

Cumberland Public Schools

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MINUTES APPROVED – 12.10.2015

Minutes

A special meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 24, 2015 at 6:00PM at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I.

Call to order by: Raymond Salvatore, vice chairperson at 6:00pm

Committee present: William Dennen, Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo, Ray Salvatore

Committee absent: Lisa Beaulieu, Linda Teel

Admin present: Robert Mitchell, Superintendent
Anthony DiManna, Assistant Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairperson Salvatore led the committee and attendees in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve the Special Meeting Agenda (see below) made by Mr. DiModica; Second Mr. Fiorillo. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Mr. Salvatore stated for the record that Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Teel were not present at this meeting.

Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell, Director of Human Resources made the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations:

“I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Elizabeth Coogan, Building Administrator at Cumberland Hill Elementary School, effective November 9, 2015.”

and

“I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of Sandra Lynn White, Secondary Science Teacher at Cumberland High School, effective November 17, 2015.”

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Appointments:

Mrs. Fogell said "I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the following Winter coaching appointments:"

Boys Varsity Basketball: Gary Reedy
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball: Kyle Landry
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball: Andrea Harnois
Boys Varsity Track and Field: Thomas Kenwood
Girls Varsity Track and Field: Vanessa Molloy
Girls Junior Varsity Track and Field: Joshua Lima
Varsity Ice Hockey: Mark Andreozzi
Junior Varsity Ice Hockey: Jon Paquin
Varsity Wrestling: Steve Gordon
Junior Varsity Wrestling: Colin Smith
Cheerleading: Rachel Powell
MMS Boys Basketball: Laura Marcolini
MMS Girls Basketball: John McNeil
MMS Wrestling: Andrew Gibbons
NCMS Boys Basketball: Jack Madden
NCMS Wrestling: Steve Gorman

Motion to accept the recommendations made by Mr. DiModica, second by Mr. Dennen.
Motion approved 5-0.

V. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Elementary School Principal Employment Contract

Mr. Mitchell talked about how Mrs. Debra Malcolm has been filling in as interim superintendent at Cumberland Hill Elementary School and how things have been going well during this time. He said things went "incredibly smoothly" during an "unsettled period of time." He said that given the resignation of the former principal, he immediately supported the appointment of Mrs. Malcolm to be the principal of Cumberland Hill. Mr. Mitchell said Mrs. Malcolm has a tireless work ethic and a wonderful sense of humor, and he praised her high expectations for herself, her staff, and students at Cumberland Hill. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the school committee approve the appointment of Mrs. Malcolm to be principal.

Mr. DiModica said that the Elementary School Principal Employment Contract was approved by the Fiscal Subcommittee on a 3-0 vote.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the 3-year contract, second by Mr. Dennen.
Motion approved 5-0.

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VI. Discussion and/or Vote to Appoint Elementary School Principal

Mr. Dennen made a motion to appoint Mrs. Malcolm as Elementary School Principal, second for discussion by Mr. Fiorillo.

Mr. Fiorillo said that he has known Mrs. Malcolm for several years and he has the deepest respect for her. Mr. Dennen noted that Mrs. Malcolm had previously been serving as Assistant Principal at Community School and that the 580 students and staff there would miss her greatly. Mr. Dennen said he was sure Mrs. Malcolm would do great things at Cumberland Hill.

Motion approved 5-0.

VII. Comments from Public

Kerry Feather, representing the Cumberland Hill PTO, said that the PTO looks forward to working with Mrs. Malcolm in her new role as principal.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. DiModica, second by Mr. Duffy.

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

William J Dennen, Clerk
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