

MINUTES APPROVED – 8/13/2015

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

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

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 7:45 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mrs. Teel and Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – 1) Regular meeting 6/11/15, 2) Special meeting 6/17/15
- B. Approval of Minutes – 1) Executive session 6/11/15, 2) Executive session 6/17/15
- C. Enrollment Report – 7/1/15
- D. School Police Report – 6/1/15
- E. Residency/Truancy Report – 7/1/15

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 7/9/15 – 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. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Professional Development Updates – Mr. Mitchell stated that there is lots of activity going on during the summer and he just wanted to briefly go over some of the highlights. Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) – implemented at BFN and will now be expanded to all of the district schools in the coming years – great success! Thinking Maps – already had two days of training – 21 staff members grades K-12 are being trained as Thinking Maps trainers – they will facilitate the training on September 1st. ELA Curriculum Fine Tuning and Revision Work – teams of teachers meet to revise report card language, create additional common assessments, streamline spelling and grammar instruction. GEMS – Net Science – teachers love this – they are being trained on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) – URI and Gems Net do a great job!! Analyzing student work – 9th grade teachers and special educators are working collaboratively to analyze writing samples of incoming freshmen. The goal is to identify strengths and weaknesses. Project Lead the Way – teachers will be trained to teach the course – they also need

to pass assessments to teach the curriculum course. Also, one high school teacher will be attending an intensive two-week training in preparation for the implementation of the Human Body Systems course – Biomedical Science Pathway. Standards Based Grading – Rick Wormeli will be presenting to all staff on standards based grading. We will also be providing an opportunity for Rick to speak to parents. Rick is a highly regarded, internationally renowned speaker.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

- A. Funding Formula and the BEP – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this should be changed to a town collaboration – she thanked Mr. Schmitt and Mr. Dwyer for attending tonight's finance meeting and she said she looks forward to seeing them at those meetings.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,627,578.50 (passed on a 3-0 vote earlier in FM), 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the school construction contract had been discussed.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo said they did not meet this evening but will meet on 8/13/15 – student attendance and discipline policies will be amended.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel said they met this evening and discussed the re-allocation of sources to reduce team sizes/classes. The committee will meet again in September – they will further discuss team reductions so that the number of students will be manageable for the teams/teachers – more personal experience. Grade 9 data to be discussed also – compare performance from school to school.
- E. Building Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that there was no update and the committee will not be meeting for several months.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #10: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) New Policy – 2nd Reading – a) I-11 Dual Enrollment Program – Mr. Fiorillo noted that this was the 2nd reading and this policy is in line with R.I.G.L. 16-100 – he would like this read into the record. Mr. Fiorillo noted that this policy would be voted on later in this meeting.
- B. Public Comment – Mrs. Beaulieu asked if there were any comments regarding this policy and there were none.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Dismissal Recommendations – Mrs. Fogell noted that this was referring to one individual – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Non-Renewals for the 2015-2016 School Year – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were 8 recommendations – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the recommendations, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policy – 1) I-11 Dual Enrollment Program – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve I-11 (approved 3-0 vote at PP), 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: 1) SC-PR-7-2015-31 – School Construction Contract with Torrado Architects and RIDE Memorandum of Agreement – Mr. DiModica noted that this was discussed earlier in FM and was approved with a 3-0 vote and with that he made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approve 7-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Retirement

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **John Zangari, Technology Education Teacher** at **McCourt Middle School**, effective **6/30/2015** after 20 years of service.

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.

Resignation

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Gina D’Aguanno, School Nurse Teacher** at **Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **6/30/2015**.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0. Mr. Fiorillo said he had the pleasure of working with Ms. D’Aguanno and he was sorry to see her leave.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Nicole Lanni, Instructional Technology Coach** at **Cumberland High School**, effective **8/24/2015. (FTE: 1.0; Step 4; Lane n/a; Stipend \$7,000; Co-pay: 22.0%)**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Dean Palmer, Jr, Instructional Technology Coach** at **Cumberland High School**, effective **8/24/2015. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane n/a; Stipend \$7,000; Co-pay: 22.0%)**

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 7-0.

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

There were no comments this evening.

Agenda Item #14: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Mrs. Beaulieu stated that per Dr. Thornton, there was no executive session this evening.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony