

## **UNAPPROVED**

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, October 27, 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, Mark Fiorillo, Linda Teel, Earl Wood

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

**Agenda Item #1:** Chairperson Convenes Meeting  
Chairwoman Beaulieu convened the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

**Agenda Item #2:** Pledge of Allegiance

**Agenda Item #3:** Approval of Agenda  
Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

**Agenda Item #4:** Student Government Report

- A. Student Activities – past activities included Back to School Night on 9/24/16, first student government meeting on 9/22/16 – they discussed future events, also grad nite deposits were due by 10/13/16, from 10/11 – 10/15/16 the students enjoyed Spirit Week – every day had a different activity and then on Friday there was a football game and on Saturday there was a homecoming dance! The blood drive took place on 10/25/16 and the results have not been tallied yet. Upcoming events include the turkey basket drive – turkey baskets and list of donations needed has been handed out during advisory – goal this year is for at least 100 baskets!!!

**Agenda Item #5:** Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting 10/13/2016
- B. Approval of Minutes – Executive Session 10/13/2016

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dennen, approved 6-0 – Mr. Fiorillo did not vote because he was not at the 10/13 meeting.

**Agenda Item #6:** Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

- A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 10/27/16 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Beaulieu stated that there were no votes taken. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mrs. Teel made a motion to seal the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

**Agenda Item #7:** Superintendent's Report

- A. 2016 Rhode Island School Counselor of the Year – Cynthia Lancaster – Supt. Mitchell and Mrs. Beaulieu presented Ms. Lancaster with a certificate and congratulated her on all of her wonderful work on various committees and also for working so well with all of the students and making them all feel very comfortable. Ms. Lancaster has been at MMS for 5 years and this is her 6<sup>th</sup> year as a counselor.
- B. Retirement Recognition – Supt. Mitchell stated that there were none this evening.

**Agenda Item #8:** Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Payments 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 in the evening and discussed the updated business report, the Sodexo report, noted that RIDE is still accepting applications for free and reduced lunches, the progress payment for the construction that was done was also discussed and the costs for the projector screens was discussed.
- C. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Fiorillo noted that the sub-committee did not meet. He did comment on the wonderful work that Ms. Lancaster did while on the Trans Gender Policy committee-Thank you!
- D. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Teel stated that the sub-committee did not meet.

**Agenda Item #9:** Comments from the Public

A parent from the district thanked the SC members for being the voices for the students in this district. He said the SC is on the right path and that the district is on the right path and it is because of people like the SC members.

Jenny thanked Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Teel for all of their years of service – she said they were an integral part of all of the changes in the district – thank you!

Jeff M. thanked Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Teel for their service to the district and noted that they both had honorable intentions!

**Agenda Item #10:** Old Business

- A. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve 2016-2017 School Bus Routes – Supt. Mitchell stated that the information provided to the SC members in their drive has been updated and several of the past issues have been resolved. Mr. Neves from Durham reiterated that the information the SC members had in front of them are actual times for the runs – he noted that the afternoon runs will always have traffic concerns and will be off by a little bit some days. Mr. Salvatore asked him about the concerns at JJM and Mr. Neves said that the extra mini bus was very helpful and Mrs. Malcolm agreed that the situation was much better. Mr. Neves also noted that they have eliminated one bus in the morning and one bus in the afternoon at Community (due to the bus load numbers going down) and so this should help the Community situation. Mr. Fiorillo stated that he had received a call about a special education student riding the bus for over an hour each day – Mr. Neves said he was aware of this and took care of the situation – there is about a twenty-minute improvement on that bus. Mr. DiModica asked if the police department had signed off again on these routes but Mr. Neves said there was no need because the routes did not get changed, just the times were adjusted. Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 school bus routes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Salvatore, approved 7-0.

**Agenda Item #11:** New Business

- A. School Committee Recognition – Supt. Mitchell said this would be done at the end of this meeting.
- B. Vote to Approve Updated School Safety Plan – Mrs. Teel made a motion to table this item, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0.
- C. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolutions: 1) SC-PR-10-2016-14 Motorized Projector Screens – Mr. DiModica noted that these have already been purchased – Mr.

Prignano thought it had already been passed in sub-committee – Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-10-2016-14, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Dennen, approved 7-0. 2) SC-PR-10-2016-15 Progress Payment for Summer Construction Projects at Joseph L. McCourt Middle School, North Cumberland Middle School and Ashton School – Mr. DiModica stated that this was discussed in Finance and that this was part of the \$5M Safety Program, Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve SC-PR-10-2016-15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo and Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

- D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2016-2017 School Year – Asst. Supt. DiManna said that he had one renewal that he recommended for approval. Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

**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 **Audrey Geary, Human Resource Clerk** for the **Cumberland School Department**, effective **11/14/2016** after 23 years of service.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the retirement of **Denise Queenan, Grade 6 Teacher** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **06/30/2017** after 18 years of service.

Mr. DiModica made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel, approved 7-0.

Leave of Absences

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the unpaid leave of absence of **Malaina Kelly, Grade 3 Teacher** at **Garvin Memorial School**, effective **October 31, 2016 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year**.

Mr. Fiorillo made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Teel and Mr. DiModica, approved 7-0.

Appointments

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Michael DiCesare, Custodian -- Nights** at **Cumberland High School**, effective **10/24/2016 (Co-pay 18%)**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Derek Lapointe, Custodian -- Nights** at **North Cumberland Middle School**, effective **11/01/2016 (Co-Pay 18%)**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Mario Sa, Custodian -- Nights** at **BF Norton Elementary School and Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **10/17/2016 (Co-Pay 18%)**.

I request the advice and consent of the School Committee on the appointment of **Kaitlyn Turcotte, Speech Language Pathologist at Community School and Cumberland Hill Elementary School**, effective **11/07/2016** for the **2016-2017 school year**. (**FTE: 1.0; Step 2; Lane n/a; Co-pay: 20%**).

Mrs. Teel made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Fiorillo, approved 7-0.

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

Mr. Fiorillo thanked Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Teel for their service – they were very passionate about their work. Mr. Salvatore said he would second Mr. Fiorillo’s comment – he said they have given over 10 years of commitment to this community and he also said he was glad that Mrs. Beaulieu was going for the Town Council! Mr. DiModica presented both ladies with an engraved crystal apple and congratulated them both – the apple was from all of the SC members. Mr. Dennen echoed what the others had said and said that he enjoyed working with both – thanked them for all of their help! Supt. Mitchell said this SC has a very professional way about them – they handle themselves professionally in every situation – the job was done in a passionate, respectful way – they set a positive tone. He thanked them all!!! He went on to say thank you to Mrs. Beaulieu and Mrs. Teel from all of administration and all of the students – thanked them for their tireless commitment to this community – positive impact on the students and staff! He also noted that data has always been important to both of them – very important – incredible commitment from both of them! Mrs. Teel thanked everyone and said that it has been fun – incredible growth – met a lot of interesting people – seen great growth in the district – she said the committee was a very professional organization and that they were co-workers and at the end of the day were friends – she also said she hopes Lisa makes it to the Town Council! Mrs. Beaulieu showed a brief PowerPoint presentation that showed what CHS looked like 14 years ago – she knew at that time that the students in this district deserved more - she is thrilled that the district has made so many improvements thru the SC’s efforts – it really shows that the SC really cares about our students. She went on to say that it has been fun and that she appreciated everyone’s efforts. She thanked several people including Supt. Mitchell, Asst. Supt. DiManna, Atty. Adams, Mr. Chandler – she also thanked all the administrators for sharing information with them that was so very helpful to them. Supt. Mitchell announced that there would be a reception in T319 immediately following the close of this meeting. Mrs. Beaulieu hopes that the new SC keeps the momentum going!!

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

There is no Executive Session this evening.

**Agenda Item #15:** Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony