

## **UNAPPROVED**

There was a special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

**Members Present:** Lisa Beaulieu, Ray Salvatore, Bill Dennen, Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo, Linda Teel

**Administration Present:** Dr. Phil Thornton, Superintendent; Robert Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent

### **Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting**

Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

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

### **Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

### **Agenda Item #4: Appointments of Sub-Committee Members & School Liaisons**

The following appointments were announced:

#### POLICY & PROCEDURES SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Mark Fiorillo; William Dennen, Raymond Salvatore

#### FISCAL MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Paul DiModica; Mark Fiorillo, William Dennen

#### ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair: Linda Teel; Lisa Beaulieu, Craig Duffy

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS SUB-COMMITTEE

- District Health and Wellness Sub-committee  
Chair: Raymond Salvatore  
Vice-Chair: TBD
- School Calendar Sub-committee  
Chair: Raymond Salvatore; Mark Fiorillo, Paul DiModica
- School Start time  
Chair: Craig Duffy; Paul DiModica, Raymond Salvatore
- BEP Sub-committee  
Chair: Lisa Beaulieu; Linda Teel, Bill Dennen

## LIAISONS TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

- Cumberland Preschool Center, Ashton School: Bill Dennen, Raymond Salvatore
- B.F. Norton School: Mark Fiorillo
- Community School: Linda Teel, Bill Dennen
- Garvin Memorial School: Mark Fiorillo
- John J. McLaughlin Cumberland Hill Elementary School: Raymond Salvatore
- Joseph L. McCourt Middle School: Paul DiModica, Mark Fiorillo
- North Cumberland Middle School: Linda Teel, Raymond Salvatore
- Cumberland High School: Bill Dennen, Linda Teel, Craig Duffy, Raymond Salvatore
- Blackstone Valley Prep: Craig Duffy
- Woonsocket Area Career & Technical Center: Paul DiModica
- Beacon Charter for the Arts: Raymond Salvatore
- Cumberland Special Education Advisory Council (CSEAC): Mark Fiorillo
- Cumberland Business Advisory Board: Lisa Beaulieu
- Cumberland Town Council: Mark Fiorillo

**Agenda Item #5:** Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Payment for Girls Co-op Cumberland/Lincoln Ice Hockey Team for Years 2012-13 and 2013-14

Mr. DiModica indicated that this issue was before the Fiscal Sub-Committee earlier tonight and that a funding source had been identified to pay for this bill in the amount of \$20,590.72. The Fiscal Sub-Committee approved it on a vote of 3-0.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve payment of this bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo.

Discussion:

Mr. DiModica asked about the uniforms that are listed on the invoice, saying that we had been invoiced for 2 uniforms in first year (for 2 students) and 7 uniforms in the second year for (7 students). Mr. DiModica requested that Mr. Prignano (Business Manager) ask Lincoln about them.

Mrs. Beaulieu spoke to clear up some confusion about the Cumberland School District's financial obligation in the news and social media. Minutes from past meetings confirm that there was never a financial commitment by the school committee to fund girls' hockey and it was never in the budget. It was a "budget neutral expense." It is not in this year's budget. Mrs. Beaulieu said it's important for everyone to realize the level of commitment needed to fund this sport, as the cost per student is significant. Girls' hockey costs in excess of \$2000 per student. The next most-expensive sport is boys' hockey at around \$1100, followed by golf and football, which are in the \$600's. Mrs. Beaulieu said that parents who spent a great deal of effort raising money for sports may feel slighted by the approval of this sport. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the school committee made the budget adjustment last year to fund middle school sports -- that was the priority.

Mrs. Teel said that the expectation was clear that fundraising was to take place and asked if any fundraising had occurred. Mr. DiModica said that he had read a newspaper article about a wine-

tasting fundraiser and wondered where that money went. Mrs. Beaulieu said that she had spoken with some parents and that they had formed a committee and do have resources saved toward that effort.

Approved 7-0.

**Agenda Item #6:** Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Payment for Girls Co-op Cumberland/Lincoln Ice Hockey Team for Years 2014-2015

Mr. DiModica said that this issue was before the Fiscal Sub-Committee earlier tonight and that a probable funding source had been identified, from an administrative position that has not been filled. It had passed on a 3-0 vote in Fiscal. Mr. DiModica said that the funding was for this year alone and that the parents would need to contact the superintendent to discuss funding going forward.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to Approve Payment for Girls Co-op Cumberland/Lincoln Ice Hockey Team for Years 2014-2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Salvatore, for discussion.

Discussion:

Mr. Salvatore asked about a line item for “dues” (\$1683) on the invoice and it was determined that this was for the Rhode Island Interscholastic association dues.

Mr. DiModica indicated that the total cost for 2014-2015 school year would be \$18,642.89 total for 9 girls from Cumberland.

Mr. DiModica asked about the need for 11 uniforms for 9 players and suggested that the business manager work with Lincoln on this.

Mrs. Beaulieu said that when we make an agreement with the parents, we should ensure that the whole amount be made available to the school department prior to the end of our fiscal year. This would allow school to know revenue is available and also allow for players to practice over the summer.

Mr. Fiorillo suggested that we get a written agreement between Cumberland and Lincoln spelling out who is responsible for what going forward.

Mr. Duffy asked about clarifying the practice and policy for future clubs and co-ops and how the committee would approve and fund them. Mrs. Beaulieu said that the Athletic Director and administration can provide guidance on that, but that the committee should not hamstring school budget.

The motion passed 7-0.

**Agenda Item #7:** Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-11-2014-19:  
Chimney Repairs at B.F. Norton Elementary School

Mr. DiModica indicated that this has been approved earlier tonight by the Fiscal Sub-Committee. Fiscal passed it on a 3-0 vote, awarding the contract to Cornerstone Restoration of Barrington not to exceed \$16,800. This company did similar work for us at Cumberland Hill earlier this year.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-11-2014-19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fiorillo. The motion passed 7-0.

**Agenda Item #8:** Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Employment Contract:  
A. Deputy Director of Special Education

No action was taken on this item.

**Agenda Item #9:** Discussion and/or Vote to Approve the Appointment of:  
A. Deputy Director of Special Education

No action was taken on this item.

**Agenda Item #10:** Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendation:

Retirement:

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of John F. Jasionowski, Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis Coach for the Cumberland School Department, effective November 10, 2014. Mr. Jasionowski has been with the district for 30 years!

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Teel and Mr. Fiorillo. Approved 7-0.

Appointments:

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Jennifer Dronzek, Speech Language Pathologist for the Cumberland School Department, effective November 20, 2014. (FTE: 1.0; Step 10; Lane: Masters; Co-pay: 22%; budgeted).

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fiorillo. Approved 7-0.

Appointment of coaches at Cumberland High School:

The appointments are listed below. Mrs. Fogell indicated that all coaches have qualified coach's certification.

## GIRLS

**Basketball** Head Deborah Engels  
Asst. Sherri Heard

**Indoor Track** Head Vanessa Malloy  
Asst. Joshua Lima

**Swim** Head Kyle Black

**Cheerleading** Head Alysha Castonguay

## BOYS

**Basketball** Head Gary Reedy  
Asst. Collin Geiselman

**Hockey** Head Mark Andreozzi  
Asst. Jon Paquin

**Swim** Head Kyle Black

**Indoor Track** Head Tom Kenwood  
Asst. Matt Campanelli

**Wrestling** Head Steve Gordon  
Asst. Colin Smith

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Fiorillo. Approved 7-0.

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

There were no comments from the public

### **Agenda Item #12:** Adjournment

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.  
Adjourned at 6:34pm.

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Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by William J Dennen, Clerk.