

Cumberland Public Schools

Office of the School Committee
2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864
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Minutes Approved – 1/28/2016

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee was held on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm** at Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, R.I.

Call to order by: Lisa Beaulieu, Chairperson
Time: 7:50 pm
Absent: Mark Fiorillo, William Dennen
Admin: Robert Mitchell
Steve Adams, attorney

- I. Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Meeting called to order by Chairperson Beaulieu at 7:50 pm. For the record, Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. Dennen were absent.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. DiModica; Second Mrs. Teel. Motion approved 5-0.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Regular Meeting: 12/10/2015
 - 2) Special Meeting: 12/16/2015
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 - 1) Executive Session: 12/10/2015
 - 2) Executive Session: 12/16/2015
 - C. Enrollment Report- 1/1/2016
 - D. School Police Report- 12/1/2015
 - E. Residency/Truancy Report- 1/1/2016

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Mr. Salvatore; Second Mrs. Teel and Mr. DiModica. Motion approved 5-0.
- V. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting
 - A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 1/14/2016
 - 1) Student Hearing Decision
 - 2) Report Out of Executive Session Votes

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On a 3 -2 vote, the School Committee voted to uphold the 45 day social suspension of J Doe. The suspension is to begin December 21, 2015 with an end date of February 4' 2016. Mr. Salvatore and Mr. DiModica voted against the motion.

3) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

Motion to seal the minutes made by Mr. Duffy; Second by Mr. DiModica. Motion approved 5-0.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Recognitions

- 1) James Alan Fox Photojournalist Foundation Scholarship Award - Oliver Doyle, CHS Student
- 2) 2016 Eat Healthy Rhode Island - March 9, 2016

VII. Chairperson's Report

A. School/Town Collaboration

Mr. Duffy provided an update on the Budget Taskforce. Mr. Mitchel gave a presentation at Tuesday's meeting regarding the District's Priority Needs Document. The needs include: (1) Start times for both the high school and middle schools to be moved to 8:30am; (2) Additional social workers and school psychologists; (3) Chronic underfunding of athletics; (4) Full time RTI coordinator; (5) ELL administrator and/or ELL specialist to meet growing needs of >150 ELL students in the district.

VIII. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills

Mr. Salvatore moves forward the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,309,628.29; Second by Mr. DiModica. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update

No meeting this week.

C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update

Mr. Salvatore is filling in for Mr. Fiorillo. Policies to be discussed later in the meeting.

D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update

No update since last meeting. Next meeting to be held January 26.

E. Budget Task Force Update

See update above.

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IX. Comments from the Public

Representative McLaughlin spoke. Congratulated Oliver Doyle on his award. Mentioned that the General Assembly has returned from their winter break and 4 bills related to education are being discussed, including one regarding dyslexia and the payment of needed services for students.

X. Public Hearing

A. Reading of Policy

1) Amended Policy

a. I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration

Mr. Salvatore reported that the policy was passed 3-0 in subcommittee and he asked that it be read into the record.

2) New Policies- 1st Reading

a. G-15 Gift Acceptance

The policy discourages gift giving by students to teachers/administrators and limits the amount of a gift to \$25. Mr. Salvatore reported that the policy was passed 3-0 in subcommittee and he asked that it be read into the record.

b. J-23 Policy Affecting Students Who Identify as Transgender or Gender Non-conforming.

Mr. Salvatore tabled the policy.

B. Public Comment

No public comments.

XL Old Business

A. Discussion and/ or Vote to Approve Amended Policy:

1) I-6 School Sponsored Field Trips of Long Duration

Mr. Salvatore moves passage of the policy as amended; Second by Mrs. Teel. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policies:

1) 1st Reading

a. G-15 Gift Acceptance

First reading of policy. No vote.

b. J-23 Policy Affecting Students Who Identify as Transgender or Gender Non-conforming

Policy tabled. No action.

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XII. New Business

A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trip:

1) CHS -Italy, June 2017

Motion to approve field trip made by Mr. DiModica; Second by Mrs. Teel. Motion approved 5-0.

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-1-2016-01: Installation of Energy Control Systems at B. F. Norton School and JJM Cumberland Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Duffy questioned Mr. Prignano as to why the project did not go out to bid. Mr. Prignano stated that the district wanted to use the same vendor for all energy control systems in the elementary and middle schools. Also, the vendor offered the district a payment plan over 5 years with no interest. The systems should provide at a minimum of \$17,000 in energy savings at the schools.

Motion to approve awarding the installation of Energy Control Systems at BF Norton and JJM Cumberland Hill by ENE Systems in the amount of \$234,754 paid over 5 years made by Mr. DiModica; Second by Mr. Salvatore. Motion approved 4-1 with Mr. Duffy voting no.

C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2015-2016 School Year

Motion to approve homeschool instruction made by Mrs. Teel; Second by Mr. Duffy. Motion approved 5-0.

XIII. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Mitchel requested approval of the resignation of Vilma Aruajo, Custodian- Nights at CHS, effective December 21, 2015. Motion to approve made by Mr. DiModica; Second by Mr. Duffy. Motion approved 5-0. Committee thanked Ms. Aruajo for her service to the district.

Mr. Mitchel requested approval of the FMLA leave of Sarah Primiano, PE/APE/Health Teacher at Community School with an anticipated leave date of March 13, 2016 through the remainder of the school year. Motion to approve made by Mrs. Teel; Second by Mr. Duffy. Motion approved 5-0.

XIV. School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Dr. Masterson confirmed that the chaperones for the Quebec trip are aware of their responsibilities under the new policy.

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XV. Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. § 42-46-s:

No Executive Session scheduled. No vote taken.

XVI. Adjournment

Mr. Duffy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Second by Mrs. Teel. Motion approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Linda G. Teel, Acting Clerk
Cumberland School Committee