/2014**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step 1.0; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22.0%; budgeted**).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Sarah Piluri, Mathematics Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **9/08/2014**. (**FTE: 0.6; Step 1.0; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22.0%; budgeted**).

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve as presented, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

Following requests are for coaching positions in the Cumberland School System for the 2014 Fall Season:

CHS

Cross Country – Girls Head Joyce Bonner
Cross Country – Girls Vannessa Malloy
Field Hockey – Girls Head Stefanie Capone –Bello
Field Hockey – Girls Asst. Kelsey Creamer
Soccer – Girls – Head Anthony Silva
Soccer – Girls – Asst. John Hoxsie
Tennis – Girls – Head John Jasionowski
Tennis – Girls – Asst. Linda Deacon
Volleyball – Girls – Head Ruth Plante
Volleyball – Girls – Asst. Jessica Sheil
FB Cheerleading – Girls – Alysha Castonguay
Cross Country – Boys – Head Tom Kenwood
Football – Boys – Head Joshua Lima
Football – Boys – Asst. Gabe Gonzalez

Football – Boys – Asst. Derek DeSousa
Football – Boys – Asst. Jallah Leonard
Football – Boys – Asst. Alex Mendez
Football – Boys – Asst. Rob Raso
Volunteer Freshman – Bill Hogan
Volunteer Freshman – Jon Chakor
Volunteer Freshman – Dan Nuzum
Soccer – Boys – Head John Lopes
Soccer – Boys – Asst. Sergio DaCosta

Cumberland Middle Schools

Cross Country – NCMS – Kerri Carpenter	McCourt – Christopher Fernandes
Soccer – NCMS – Girl’s – Rachel Emery	McCourt – Girl’s – Curtiss Grieve
Soccer – NCMS – Boy’s – Brent Scoufos, Ron LeClair	McCourt – Boy’s – Kevin Seixas

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve as presented, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #12: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. DiModica noted that he had attended PTO meetings at Garvin and MMS and said that both schools seem to be off to a good start.

Agenda Item #13: 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 this evening.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony