

MINUTES APPROVED – 7/14/2016

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Lisa Beaulieu, Raymond Salvatore, Paul DiModica, Mark Fiorillo, Linda Teel. Craig Duffy was absent and William Dennen has resigned from the School Committee.

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

Agenda Item #1: Chairperson Convenes Meeting
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #4: Student Government Report
A. Student Activities – there was no report given this evening.

Agenda Item #5: Consent Agenda
A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 5/26/2016
B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 5/26/2016
C. Enrollment Report – 6/1/2016
D. School Police Report – 5/1/2016
E. Residency/Truancy Report – 6/1/2016
Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #6: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting
A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 6/8/2016 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu noted that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mr. DiModica made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent's Report
A. Retirement Recognitions – Superintendent Mitchell presented Lucille Lemois a certificate and a beach bag and congratulated her on her retirement from the district after 17 years of service! Also, recognized for retirements were, Suzanne Brillion, Camille Fazah, Monique Saunders and Manny Martins – best wishes on their retirements!!!

Agenda Item #8: Chairperson's Report
Mrs. Beaulieu stated that the Town Council has passed the budget and now the SC will begin the reconciliation process next week.

Agenda Item #9: Reports of Standing Committees
A. Payment of Bills – Mr. DiModica stated that the sub-committee met earlier in the evening and with that he made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of \$1,000,187.71, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0.

- B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mr. DiModica stated that the sub-committee discussed the Sodexo report – they are doing good with collections before students leave for the year, reviewed contracts that are on tonight’s agenda, AlphaBest, the district Strategic Plan Consultant, and the refurbishing of the upper practice field.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo stated that the sub-committee did not meet.
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel stated that the sub-committee did not meet.
- E. Budget Task Force Update – no update this evening.

Agenda Item #10: Comments from the Public
There were no comments this evening.

Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Revised 2016-17 School Calendar – Superintendent Mitchell noted that there was one minor change to the calendar regarding pre-school and kindergarten student placement days. Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the revised 2016-17 school calendar, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 5-0.
- B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Authorization for the Day One Student Program Agreement – Supt. Mitchell stated that he would really like the SC’s support for this program. The program works with Day One and Brown University and its focus is to provide adolescents information on sexual assault. Day One has received two very large grants so this is at no cost to the district – a trained professional will come in and work with our students – they will establish a baseline and then track progress – the information gathered will also be provided to students and parents. Mr. Salvatore asked when it would start and Supt. Mitchell said at the beginning of the next school year – September – it will be available to CHS grade 10 students – that is where the focus will be and it is a yearlong process. Mr. DiModica asked if it were available in the middle schools and Supt. Mitchell stated that right now it is only available for CHS. Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve the Day One Student Program Agreement, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Dismissal Recommendations – Mrs. Fogell stated that she was looking for two dismissals to rescind. Mr. DiModica made a motion to rescind the two teacher dismissals, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 5-0.
- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Rescind Teacher Non-Renewal Recommendations – Mrs. Fogell stated that this is to rescind 25 non-tenured non-renewals. Mr. Salvatore made a motion to rescind the 25 non-tenured non-renewals, 2nd Mrs. Teel, Mr. Salvatore said that he would recuse himself from #2 on the list, motion approved 5-0.
- E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Employment Contracts for: 1) Attendance/Truancy Officer – Mr. DiModica stated that this was in fiscal this evening – 3 year contract – 1.5% in year 1 and year 2 – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve as amended, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0. 2) Assistant Principal – Mr. DiModica stated it is a 3-year contract – amended – 1.5% year 1, 1.5% year 2 and 0% year 3. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve as amended, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 3-2. Mr. DiModica and Mr. Salvatore in the negative. 3) Director of Special Education – Mr. DiModica stated that the contract is 1.5% in year 1, 1.5% in year 2 and 0% in year 3 and with that made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 5-0. 4) Athletic Director – Mr. DiModica stated that the contract is 1.5% in year 1, 1.5% in year 2 and 0% in year 3 and with that made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Teel, approved 5-0.

- F. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-PR-6-2016-05: District Strategic Plan Consultant – Mr. DiModica stated that this went out for bid but that Mr. Langton was the only bidder. This was approved in Fiscal with a 2-0 vote-it is not to exceed \$11,400. Mr. DiModica made a motion to pass SC-PR-6-2016-05, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0.
- G. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2016-07: Preschool Tuition Increase – Mr. DiModica stated that the rates went up \$25 per month from the current fee of \$200 and \$240 to a new rate of \$225 and \$265 – this passed in Fiscal with a 2-0 vote and with that Mr. DiModica made a motion to pass SC-R-2016-07, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 4-1, Mr. Salvatore in the negative.
- H. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2016-08: AlphaBEST Education Before and After School Program Agreement – Mr. DiModica stated that this passed in Fiscal with a 2-0 vote and with that made a motion to pass SC-R-2016-08, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, Mr. Fiorillo, Mr. Salvatore and Mrs. Beaulieu all commented on what a great program this is!, motion approved 5-0.
- I. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolution SC-R-2016-09: Amended FY 17 School Budget – Mr. DiModica made a motion to table SC-R-2016-09, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.
- J. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Refurbishing of CHS Upper Practice Field – Mr. DiModica stated that some businesses are willing to donate their work for free – will get this in writing and then will close the field for refurbishing – this will be back on another agenda. Mr. DiModica made a motion to table the Refurbishing of CHS Upper Practice Field, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0.
- K. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolutions – 1) SC-PR-6-2016-06: Cement Work at Community School – Mr. DiModica stated that 3D Construction was the lowest of three bidders. This was passed in Fiscal with a 2-0 vote – not to exceed \$19,970. Mr. DiModica made a motion to pass SC-PR-6-2016-06, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0. 2) SC-PR-6-2016-07: Asphalt Replacement at Community School – Mr. DiModica stated that this was discussed in Fiscal and the vote was 1-1, Hartford Paving and Johnson Paving. Mr. DiModica made a motion to award the contract to Hartford Paving– but with discussion, 2nd Mr. Salvatore with discussion. Mr. DiModica noted that the bids were reviewed earlier this evening and that Hartford’s bid came in the day before – Johnson’s bid was a difference of \$18 – Mr. DiModica’s recommendation would be to give it to Johnson Paving and not Hartford Paving. Mr. Prignano stated that Hartford is giving a 3” sidewalk; both were putting down a 2” binder. Mr. DiModica noted that all of the information was not in the folder – this was discussed two weeks ago but at the time prevailing wages was the difference between Johnson and Hartford – now there is additional work that was added to be done and quotes had to be revised. There was a motion and a 2nd, but motion failed 3-2. Mrs. Teel and Mr. Fiorillo were yes votes. Mr. DiModica then made a motion to award the paving contract to Johnson Paving, not to exceed \$42,000, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, motion approved 3-2. Mrs. Teel and Mr. Fiorillo in the negative. 3) SC-PR-6-2016-08: Replace Garage Roof at JJM Cumberland Hill Elementary School – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-6-2016-08, \$3,800 out of surplus, passed in Fiscal with 2-0 vote, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0. 4) SC-PR-6-2016-09: Paint Gymnasiums at North Cumberland MS and Community School – Mr. DiModica noted \$10,800 is labor only, school department is buying the paint, passed in Fiscal with a 2-0 vote. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-6-2016-09, 2nd Mr. Fiorillo, approved 5-0.

Agenda Item #12: Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Fogell requested the following personnel recommendations:

Resignations

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Tina Conway, Grade 4 Teacher, BF Norton Elementary School**, effective **June 30, 2016, after 5 years of service.**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the resignation of **Claire Restivo, Grade 1 Teacher, BF Norton Elementary School**, effective **June 30, 2016, after 14 years of service.**

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Bonilyn DeBlois, Library Media Specialist at BF Norton Elementary School (0.5 FTE)/Garvin Memorial School (0.5 FTE)**, effective **08/26/2016. (FTE 1.0; Step 10; Lane: Masters; Co-pay: 22%).**

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Jerrica McKee, Early Childhood Educator at Pre School Center**, effective **03/07/2016** through the end of the **2015-2016 school year. (FTE 1.0; Step 1; Lane: n/a; Co-pay: 22%).**
****start date correction only****

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2nd Mr. Salvatore, approved 5-0.

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

Mr. Salvatore stated that he attended a field trip to the Roger Williams Planetarium with Ashton's 5th grade students – he said they were well behaved and had an enjoyable time. Ashton will have their Field Day on June 14th and then Ashton will be graduating on June 16th. Mrs. Teel thanked teachers and administration for speaking at the budget meetings. She also thanked the SC members for speaking up about accountability! She noted that the budget has been talked about for years and the TC will not work with the SC if there needs to be a tax increase – she said there is a big problem but the TC and the state will not do anything to help – we need accountability on their end. Supt. Mitchell acknowledged the Boys Lacrosse Championship Victory over Westerly!!!! Also, acknowledged the Band and Chorus at MMS – Superior rating for Chorus and Good rating for Band in Springfield, Mass. Congratulations to all!!! Mrs. Beaulieu congratulated the CHS graduates that would be graduating the next day – she wished them all success and said they would be moving on to do great things!!!

Agenda Item #14: 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 would not be any executive session this evening.

Agenda Item #15: Adjournment

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mr. DiModica, approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony