

APPROVED-10.8.15

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 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, Atty. Stephen Adams

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the recognitions (agenda item #7) would come later in the meeting. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mrs. Teel and Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Student Government

- A. Student Activities – 9/22 was a public meeting to plan activities, 9/24 Back to School Night – parents get to attend their child’s classrooms for a short period so that they can see what a typical day is for their child, Clipper day was moved to 10/9, blood drive in October will be the first of three that will be held at CHS.

Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 9/10/15
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 9/10/15

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

Agenda Item #6: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 9/24/2015 – 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. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent’s Report

- A. Recognitions -1) 2015 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program RI State Finalist – Kristen Jahnz. 2) 2015 Rhode Island Association of School Principals (RIASP) High School Principal of the Year and a Finalist for the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) 2016 National Principal of the Year Award – Alan Tenreiro – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that these recognitions would be later in the meeting due to an open house at the high school this evening.

Agenda Item #8: Chairperson's Report

- A. School/Town Collaboration – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the Budget Task Force will be meeting the second and fourth Tuesday's of the month – Mr. Duffy will be the Chairperson (recommended by Mrs. Teel), Mr. Salvatore is the Vice Chairperson.

Agenda Item #9: 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 noted that the committee did not meet this evening.
- C. Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the committee discussed the amendment of I-6 – it is being tabled for further discussion regarding chaperones, etc. J-22 Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) was also discussed – this policy was created by RIDE and Narcan will be available at the middle and high schools – every district in Rhode Island will comply with this policy. Gift policy draft will hopefully be ready for the next meeting.

At this time Dr. Thornton asked Mrs. Beaulieu to table the recognitions (agenda item #7) until the next SC meeting. Mr. Dennen made the motion to table the recognitions until the next SC meeting, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel noted that the committee did not meet this month but will meet in October.

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Public

No comments this evening.

Agenda Item #11: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) New Policy – 1st Reading – J-22 Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) – Mr. Fiorillo noted that this policy is from RIDE – he would like this read into the record – will be voting later in the meeting. 2) Amended Policy – I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration – Mr. Fiorillo stated that this policy stills needs some language to be clarified and he would like to see it on the next SC agenda.
- B. Public Comments – there were no comments and Mrs. Beaulieu closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item #12: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2015-2016 School Year – Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the SC. Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the home school instruction requests, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trip: 1) Middle School Students – Quebec City, Canada – January 2016 – Mrs. Coughlin reminded the SC that last years students came to the SC meeting in the spring and showed the SC members all of the highlights from last years trip – both cultural and educational. She went on to say that the same travel company will be used this year again and they are anticipating about three or four buses. Mr. Salvatore asked what time the students would be leaving from school this year because he was concerned about them getting to Canada so late at night – Mrs. Coughlin said they would be leaving the school right after lunch and therefore would be getting to Canada a little earlier this year. The itinerary has not changed except for the fact that they will not be visiting Montreal this year – there was a distance problem last year and the complaints outweighed the benefits so they are eliminating Montreal – the itinerary will still include the dog sledding, tobogganing, sightseeing by foot, Sugar Shack,

- snow shoeing. Mrs. Brady came in and noted that this trip focuses on language and curriculum – she asked the SC members to review the packet supplied and asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. DiModica asked Dr. Thornton if the message was conveyed to the chaperones that we do not want any problems – Dr. Thornton said that absolutely the message was conveyed and Mrs. Coughlin said that she meets with the chaperones before the trip. Mrs. Brady said the cost is a little less this year due to the exchange rate. Mr. Salvatore asked if they would be doing the same fundraisers this year and Mrs. Brady said yes they would. Mr. Salvatore also asked about the large deposit amount and when it was due – but Mrs. Brady said this year the deposit is \$250 and they have a little bit more time to bring it in. Mr. Duffy asked if the exchange rates change will that effect the price and Mrs. Brady said they were locked in to the price. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the Quebec trip, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 1st Reading of New Policy J-22 Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) – Mr. Fiorillo stated that this policy is in compliance with the new laws (RIDE) and with that made a motion to approve J-22, 2nd Mr. Salvatore – Mrs. Teel noted that this was the first reading and no action should be taken. Mr. Fiorillo agreed.
 - D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended Policy I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to table I-6, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #13: Personnel Recommendations

There were no personnel recommendations this evening.

Agenda Item #14: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Duffy suggested they talk about losing Dr. Thornton. Mrs. Beaulieu started off by saying that Dr. Thornton had done a great job and she was grateful for that – everyone values and appreciated all of the work that Dr. Thornton did for the district. Mr. Duffy congratulated Warwick and said what a wonderful asset Dr. Thornton was to Cumberland – he also congratulated Dr. Thornton. Mr. Duffy went on to say that he would recommend Mr. Mitchell for the Superintendent’s position – he said that Dr. Thornton and Mr. Mitchell were a great team and that we should keep moving forward and the SC should move quickly and swiftly on this decision. Mr. DiModica echoed those ideas and suggested a special meeting asap to discuss the next superintendent. Mr. Salvatore said that Dr. Thornton’s perseverance has been great and he would mirror Mr. Duffy’s comments. Mr. Dennen told Dr. Thornton that he would miss working with him and how everyone appreciated what he did – he too believes that Mr. Mitchell will keep the momentum going. Mr. Fiorillo thanked Dr. Thornton and said that it was a pleasure working with him – the district came a long way – the community has pride – he too supports Mr. Mitchell. Dr. Thornton stated that he had worked with a lot of school committees and it is not an easy job, but he was inspired by this committee and he said it was his pleasure to work with them. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that lots of folks have expressed continuity and how they do not want things to slow down – she believes Mr. Mitchell will do a great job – she is committed to doing this quickly and putting Mr. Mitchell in place – customer satisfaction – there will be no gap. Mrs. Teel asked if a special meeting could be held on 9/30 to discuss the next superintendent.

Agenda Item #15: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Dr. Thornton said there would not be an executive session tonight.

Agenda Item #16: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony