UNAPPROVED

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo. Absent were Linda Teel, Raymond Salvatore and William Dennen.

Administration Present: Robert Mitchell, Asst. 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 the agenda, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 3/12/15, Special Meeting 3/16/15, Joint Meeting 3/16/15.
B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 3/12/15 and Executive Session 3/16/15.

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 3/26/15 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

A. Cumberland High School – Personalized Learning Grant – Mr. Mitchell stated that Cumberland High School is one of the twenty New England public schools in the League of Innovative Schools (CHS is one of the four chosen for Rhode Island) that has been selected by the New England Secondary School Consortium and the Great Schools Partnership to participate in a new initiative that will help them develop personalized learning experiences that address the distinct learning needs, interests and aspirations of individual students. He went on to say that Mr. Tenreiro, Mrs. Butash and Mr. Costa have attended training for this initiative and that this is a three-year grant. Congratulations Cumberland High School!!! Mr. Mitchell also stated that the

bridge program will begin this summer – this was in response to Mrs. Beaulieu's question.

B. Discussion of Book "Growth Mindset" – Chapters 1-4 – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that this will be continued to the next meeting. She will get more information.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu thanked some area districts – Lincoln, North Providence and Chariho – for approving similar resolutions to Cumberland's resolution regarding the expansion of the charter schools – Woonsocket has also sent documentation to RIDE regarding the same issue.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica said there were no payments this evening.
B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the Sub-Committee had met on 3/19 and discussed budget issues, questions regarding the interventionists in the elementary schools, and on 3/24 they discussed pension, superintendent's budget, RFQ for some cement work, lawn care at the schools – the town is going to give the school department a quote on possibly taking it over, also discussed were the school inspections and Sodexo's follow-up. Budget meeting on 3/31 at 5:30 for the sub-committee and 6:30 for the full committee, and another budget meeting on 4/2 at 7:30 for the full committee.
C. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the committee did not meet but there is a meeting scheduled for 4/6 – they will wrap up the G6 policy at that meeting.
D. Achievement and Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that the committee met on 3/24 and discussed the Garvin School Profile – changes were added to the curriculum – she said that it is impressive to see the gap closure for the lower two levels – she is hoping to amend the budget to supply extra dollars so that more students can be moved into the green group – Mr. Mitchell agreed that their gains have been very impressive – it is all connected to the new curriculum – Eureka Math Curriculum plays a major part – positive impact. Also the responsiveness of the staff – Star testing helps out a lot because the teachers are able to focus in on exactly what the student is having an issue with and can pinpoint problems and place more attention/extra attention on those issues. Mrs. Beaulieu asked Mr. Mitchell if some of this information could be put on the website and he said that it would!
E. Building Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the committee has not met, but may next month.

Agenda Item #9: Public Hearing

A. Reading of Policies – 1) Amended Policy – a) G-6 Personnel Benefit Policy for Non-Unit Administrative and Support Personnel
B. Public Comment

Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this would be on the agenda in two weeks – no action tonight!

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Public
There were no comments this evening.

Agenda Item #11: Old Business

A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended Policy: a) G-6 Personnel Benefit Policy for Non-Unit Administrative and Support Personnel – no action taken.
B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Purchase of New Lawn Care Equipment – no action this evening – Mr. DiModica said he would have more information for the next SC meeting.
C. Update on BEP Budget Gap – Mrs. Beaulieu commented that after closer review of the handouts from the last meeting – the gap is growing and just keeps growing.

Agenda Item #12: New Business

A. Schedule of FY16 School Budget Meetings – Mr. DiModica said there is a meeting on 3/31 at 5:30 for the sub-committee and 6:30 for the full committee and then on 4/2 at 7:30 for the full committee.
B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests 2014-2015 School Year – Mr. Mitchell had one request and he recommended approval. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #13: Personnel Recommendations
Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendation:
APPOINTMENT
I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Melissa Johnson, Junior Varsity Tennis Coach for Cumberland High School, effective March 24, 2015 through the remainder of the season.
Mrs. Fogell noted that Ms. Johnson is a teacher at the high school and is going through the steps necessary to get the certification needed for this coaching position. She indicated that it would not be a very long process.
Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 4-0.
Mr. Fiorillo thanked Ms. Johnson for stepping up and taking this position.

Agenda Item #14: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)
Mr. Fiorillo stated that on 3/18 the Cumberland Special Education Advisory Committee had a meeting and met with Dr. Santa (acting Sp.Ed. Director) and all of the new coordinators – they discussed the new system and how it is being rolled out and all said that everything is going very smoothly and working very well. They also discussed the draft for a survey that will be going out to all special education parents. Mr. Fiorillo also mentioned that on 3/19 the interviews for the Director of Special Education position were being held and he believes that there are three

finalists. Mr. Duffy noted that SAT's will be changing the format of the test after this next testing - he asked that this be discussed/looked into because of the preparations for this testing – more students are now taking ACT than SAT's.

Agenda Item #15: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5
Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there would not be any Executive Session this evening.

Agenda Item #16: Adjournment
Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony