

MINUTES APPROVED – 8/13/2015

There was a special meeting/executive session of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building, District Meeting Center-T319, 2602 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; Alan Tenreiro, Cumberland High School Principal; Atty. Stephen Adams; Tina Fogell, Director of Human Resources

Call to Order

Chairwoman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Mr. Duffy. **Approved 7–0.**

Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion of Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5.

Chairwoman Beaulieu stated “Before going into executive session, the school committee shall state for the record that any persons to be discussed pursuant to subsection (1) have been notified and this statement shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.”

Mrs. Teel made a motion to go into executive session, 2nd by Mr. Dennen. **Approved 7–0.**

The committee reconvened in open session at 6:49pm.

Report Out of Executive Session Meeting:

Chairwoman Beaulieu reported that no votes had been taken during executive session.

Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

Mrs. Teel made a motion to seal the minutes of executive session, 2nd by Mr. Salvatore. **Approved 7–0.**

Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Leave of Absence

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the unpaid leave of absence of Nicole O'Connor, School Psychologist for the Cumberland School Department for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mr. Duffy. Approved 7-0.

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Megan Feeley, Special Educator at North Cumberland Middle School, effective 6/30/2015.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Michelle Grimaldi, Special Educator at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2015.

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mr. Fiorillo. Approved 7-0.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Laurel Ashley Proulx, Social Studies Educator at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2015.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Kara Skaling, Social Studies Educator at Cumberland High School, effective 6/30/2015.

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd by Mr. Duffy for discussion. Chairwoman Beaulieu asked if the committee wanted also to send a letter to the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) regarding the circumstances around these resignations. Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. Duffy rescinded their motions.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve and also to send a letter to RIDE regarding the circumstances around these resignations, 2nd by Mr. Dennen, Mr. DiModica, Mr. Fiorillo, Mr. Salvatore, Mrs. Teel.

Mrs. Teel asked if any documentation would be placed in the employees' permanent personnel files. Mrs. Fogell said that any letter sent to an outside agency would also be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Mr. Duffy thanked Superintendent Thornton, Principal Tenreiro, and the entire administration for the way they handled this situation. Dr. Thornton responded that the administration is “a well-oiled machine” that works well together.

Approved 7–0.

Adjournment

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Duffy. **Approved 7–0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by William Dennen, Clerk.