

APPROVED-5.12.16

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Cumberland High School Cafeteria, 2600 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Raymond Salvatore, William Dennen, Paul DiModica, Craig Duffy, Mark Fiorillo, Linda Teel

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Administration Present: Superintendent Robert Mitchell, Asst. Superintendent Antonio DiManna, Atty. Stephen Adams

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:37 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. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda
A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting 4/14/16
B. Approval of Minutes - Executive Session 4/14/16
Mr. Duffy and Mrs. Teel excused themselves from the vote because they were not present at the meetings. Mr. Salvatore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #5: Superintendent's Report
Supt. Mitchell announced that Jay Masterson was chosen as the 2016 Secondary Principal of the Year! Supt. Mitchell also noted that Nidia Karbonik was recently chosen as the Elementary Principal of the Year! A surprise was held at the middle school this morning for Principal Masterson and his family and friends and members of administration were also at the school for the surprise celebration! Congratulations Principal Masterson! Supt. Mitchell also stated that The RAD Training is moving along, several Cumberland Police Officers are involved and about 15 girls are currently participating - they have already had two sessions and more are being planned. Also, Senior Presentations were held yesterday and Supt. Mitchell said he was very impressed by some of the presentations that he was lucky enough to sit in on. He said it is very impressive to hear how well the students can articulate in detail the learning that has impacted their lives - he hopes that in the future parents will be able to see their children talking about their high school experience - it is something that is being considered because it is definitely something that the parents should be invited to. Also, ten seniors were chosen to give their speeches in front of hundreds of students in the Wellness Center - the speeches were about five minutes long and the stories/challenges were very touching and held the audience's attention! Great Job!

Agenda Item #6: Chairperson's Report
A. School/Town Collaboration - Mrs. Beaulieu stated that CHS hosted Governor Raimondo earlier this evening. She and the Commissioner of Education were invited by Supt. Mitchell and Mayor Murray. Mrs. Beaulieu noted that the evening was nicely done and she hopes the Governor will come back again!

Agenda Item #7: Reports of Standing Committees

A. Payment of Bills - Mr. DiModica noted that there were no payments this evening.

B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update - Mr. DiModica stated that the sub-committee did meet with the Business Manager and discussed the monthly report, health claims and projected surplus.

C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update - Mr. Fiorillo stated that the sub-committee met on Tuesday and discussed the amended I-6 Policy and new policy I-10 - both policies were tabled. Also, brief discussion on school suspension - appeal process - this will be brought to the full SC shortly for a policy change.

At this point Mrs. Beaulieu asked the Student Government representative to come up and talk about their activities - the student stated that there was a blood drive on 4/14, Spring Fling was held two weeks ago and there will be a 5K Run/Walk at the high school on 4/29 during school, also Teacher Appreciation Week is coming as well as the Junior and Senior Proms!

D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update - Mrs. Teel stated that the sub-committee had met this past Tuesday and discussed the findings from all of the recent school presentations and began pathway discussions. They will meet again in two weeks.

E. Budget Task Force Update - Mr. Duffy stated that there was no update but Mrs. Beaulieu asked him if he could send the actual presentation to all of the SC so that they could review it again and also asked if the BTF sub-committee could come to one of the upcoming SC meetings for further discussion.

At this time Mr. Salvatore gave his update for the Health & Wellness Sub-Committee - Mr. Salvatore stated that the N.E. Dairy and Food Council is having a contest for all 5th and 8th grade students in Rhode Island - there are various things that the students need to complete and send in for consideration and the winner of the first prize will get a dairy farm visit for the entire grade that won, second prize will be a cow visit to their school!!, and third prize will be a dairy party pack. Mr. Salvatore has sent emails to the school principals regarding this contest!! Mr. Salvatore also stated that Corinne from R.I. Healthy Schools brought Playworks to Cumberland - series of games, sports and activities sponsored by BCBS and Ashton and Cumberland Hill have already trained some of their teachers - very positive impact and no cost to our schools! Also, Supt. Mitchell wanted to note that the 5K Walk/Run at the high school tomorrow is run by the Physical Ed. Teacher - this is the third year for this event!

Agenda Item #8: Comments from the Public

There were no comments this evening.

Agenda Item #9: Public Hearing

A. Reading of Policies - Amended Policy I-6 School Sponsored Overnight Field Trips and New Policy - 1st Reading - I-10 Extracurricular School Sponsored Overnight Field Trip - Mrs. Beaulieu stated that these two policies were tabled and therefore there would be no public hearing this evening.

Agenda Item #10: New Business

A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Amended Policy: I-6 School Sponsored Overnight Field Trips - no action taken this evening.

B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policy - 1st Reading I-10 Extracurricular School Sponsored Overnight Field Trips - no action taken this evening.

C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2016-03: District's Unassigned Fund Allocation - Mr. DiModica stated that this resolution was approved with a 3-0 vote in sub-committee and with that made a motion for passage of SC-R-2016-03, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.

D. 2016 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook Findings for Cumberland - Supt. Mitchell stated that this is the 22nd annual profile of wellbeing of kids in Rhode Island - contains helpful data, notes and some

upcoming changes, and is an eye opener for what is happening in the state and in Cumberland - this is good for strategic planning and it is available online.

Agenda Item #11: Personnel Recommendations

There are no personnel recommendations this evening.

Agenda Item #12: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Fiorillo stated that prior to the last SC meeting he had the opportunity to attend the hockey banquet - and he noted that the best part of the banquet is when the seniors speak about their experiences - great event! Mr. Dennen stated that Cindy Giroux, Principal of Community School, received the Spirit of DI Award - Destination Imagination - Congratulations Principal Giroux! Mrs. Beaulieu congratulated Principal Masterson again!!!

Agenda Item #13: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

Before going into executive session, the school committee shall state for the record that any persons to be discussed pursuant to subsection (1) have been notified and this statement shall be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

A. Personnel Matters - Exception (1) - CTA/ICSE/NON-UNIT

B. Negotiations/Litigation - Exception (2) CTA/ICSE/NON-UNIT and Litigation Update/Potential Litigation

Mrs. Beaulieu read aloud all of the above and asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to go into Executive Session, 2nd Mrs. Teel and Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

The SC adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

C. Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session

D. Reconvene into Open Session

E. Report out of Executive Session Vote(s) – there were no votes taken.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony