APPROVED 6.25.2026

There was a regular meeting of the Cumberland School Committee held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at the Cumberland High School Transitional Building Cafetorium, 2602 Mendon Road, Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Amy Vogel, Keri Smith, Lisa Goldstein, Kerry Feather, Heather Chea, Jason Dean, Andrew Bacon

Administration Present: Supt. Phil Thornton

Before the beginning of the meeting Chairwoman Vogel asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the recent passing of a high school student, the family and friends.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order
Chairwoman Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #3: Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Chea made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd Mrs. Goldstein, motion approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – 1) Regular Meeting 5/28/2026, 2) Executive Session 5/28/2026, 3) Special Meetings – a) Town Council Budget Hearing 5/27/2026 , b) Town Council Budget Hearing 6/3/2026
B. School Bus Inspection Report 5/27/2026
C. Enrollment Report
D. June Residency/Truancy Report
E. May Transportation Report

Mrs. Chea made a motion to approve the consent agenda, 2nd Mrs. Feather, motion approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #5: Report Out of Executive Session Meeting

A. Report Out of Executive Session Meeting on 6/11/2026 – 1) Report Out of Executive Session Votes – Mrs. Vogel stated that there was one vote taken – agree with disposition from administration – passed 7-0. 2) Vote to Seal Minutes of Executive Session – Mrs. Chea made a motion to seal the minutes, 2nd Mrs. Feather, motion approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #6: Personnel Announcements
Mrs. Drezek announced one resignation this evening.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent's Report

A. Feinstein Golden Ticket Winner – Carter Stephens – Community School – congratulations to 2nd grade student Carter Stephens!!!
B. Skills USA National Gold Medalist – Web Design – Sai Kushal Godavarthi & Ryan Pfeiffer – each student that placed at the competition came up and said what their pathway was and how they placed. Congratulations to all!!
C. Retirement Recognitions – 1. Leslie Grahamm – 24 years of service – CHS – English Teacher, 2. Phyllis Hutchins – 30 years of service – JLMMS – School Nurse Teacher, 3. Karen Vachon – 22 years of service – JLMMS – Paraprofessional, 4. Susan Miller – 36 years of service – Community – Math Interventionist, 5. Hope Regan – 29 years of service – Cumberland Hill – Grade 2 Teacher, 6. Kimberly Baldwin – 22 years of service – Cumberland Hill – Special Education Teacher, 7. Mary Hill – 19 years of service – Garvin – Paraprofessional, 8. Jo-Ann Laboissonniere – 27 years of service – Garvin – Paraprofessional, 9. Anthony Singh – 30 years of service – Districtwide – Maintenance/Carpenter's Assistant, 10. Mario Sa' – 10 years of service – NCMS – Custodian. Many kind words were said by Principals and co-workers for each of the retirees – congratulations to all!
D. Construction Update – Mrs. Chea visited the school last week, principals and teachers are picking colors, level 3 of the building fire protection going in, should be buttoned up by mid-summer. Trailers will be going away by Halloween – this will allow more room for the children outdoors. Also announced – Community School – Blue Ribbon School – Principal Vaughn congratulated everyone!!!

Agenda Item #8: Reports of Standing Committees
A. Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Update – 1) Chair Assigns New Policy & Procedures Sub-Committee Chairperson – Lisa Goldstein – next meeting 6/16.
B. Fiscal Management Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Smith stated that they did meet and discussed resolutions, payment of bills and the budget – in depth.
C. Achievement & Communications Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Vogel stated that they will meet in August.
D. District Health & Wellness Sub-Committee Update – Mrs. Chea stated that they will meet in September.

Agenda Item #9: Old Business
A. Discussion and/or Vote to Amend 2026-2027 Budget – Dr. Thornton stated that he had 7.5 reductions – 4 essentials, grade 2 teacher, grade 5 teacher, clipper block teacher, carpenter assistant and greeter/clerical – sent to the town. Added 375 to the equation so we can retain 6 essentials, also recommended are K-BFN teacher, Asst. Princ. BFN/Garvin, HS MLL teacher – Mr. McGrath noted that the budget is very tight and he is concerned – inflation and energy costs. Alisha talked about .5 Guidance from Community to BFN – looked at a lot of information to make this decision – Mr. McGrath concerned about the fund balance – said it would come back in October to be balanced if it is not done – Community School families are worried about losing the .5 Guidance Counselor – she was wonderful – are supports still in place? Alisha said they still have interventionists, psychologist, social worker – depends on what the student needs. Mr. Bacon

stated that this is a cut – it is going to hurt – not going to work – there is no incentive – Community performing great/Blue Ribbon School, great but we still lose. Mrs. Smith asked about the $890,000 capital lease/Mr. McGrath said that revenue will offset some expenses – chrome books, etc., - meeting with Mayor on Tuesday to discuss. Mrs. Vogel said we need more people – teachers. Mrs. Goldstein made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Chea – Mrs. Smith for discussion – look at other opportunities – does not want another student facing out – find other ways to cut – please consider sending this back to be relooked at. Mr. Dean said he agrees, we do not do a line-item veto – I don't support the cuts – we can only work with what the town gives us – we are lowest in the state – getting worse – we need to make a commitment to students. Dr. Thornton said the SC can amend the budget – I cannot recommend something I don't believe in – but you can make an amended budget. Mrs. Feather stated that we need to trust the Superintendent. Roll call vote – motion approved 4-3 – Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Dean in the negative.

<u>Agenda Item #10</u>: Comments from the Public
No comments this evening.

<u>Agenda Item #11</u>: New Business

A. Discussion and/or Vote to approve Home School Instruction Requests for the 2025-2026 SY – Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Chea, motion approved 7-0.
B. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Overnight Field Trip Request – 1) CHS – Clef Singers & Symphonic Winds – Walt Disney World – Orlando, FL – May 20-23-2027 – Mr. Bacon made a motion to approve, 2nd Mrs. Feather, motion approved 7-0.
C. Student A – Appeal – Discussion only, but only if requested in accordance with R.I. Gen Laws 42-46-5(8) – Mrs. Vogel stated no action this evening.
D. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Resolutions:
   1. SC-PR-06-2026-039- May Project Management Invoice #0001183162- Colliers Project Leaders
   2. SC-PR-06-2026-040- Health Careers Pathway Supplies- Realityworks, Inc.
   3. SC-PR-06-2026-041- RI Library Information Network for Kids Dues & Follett Hosting Services 26/27 SY- RILINK
   4. SC-PR-06-2026-042- Renewal of Annual Maintenance/ Service Contract on Battery Backups- NWN Carousel
   5. SC-PR-06-2026-043- BF Norton ES May Invoice #0023B-2405- Ai3 Architects, Inc.
   6. SC-PR-06-2026-044- Lanschool Renewal 2026/2027- CDW- G
   7. SC-PR-06-2026-045- Student Safety and Management for GMail for the District renewal 2026-2027 SY- Gaggle.Net, Inc.
   8. SC-PR-06-2026-046- Barracuda Renewal, Back Up Devices- Hub Tech
   9. SC-PR-06-2026-047- Singlewire Informacast 3-year & Mirasys 3-year- National Security

10. SC-PR-06-2026-048- ASPEN Student Management Software Renewal for 2026/2027-Follett Software, LLC
11. SC-PR-06-2026-049- Kami District Plan Renewal for 2026/2027- Notable, Inc
12. SC-PR-06-2026-050- Student Assistance Services at CHS 2026/2027 SY- C3 Wellbeing Student Assistance Services

Mrs. Smith made a motion to table SC-PR-06-2026-050 to get more information, 2nd Mr. Dean, motion approved 7-0. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve SC-PR-06-2026-039 thru 049, 2nd Mr. Dean, motion approved 7-0.

E. Discussion and/or Vote to Approve Payment of Bills – Mrs. Smith made a motion to pay invoices in the amount of $1,812,015.04, 2nd Mr. Dean, motion approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #12: Vote to go into Executive Session Discussion on Items Referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5
Dr. Thornton stated that there was no Executive Session this evening.

Agenda Item #13: Adjournment
Mr. Bacon made a motion to adjourn, 2nd Mrs. Chea, motion approved 7-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Linda A. Jackvony

June 11,2026			
ACTION	**EFFECTIVE DATE**	**NAME**	**POSITION**
Resignation	6/19/2026	Stephen Mulcahey	Controller