

MINUTES APPROVED – 6/8/2016

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

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

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

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Vice Chairman Salvatore convened the meeting to order at 7:35 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 5/12/2016
B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 5/12/2016
Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting
A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 5/26/2016 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mr. Salvatore stated that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent's Report
A. Recognitions – 1) 2016 District Teacher of the Year – Nicole Franco – Supt. Mitchell said that the eight principals in the district sent in their recommendations and Nicole was chosen from Community School. He read aloud the outline from Mrs. Giroux and then presented Nicole with a plaque. Congratulations Ms. Franco!! 2) Father/Daughter Internet Safety – Supt. Mitchell thanked McKenna Laverty and her dad Patrick for doing the Internet Safety Presentations – it is well appreciated by the district – Thank You McKenna and Patrick Laverty!!!! Supt. Mitchell also wanted to acknowledge CHS for being the number 1 school in Rhode Island to raise the most money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - \$10,000 was donated by CHS!!!! And the number 2 school in the state was Community Elementary - \$8,350 and also in the top 10 schools was North Cumberland Middle School - \$3,445!!!! Thank you and Congratulations to everyone that helped!!!!
B. Presentations – Trip Evaluations – 1) 2016 Middle School Students Quebec City Trip – Miss Brady and some of her students were on hand to present their slideshow from their trip and also comment on various recreational activities, foods and language and culture experiences that they encountered during their trip. Great presentation!!! 2) 2016 Grad Nite Seniors Trip – Audrey Berthume, CHS teacher, and three chaperones took 19 students to Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Blizzard Beach and Typhoon Lagoon – the students had no issues during the trip and were complimented on their excellent behavior. They are hoping to go again next year! 3) 2016 Spain & Portugal Student Trip – Isabel Claro, CHS teacher, and three chaperones took 14 students on this trip and visited the Royal Palace in Madrid, various cathedrals, and the sister town of Cumberland. They did lots of

cultural activities, visited the high school, the local winery, they made bread in the center of a little town and were even hosted by the Mayor at the town hall! Very successful trip!

Agenda Item #7: Chairperson's Report

Mr. Salvatore stated that there was no report this evening.

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica stated that there were no payments this evening.
- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the sub-committee met earlier and discussed the monthly report, Alpha Best reports, pool rental, reviewed the resolution to switch to Cox Communications, funding for girls hockey next year, the Mayor's 2016-17 funding, and the increase to the preschool tuition – it will be \$225 - \$265.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that they did not meet.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel stated that they did not meet.
- E. Budget Task Force Update – Mr. Duffy stated that they did not meet.

Agenda Item #9: Comments from the Public

No comments at this time.

Agenda Item #10: Public Hearing

- A. Reading of Policies – 1) New Policies – 2nd Reading – a) I-10 Extracurricular School Sponsored Overnight Field Trips, b) J-24 Service Animals in Schools/Cross Reference G-16 – Mr. Fiorillo noted that this was the 2nd reading and that both policies had passed in sub-committee.
- B. Public Comment – Mr. Salvatore asked if there were any comments regarding the policies and there were none. He closed the hearing.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote on Teacher Dismissal Recommendations – Mr. Fiorillo stated that this was discussed in Executive Session and would like to follow the Administrations recommendations and with that made a motion for passage, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Non-Renewal Recommendations – Mr. Fiorillo would like to support the Administration to rescind the 49 teacher non-renewals and with that made a motion for passage, 2nd Mr. Dennen and Mrs. Teel, approved 6-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Girls Varsity Hockey Funding 2016-17 – Mr. DiModica stated that this was approved in Finance with a 3-0 vote. Mr. DiModica made a motion for passage, 2nd Mr. Dennen and Mr. Duffy, Mr. Salvatore asked if this will continue to be shared with Lincoln and Mount – if enough interest and players Mr. DiModica thought there would be enough for a CHS Varsity Team – Mr. Campinelli – Athletic Director – was the go between for this team this past year, motion approved 5-1, Mrs. Teel in the negative.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2016-06: Cox Communications Phone System Upgrade – Mr. DiModica stated that this resolution was approved in Finance with a 3-0 vote, it is to upgrade the entire district and it was approved for a five year contract, not to exceed \$186,030, Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-R-2016-06, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.
- E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve New Policies – 2nd Reading – 1) I-10 Extracurricular School Sponsored Overnight Field Trips – Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to pass I-10, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0. 2) J-24 Service Animals in

Schools/Cross Reference G-16 – Mr. Dennen made a motion to approve J-24, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 6-0.

- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Student Field Trips – 1) Grade Seven Student Trip – Washington, DC – November, 2016 – Mrs. Coughlin stated that Paula McMillen and Sean Connelly would be the advisors for the trip and the trip would take place on November 10th thru 13th – switching tour companies this year to Jump Street – food choices are better – payments are made easier, slight increase from last year \$559 – approval is for both schools. Mr. Dennen and Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Duffy, approved 6-0. 2) Grade Eight Student Trip – Quebec City, Canada – January, 2017 – Mrs. Brady said there were no changes from last year except for minor changes to the itinerary, slight increase to cost \$779. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

Retirements

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of Lucille Lemos, Paraprofessional at Cumberland Preschool Center, effective June 30, 2016, after 17 years of service.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of Manuel Martins, Custodian at Community School, effective July 5, 2016, after 11 years of service.

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

Agenda Item #13: School Committee Comments (School Liaison Reports)

Mr. Fiorillo stated that last week he attended a seminar on concussions at Community School – very informative – another one in the fall. Also, he and Mr. Dennen attended a re-dedication at a small cemetery for Project Dignity for the CHS Archaeology Club – they both thanked Mr. McGarry who is the advisor for this club. Mr. Dennen thanked Supt. Mitchell and others for advocating for the district at the town budget meetings. Mr. Dennen also noted that he would be resigning from his SC seat because he is moving to another part of Cumberland – he will advise Mrs. Beaulieu of the date. Mr. Duffy is also moving out of Cumberland in late June and will be leaving the SC and is hoping that Mr. Dennen will slide into his seat because it is an “at large” seat – he will also advise Mrs. Beaulieu of the date. Mr. Salvatore stated that both Mr. Dennen and Mr. Duffy have made solid contributions to the SC and wishes them both well. Mr. Fiorillo also stated that they would be missed and wishes them well.

Agenda Item #14: Vote to go into Executive Session for Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5

No Executive Session this evening.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony