

APPROVED-10/22/2015

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, October 8, 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, Linda Teel-Mark Fiorillo was absent.

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 7:40 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, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting 9/24/15, Special Meeting 9/30/15
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 9/24/15, Executive Session 9/30/15
- C. Enrollment Report – 10/1/15
- D. School Police Report – 9/1/15
- E. Residency/Truancy Report – 10/1/15

Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the School Police Report was not in the packet and would not be included in the motion. Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 10/8/15 – 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. Salvatore made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Recognitions: 1) 2015 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching (PAEMST) Program RI State Finalist – Kristen Jahnz – Mr. Mitchell congratulated Kristen on this wonderful achievement! Congratulations Kristen!!!
- 2) 2015 Rhode Island Association of School Principals (RIASP) High School Principal of the Year and National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) 2016 National Principal of the Year – Alan Tenreiro – Mr. Mitchell said that Mr. Tenreiro could not be here tonight because he was coaching the soccer team – he and Mr. Costa (vice principal) volunteered to be the soccer coaches for the high school team! Mr. Mitchell went on to say that Mr. Tenreiro was selected as the National Principal of the Year! Congratulations to Mr. Tenreiro on this well deserved award!

B. School Flu Vaccination Clinics – October 8, 26 and November 10 – Mr. Mitchell said there are several clinics scheduled – first one was today until 6:30 p.m. – schedule of clinics will be on the website.

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson’s Report

- A. School/Town Collaboration – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that they will be initiating these meetings early in November – the second Tuesday in November – Mr. Duffy will be the chairman. At this time she also wanted to thank everyone that was involved in the organization of the principal’s award celebration on Monday – it was a terrific event!

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,838,194.27, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the committee discussed the end of the year report, bus routes/updating bus routes, and then mentioned that Durham is looking to hire some bus drivers. They will be finished updating the routes by the end of the month.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – the committee did not meet.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – the committee did not meet.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

Mr. Mutter wanted to wish Dr. Thornton good luck and thanked him for everything that he has done for the district.

Jenny from Alpha Best thanked Dr. Thornton for the opportunities given to them and also for advice that he has given. She also wished him well.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he has been in education for 32 years and said that Dr. Thornton is the most kindest and most supportive supervisor that he has ever had. He thanked Dr. Thornton for all of his support and mentoring and noted that he has learned a lot from Dr. Thornton. He also wished Dr. Thornton well. Mr. Mitchell also said that it was a wonderful day on Monday when Mr. Tenreiro was presented with the National Principal of the Year award – this has never happened in Rhode Island before – congratulations to Mr. Tenreiro!! Mr. Mitchell also thanked everyone for their part in the planning and organization of the ceremony .

Dr. Thornton stated that he had a great team here in Cumberland, great School Committee that was tireless and was a wonderful group of people, and he said that he enjoyed working with everyone and thanked everyone!

Mr. DiModica stated that he had taken several pictures at Mr. Tenreiro’s ceremony and that they were on the website.

Agenda Item #10: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) Amended Policies – a. I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration, b. J-15 Fundraising, c. K-2 Use of School Facilities – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there would not be any action on these policies this evening.
2) New Policy – 2nd Reading – J-22 Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) – Mrs. Beaulieu asked that this second reading be read into the record.

- 3) New Policy – 1st Reading – a. G-15 Gift Acceptance, b. J-23 Students Who Are Transgender or Gender Non-conforming – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table these policies, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.
- B. Public Comment – there were no comments – Mrs. Beaulieu closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution: SC-R-2015-11-Resolution of Recognition – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that this resolution was initiated by Mr. Fiorillo and it is in recognition of Dr. Thornton – it will be transmitted to the Warwick School Committee! After Mrs. Beaulieu read the resolution Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve it, 2nd Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0. At this time Mrs. Beaulieu presented Dr. Thornton with a CSD tote bag!
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2015-2016 School Year – Mr. Dennen made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policies: 1) 2nd Reading – J-22 Administration of Naloxone (Narcan) – Mr. Salvatore made a motion to approve J-22, 2nd Mrs. Teel and Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0. 2) 1st Reading – G-15 Gift Acceptance and J-23 Students Who Are Transgender or Gender Non-conforming – Mrs. Teel and Mr. DiModica made a motion to table G-15 and J-23, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended Policies: I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration, J-15 Fundraising, K-2 Use of School Facilities – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table I-6, J-15 and K-2, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Deborah Engels, Head Girls Basketball Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **9/24/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Hilary Switzer, Head Girls Lacrosse Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **9/12/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Philip D. Thornton, Superintendent of Schools** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **10/19/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Manuel Veiga, Head Boys Soccer Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **9/28/2015**.

Mr. Dennen made a motion to approve the resignations of Deborah Engels, Hilary Switzer and Manuel Veiga, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the resignation of Dr. Thornton, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 5-1, Mr. DiModica in the negative.

Retirements

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Suzanne Brillon, Grade 4 Teacher** at **Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **6/30/2016**.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the retirement of Suzanne Brillon, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Adolfo Costa, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **09/28/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Linda Dieffenbach, Library Media Specialist** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective 09/02/2015. (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 **Stephen Gorman, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **09/28/2015**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Alan Tenreiro, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **09/28/2015**.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the appointments, 2nd Mr. Dennen and Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #13: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports) – Mrs. Teel thanked Dr. Thornton for being student focused and making decisions for the students. She went on to say that the district is becoming very successful and that Dr. Thornton has left us in good hands with Mr. Mitchell and good teams/teachers.

Agenda Item #14: 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 #15: Adjournment

Mr. Dennen made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony