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The legislature of the State of Rhode Island has established that public bodies conduct the public's business in an open and public manner. In Rhode Island General Law, as amended, 42-46-1, the public policy issue is addressed as follows:

“It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens be advised of and aware of the performance of public officials and their deliberations and decisions that go into making public policy.”

As an essential element of that policy, the Open Meetings Law requires that minutes of public bodies meetings be recorded and maintained for inspection and review by any member of the public as allowed by the law. The provisions of the Open Meetings Law specify in Rhode Island General Law, as amended, 42-46-7 the items that shall be included in any minutes and the time lines that must be met in order to meet the requirements of the law.

The Cumberland School Committee is a public body conducting business in an open and public manner and pursuant to law and therefore, it is the policy of the Cumberland School Committee that all laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended, shall be followed. It is further the policy of the Cumberland School Committee in particular that the Open Meetings Law of the State of Rhode Island shall be followed and that minutes of all meetings shall be available at times as prescribed, pursuant to law, as designated by said statute.

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