

UNAPPROVED

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Cumberland High School Auditorium, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, William Dennen, Paul DiModica, Mark Fiorillo. Absent were Raymond Salvatore, Craig Duffy and 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 7:41 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. Dennen, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 8/13/15
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 8/13/15
- C. Student Handbooks – All School

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 8/27/2015 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there was one vote taken regarding student promotion/retention decision and with a 4-0 vote the SC members denied Supt. Thornton's request. Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session meeting, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 4-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Opening Day Enrollments Update – Dr. Thornton reviewed the total number of students at each school. He noted that overall enrollment was down about 1.5% and there was a line of new enrollments earlier in the day that had not been added to the numbers that he reviewed tonight. He did say that NCMS was at capacity and MMS had a little room left, the high school was at 1,300 students.
- B. Distribution of Chromebooks at CHS – the Chromebooks were passed out this week and Dr. Thornton wanted to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with the distribution!
- C. A Conversation on Standards based Assessment and Grading with Keynote Speaker, Rick Wormeli – August 31st – Mr. Mitchell noted that there will be three presentations given by Mr. Wormeli during the day on Monday and that he will tailor his presentation to meet our needs. More information is available on the website.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

- A. School/Town Collaboration – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that they are initiating a committee to look at the 5-year projections for the school communities. They will be looking for support from the community, administrators, students and

teachers – it will be more like a task force that is being put together. This task force will be discussing budget project, strategies regarding the funding formula, town obligation contribution, cost savings/shared services, review what other school districts are doing. The task force or committee will be together from September to early December. Mrs. Beaulieu also noted that at a recent meeting SC Association meeting she met the new Commissioner of Education and said that he will be coming out to visit all of the districts!

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica stated that there were no payments this evening.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that there was no update this evening but did note that the contractor for MMS and Ashton has started the work on the bathrooms and the asbestos tiles.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the committee did not meet but that they will be meeting in two weeks.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this committee would be meeting in September.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

There were no comments this evening.

Agenda Item #10: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 2015-2016 School Bus Routes – Mr. Neves from Durham was at the meeting and stated that the routes were posted on the website and that there would be some minor tweaks – most of the runs stayed the same. Mr. DiModica asked if the police department had signed off on them yet and Mr. Neves said that he had received a verbal approval so far. Drivers are being told to stick to the times that are posted on the website – if the times need to be changed they will be noted on the website and the bus drivers will be notifying the elementary parents of the time changes. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 school bus routes, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 4-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2015-2016 School Year – Mr. Mitchell stated that he would have this information for the next meeting. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that no action would be taken this evening.
- C. Do We Have Preconceived Ideas of What Students Know and Are Able to Do? Video: Don't Limit Me – Rachel Santa brought in this video about a girl named Megan that has down syndrome and it lets Megan explain how she was being taught in a regular classroom, she was a cheerleader, she goes to college, she has dreams and does not want anyone to limit her to what she can do. These children want to be taught independence, they want to work independently, want to be taught how to behave, and they want to have high expectations set upon them! Mr. Mitchell had asked Dr. Santa to bring this video to let the SC members watch it because he thought that everyone could learn a valuable lesson from Megan and this video – he said that lots of us have a preconceived idea about what some people can do and what they cannot do – great lesson learned! Mr. DiModica thought that this would be a great video to show when the television station is up and running at the high school.

Agenda Item #11: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Judith Nangle, Grade 1 Teacher** at **Garvin Memorial School**, effective **6/30/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Diane Payson, Teacher Assistant** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **9/04/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Loriann Santopietro, Art Teacher** at **Systemwide**, effective **6/30/2015**.

Mr. Dennen made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 4-0.

Leave of Absence

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the FMLA leave of absence of **Elizabeth Fillo, PE/APE/Health Teacher** at **Cumberland High School** from August 31, 2015 and with an anticipated return date of October 13, 2015.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the unpaid leave of absence of **Kristine Kinnear, Kindergarten Teacher** at **Ashton School** for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 4-0.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Danielle Beauchene, Kindergarten ELL Teacher** at **BF Norton Elementary School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Veronika Choina, Secondary English Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 0.6; Step 1; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Talia Clossick, Kindergarten Teacher** at **Ashton School**, effective **8/31/2015 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year**. (FTE: 1.0; Step 1; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Sara Cohen, Reading Specialist** at **McCourt Middle School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 1.0; Step 5; Lane Masters; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Robert Daniels, Elementary Severe/Profound Special Educator** at **Garvin Memorial School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 1.0; Step 5; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Lisa Dansereau, School Nurse Teacher** at **Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 1.0; Step 5; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Stephanie Hines, Reading Specialist** at **Garvin Memorial School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 0.9; Step 5; Lane Masters; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Ryan Lapre, Secondary Science Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 0.6; Step 1; Lane Masters; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Donna Marszalkowski, Nursing Supervisor** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **8/31/2015**, with a stipend of **\$7,000.00**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Jerrica McKee, Early Childhood Special Educator** at **Cumberland Preschool Center**, effective **8/31/2015**. (FTE: 0.5; Step 3; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 22%).

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Kayla Salustio, Grade 1 Teacher** at **Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **8/31/2015** through the end of the 2015-2016 school year. (FTE: 1.0; Step 3; Lane Masters; Co-pay: 22%).

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 4-0. Mr. DiModica asked Mrs. Fogell if there were any unfilled positions and she said there were only a couple left to fill.

Mrs. Fogell requested the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of Brandon Hannaway, Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Coach – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 4-0.

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

Mr. DiModica wanted to thank all of the volunteers that assisted in handing out the chromebooks – we are off to a great start! Mr. Dennen wanted to echo those same thoughts and also noted that he attended the NCMS orientation with his son and he said the program was great!

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 noted that there was no Executive Session this evening.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

Mr. DiModica and Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony