

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord School Committee
Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Ripley Building
Concord, MA
September 25, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

PRESENT:

Mr. Peter Fischelis
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Mr. Fabian Fondriest
Mr. Chad Koski (arrived 7 pm)
Ms. Rebecca Shannon
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. John Flaherty
Ms. Diana Rigby

ABSENT:

Ms. Jan McGinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Concord School Committee was called to order by Mr. Fitzgerald for CCSC and Mr. Fischelis for CSC at 7:00 p.m.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

III. CORRESPONDENCE

IV. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Thank you to Anita Tekle for her researching the origin of the Cyrus Stow Scholarship
- B. Thank you from students to the IT Team for setting up student email accounts

V. REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

C. Special Progress Report to NEASC

Mr. Badalament reviewed the progress report to NEASC.

Mr. Wedge asked if there was feedback on the progress report for areas we can't change without additional space. Is there any coordination between MSBA and NEASC. Mr. Badalament stated they are sympathetic but there is no clear indication.

B. Warrant Articles regarding Willard School

Mr. Flaherty stated there are two draft articles related to Willard. Article one relates to construction funds for Willard School. The second one identifies major repairs for Willard if construction funds are not approved.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

E. Vote to Approve Warrant Articles

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CSC to place the warrants on the ballot for the Special Town Meeting of November 5, 2007. The amounts in the articles will be adjusted with the latest cost estimates available just prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Wedge stated the second article is contingent on the first article failing. To delay the roof bid until the spring would be unfavorable in terms of procurement and getting bids.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to designate voting delegate to the MASC annual business meeting

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CCSC and MOTION was made by Mr. Fondriest and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to appoint Peter Fischelis as voting delegate to MASC. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

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D. Connect-ED Presentation

Ms. Rigby stated this service will enhance the home-school connection. Jesse Leib, sales manager, for Connect-ED stated this system gives everyone on the system the same message at the same time. There are many different methods for delivering messages, and there is training available. Different groups are set up according to needs. This will save on the phone chain and METCO students can be accessed more easily. Ms. Rigby stated this will allow faculty and administration to connect with students families on a weekly basis.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked the cost of the package. Mr. Flaherty stated the initial cost is \$10K. The annual subscription cost is \$8500.

A. District Goal for 2007-08 Year

Ms. Rigby stated that since the meeting last summer, six major goals have been identified. Mr. Wedge asked where we were with the development of the website from last year. Ms. Rigby stated it is ready to launch. Gene Warfel will be launching it. Mr. Fischelis stated another goal from last year was in providing teachers time to review student work. The release time allows teachers time to meet in grade level teams.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve District Goals for the 2007-08 Year

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Koski for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Fondriest and seconded by Ms. Shannon for CSC to approve the District Goals for the 2007-08. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to Approve Special Education Transfer

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fondriest and seconded by Mr. Koski for CCSC to approve the special education budget transfer for approximately \$22,000 for the purchase of a seven passenger van.

Mr. Fischelis stated the school is responsible for students in special education program until the age of 22 or until they get their diploma.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

D. Vote to approve Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Bid Award

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CSC to award a contract for the supply of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to Dennis K. Burke, Inc., Chelsea, Massachusetts for a price of .2272 per gallon for ultra low sulfur diesel and a price of .2272 per gallon for gasoline for a contract term for FY08 of October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with an option to renew for two additional full years July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

F. Vote to approve staff salary increases for 2007-08

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fischelis and seconded by Ms. Shannon for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CSC to approve 2007-08 staff salary increases as recommended by the Superintendent.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. September 24 – MSBA Senior Study Team Visit at CCHS

Ms. Rigby stated MSBA visited and it was a good tour. There are many deficiencies but there are also many places in good shape. The hope is that the overall health of the facility was the focus.

B. October 3, 2007 – CMS China Student Exchange luncheon at Ripley

This is an invitation.

C. Concord Finance Committee Dates: FYI

10/11, 11/1

D. November 5, 2007: 2007 Special Town Meeting

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E. November 14-17, 2007: MASC/MASS Joint Conference @ Fourpoints Sheraton,
Hyannis

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Koski for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CSC to adjourn the Joint School Committee meeting at 9:50 p.m. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan
APPROVED: 10/23/07