

APPROVED 3.24.16

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 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 was absent.

Administration Present: Superintendent Robert Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent Antonio DiManna

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mr. Dennen made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 2/25/16
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 2/25/16
- C. Enrollment Report – 3/1/16
- D. School Police Report – 2/1/16
- E. Residency/Truancy Report – 3/1/16

Mr. Salvatore made a motion to approve 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0. Mr. DiModica asked Supt. Mitchell about the large number of students in the Truancy Report – he asked if this could also be residency issues – Supt. Mitchell will get back to him with the answers.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 3/10/2016 – 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. Fiorillo made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report

- A. Sodexo Future Chefs Culinary Competition – Supt. Mitchell stated that the competition was held on March 5th – eight students from Cumberland participated, they were paired with chefs and their food was rated for being healthy, kid friendly, tasty, presentation, etc. – several judges were on hand for the event – including Mayor Murray. Supt. Mitchell presented this years winner – Grace Ianuzzi – with a certificate – Grace is a 4th grade student at Cumberland Hill and she has won this competition three out of the last four years!!! Congratulations Grace!!!

- B. CHS Game Club – Supt. Mitchell talked about the CHS Game Club – it has two advisors – Ms. Schenck and Mr. Giorgio, so far about 75 students are involved, there are also teachers and administrators that are playing the games too! Games include ping-pong, chess, various board games, etc., - it happens after school on Wednesdays and everyone seems to be having a great time and the students really enjoy the collaboration with the teachers and administrators! Supt. Mitchell wanted to thank Ms. Schenck and Mr. Giorgio for all of their help!
- C. Computer Science Boot Camp – Supt. Mitchell stated that administrators are starting to plan this boot camp for this summer. He said they want to be able to provide opportunities for students to learn during the summer – this will definitely be happening at the high school but could even happen at the middle and elementary schools at some point. Mrs. Beaulieu thought it was a great idea and reminded Supt. Mitchell to ask the community for volunteers to help out!

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson’s Report

- A. School/Town Collaboration – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that the Town Council and School Committee joint meeting would be held on March 23rd – the Budget Task Force would be making their presentation at that meeting. Mrs. Beaulieu believes the meeting will be at the library.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica stated that the committee met earlier in the evening and with that he made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,016,763.41, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the sub-committee did meet earlier and discussed the Sodexo Monthly Report, the purchase of Science Kits, the energy management improvements to Ashton, Community and Garvin Elementary Schools, security and the possibility of upgrading the phone systems.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the sub-committee met this past Tuesday and they discussed the high school athletic and extracurricular eligibility requirements, student suspension policy (tabled for future meeting), and the transgender policy, which was passed with a 3-0 vote.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel was absent this evening but Mrs. Beaulieu asked Asst. Supt. DiManna to briefly talk about the curriculum mapping. Asst. Supt. DiManna said it identifies what the curriculum looks like in a grade level and how it spans K-12 – we want a platform – what we are teaching and processing, etc., constant revisions in the process – basically refining a process of what we teach.
- E. Budget Task Force Update – Mr. Duffy stated that the group is still working on their presentation that will be presented to the TC and SC at their joint meeting in March.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

Sherry spoke on behalf of the Girls High School Hockey Team – she was requesting that funding for the team be added to the budget. – she believes the girls should have the same opportunity as the boys. Last year parents paid \$14,000 out of pocket – this should not be happening, should be funded by the school – last year there were 12 girls from CHS, next year there will be 8. They are part of the CO-OP program with Mount St. Charles and Lincoln, they continue to grow every year – she would like the SC to consider this request.

Agenda Item #10: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) Amended Policies – a. J-7 Student Suspension – tabled for future meeting. B. I-16 High School Athletic & Extracurricular Eligibility Requirements – Mr. Fiorillo asked that this be read into the record this evening. 2) New Policy – 1st Reading – a. J-23 Policy Affecting Students Who Identify as Transgender or Gender Non-conforming – Mr. Fiorillo also asked that this be read into the record for the 1st reading.
- B. Public Comment – Liam F. spoke because he is now a junior at Beacon but started off at CHS and because he was bullied and had such a tough time he had to transfer to Beacon. He actually helped the committee with this policy – Liam is transgender and there was no policy when he came out – teachers and fellow students did not understand. Liam said that Mr. Tenreiro – CHS Principal, was very frustrated at how Liam was being treated because there was no policy at the time. Liam said he is glad that he went through what he did and can now be himself. He feels that with this new policy students will get the education and teachers will get some training. Liam thanked everyone for this policy.

Agenda Item #11: Old Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policy: 1) 1st Reading – J-23 Policy Affecting Students Who Identify as Transgender or Gender Non-conforming – Mr. Fiorillo noted that tonight they wanted the policy read into the record and wanted to be able to discuss it. He also said that it is on the district website. The vote will take place at the March 24th SC meeting. Mr. Fiorillo stated that this was a great process that started back in the fall. He spoke with committee members, Mr. Tenreiro spoke with students, and some teachers were involved also. Mr. Fiorillo said that this policy is to protect the students – each student has a chance to succeed. Mr. Salvatore stated that he fully supports Mr. Fiorillo and then apologized to Liam for having to go through such a terrible ordeal. Supt. Mitchell said that he echoes Mr. Fiorillo and Mr. Salvatore and said that this policy is a nice representation from the policy meetings – nice collaboration and a respectful process, he went on to say that he would like to thank everyone that was involved in the process.

Agenda Item 12: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended Policies: 1) J-7 Student Suspension – Mr. Fiorillo noted that there would be no action on this item

- this evening. 2) I-16 High School Athletic & Extracurricular Eligibility Requirements – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-3-2016-03 – Science Kits Purchase – Mr. DiModica stated that they discussed this earlier this evening and instead of leasing the Science Kits they would like to purchase them – this is not budgeted but was approved earlier this evening with a 3-0 vote and with that Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-3-2016-03, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 6-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-3-2016-04: Installation of Energy Control Systems at Ashton, Community and Garvin Elementary Schools – Mr. DiModica stated that ENE Systems of Canton, MA listed all of the work that needs to be done – it was approved earlier in the evening with a 3-0 vote and with that Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-3-2016-04, 2nd Mr. Salvatore – who then asked what the amount was and Mr. DiModica said it was not to exceed \$21,190 and that it needed to be done in a timely manner. Mr. Duffy then asked if this had gone out for bid? He believes that it should have and has a problem with this being awarded without actually going out for bid. Mr. Prignano stated that ENE does all the districts work and it makes no sense to go elsewhere. Mr. Duffy said this was the second time this company gets the job without a bid – he then asked if an electrician could do the job cheaper? Mr. Prignano said he would put it out for bid. Mr. Salvatore said he agrees with Mr. Duffy, it should have gone out for bid. Mr. DiModica stated that ENE has provided a bid for the three schools and now would be doing two more. Mr. Prignano said the district has not had any issues with this company and they do a good job. Mr. Duffy stated that if this company submitted a bid that was 10% higher than everyone else but they did a good job, then just tell the SC – but at least if you pick them then, it will have gone out for a bid. Mr. Prignano said the initial work for Ashton, Community and Garvin was quoted at \$93,000 but that is because some of the system was already in place and they did some of the work in house. Mr. Duffy stated that ENE had already been awarded \$234,000 which was not put out for bid – Mr. Prignano said that was for the last two elementary schools because they had nothing at all – it was starting from scratch – ENE was deemed the cheapest and most qualified at the time, and they were pre-qualified. Mr. Prignano also wants ENE to look at the high school. Supt. Mitchell thought that we should move on at this point. The vote was taken, Mrs. Beaulieu – yes, Mr. Salvatore – no, Mr. Dennen – yes, Mr. DiModica – yes, Mr. Duffy – no, Mr. Fiorillo – yes. Motion was approved 4-2.
- D. Update on Kindergarten & Grade 1 Open Registration Days – Supt. Mitchell said the town registration was held on 2/23 and 2/24 – had 206 registrations (177 last year), currently 57 students in our pre-school and they will be moving to kindergarten. We are anticipating 100 more registrations during the summer.
- E. Discussion of FY 2017 Superintendent’s Budget – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that we would hold off for now because Supt. Mitchell is still putting the finishing

touches on the budget – maybe next meeting – or a special meeting in between!

Agenda Item #13: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell had the following personnel recommendations:

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Joshuah Joseph, Custodian -- Nights at Community School**, effective March 7, 2016.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **James Marsland, Jr., Custodian -- Nights at Cumberland High School - Transitional Building**, effective February 29, 2016.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the following coaching appointments:

MMS Softball Coach: Cindy Dixon

Junior Varsity Softball: Kathryn Mottau

Boys Varsity Soccer: Justin Resendes

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented by Mrs. Fogell, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

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

There were no comments at this time.

Agenda Item #15: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items

Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Mrs. Beaulieu stated that there was no executive session this evening.

Agenda Item #16: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony