

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Concord-Carlisle School Committee  
Concord School Committee  
Ripley Building  
Concord, MA  
January 27, 2009

**Present:** Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC, Chair  
Peter Fischelis, CSC, Chair; CCSC  
Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Vice-Chair  
Dale Ryder, CCSC  
Louis Salemy, CCSC

**Present From Administration:** Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD  
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD

**Absent:** Pamela Gannon, CSC; CCSC  
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Vice-Chair; CCSC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. The session was called to order by Mr. Fischelis for CSC and Mr. Wedge for CCSC at 6:30 PM after Executive Session.

B. Citizens' Comments

None

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 Joint Committee Meeting. Ms. McGinn, seconded by Ms. Ryder for CCSC. Ms. McGinn, seconded by Mr. Wedge for CPS. Both motions were unanimously approved.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

A. CCHS: Superintendent's Academic Excellence Award

- The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents has established an award to recognize high school seniors who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, congratulated Erich Trieschman and Katharine Mary Price who are the two outstanding members of the Class of 2009.

- David Shoup – US Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, recognized David Shoup as this year's delegate to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). David is 2009 Class President. David will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

- Andrew Sapp – Ms. Rigby, on behalf of Mr. Badalament recognized Mr. Sapp, English Teacher CCHS, who donated a weekend afternoon to wire over a dozen classrooms for cable for the viewing of the presidential inauguration.

B. Willard: Genoveva Matheus and Christen Lekorenos. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal, Willard, would like to thank Ms. Matheus, Technology Specialist for all her work in wiring all classrooms with a cable connection for the viewing of the presidential inauguration and Ms. Lekorenos, Fifth Grade Teacher, for preparing the instruction flipcharts for all staff to support the classroom instruction on the inguaration theme.

C. Alcott - Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, Alcott, would like to recognize the staff and teachers for preparing the student progress reports that are due at the end of January. In addition Ms. Young

would like to thank Mr. Peachey, Technology Specialist for ensuring that all the classrooms had cable connections for viewing the presidential inauguration.

## **V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

A. CMS – Seventh grade research project on Greece – Jessica Austin, Kerry Newhall, Elizabeth Stockwood, Seeta Durvasula, Arthur Unobskey. Ms. Stockwood, Librarian, Ms. Austin, Social Studies Teacher and Ms. Newhall, Social Studies Teacher, and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student, Chloe Howes gave a presentation on 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Ancient Greece Research/Writing project.

B. YRBS '08 Results – Kathy Bowen, Peter Badalament and Arthur Unobskey. Youth Risk Behavior Survey – Ms. Bowen, Health Curriculum Specialist, Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, Mr. Unobskey, Principal, CMS, gave a presentation on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The presentation highlighted the risky behavior (substance abuse, smoking, bullying, gambling and violence) of some middle/high school students. A special thanks to Ms. Bowen for her leadership in implementing the survey and analyzing the data to improve the health curriculum at the middle school and high school.

C. Mid-year encumbrance accounting report – John Flaherty – Mr. Flaherty gave a brief overview of the CPS and CCRDS Expense Summaries.

D. Consolidation of school services between Concord and Carlisle – Mr. Fischelis spoke about the preliminary discussions of forming a superintendent's union between Concord and Carlisle to share resources and services to be cost effective. Mr. Chad Koski, Chair of the Carlisle School Committee, was invited to speak on the topic. Mr. Koski stated that the two towns would share administrative services and that a committee would have to be formed to decide what services would be shared.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to approve student from Netherlands to attend CCHS – A motion that the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee vote to approve the request to allow a student from the Netherlands to attend CCHS beginning September 2009 and that tuition be waived. A motion was made by Ms. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Fischelis. The motion was approved.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. CASE Meeting – January 16, 2009 – There was a discussion about providing additional space for CASE Classrooms. The CASE population at Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District is 18.7% and we provide 4 classrooms which is about 15.4% of the total classroom space. There are some districts who CASE is serving 18.7% of the students and are only providing 11.5% of the classrooms. Those are the districts will we look towards to be able to offer additional classroom space when we are developing new programs.

B. Concord FINCOM Meeting – January 22, 2009 – Mr. Flaherty presented the two adopted budgets. There is still a difference between the FINCOM guideline and our Tier Two Budget and a decision as to how to reconcile that will be made once we know the specific numbers from Governor Patrick's Office regarding cuts for this year and next year's budget.

C. February 6, 2009 – Superintendent's afternoon tea at Peabody Library, 3:30 p.m.

## **IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Charles Blair, 26 Florio Drive, Concord commented on the YRBS Survey and that he thought it was fantastic. He also commented on the regionalization with Carlisle and asked if a regionalized 7-8 program would be considered.

Mr. Ken Deutsch, 57 Central Street, Concord commented on the green schools provision and opportunities for funding.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made from Ms. McGinn, seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Ryder for CCSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 02/24/09

### Abbreviations:

CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
USSYP	United States Senate Youth Program
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey