

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Ripley Building
Concord, MA
April 14, 2009

- Present:** Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC, Chair
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Vice-Chair; CCSC
Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Vice-Chair
Pamela Gannon, CSC; CCSC
Dale Ryder, CCSC
Louis Salemy, CCSC
- Present From Administration:** Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD
- Student Representatives:** Marree Budris
Blair Robinson
- Absent:** Peter Fischelis, CSC, Chair; CCSC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:30 PM.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

B. Welcome to the Student Advisory Council – Ms. Marree Budris and Ms. Blair Robinson gave an update. Students that were cut from the track team have been able to rejoin now that a fourth coach has been added. There are now 152 athletes on the track team. CCHS Athletic Department was the recipient of the Dual County League Winter Sportsmanship Award. Three bills were passed in the Senate. The first was to conserve paper by using an on line version of the student handbook. The second bill was to make it mandatory for all candidates for student senate to give speeches in the election season. The third bill was to change the half day school on the Friday following the exams to a full day of school on Monday before the final exams. Treasurer and historian were added to the executive committee in Senate.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 Joint Committee Meeting. Ms. McGinn, seconded by Ms. Ryder for CCSC. Ms. McGinn, seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CPS. The motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Rigby received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leahy of 80 North Branch Road commending Mr. Peter Baldrachi, Special Education Teacher, at the Peabody Learning Center.

Ms. Rigby received a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education indicating that a Special Education compliance item has been concluded and we are in compliance with a Special Ed Action.

Ms. Rigby received a letter from the Concord Board of Selectman proclaiming April 20, 2009 as Patriot's Day.

Ms. Rigby received a letter from Congresswoman Niki Tsongas to save the date, June 25, 2009, for the 16th Annual Fifth District Day in Washington, DC.

Mr. Wedge received a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mandell, 47 Old Bedford Road, outlining their concerns about the proposed little league field at Ripley.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. CCHS - Mr. Badalament congratulated all the athletes, coaches and Mr. Barry Haley, Athletic Director, for receiving the Dual County League Winter Sportsmanship Award.

Mr. Badalament recognized the band, choruses and orchestra for receiving the MICCA award. Mr. Al Dentino led the concert band to its 18th consecutive gold medal, the rep band received a silver metal and two of the choruses received bronze metals.

Mr. Badalament recognized the theatre group for their performances in Miss Saigon.

B. Alcott – Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized kindergarten teachers Ms. Curley, Ms. McSweeney, Ms. Desmond, Ms. Chatlosh, Ms. McCormack, nurse, Ms. Lenkarski, social worker, Ms. Driscoll, school psychologist & Ms. Attwood, administrative assistant for the work with kindergarten registration.

C. Ms. Rigby recognized Doctor Unobskey, Principal CMS, who completed his doctoral dissertation from Boston College.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. George Kendal & Miss Saigon students –The following students commented on their experiences working on the play:

1. Shivani Bhatia
2. Merrill Brady
3. Matt Dornemann
4. Whit Garling
5. Samantha Gloria
6. Sara Li
7. Kailey Prior
8. Chris Shaw
9. Laura Steinroeder

B. METCO Presentation – Ms. Codianne, Director of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD and Ms. Bovell, METCO Director. Two METCO students Briana Bigby and McCall Cruz were present. Ms. Bovell gave a power point presentation. Special Programs and Supports Services include METCO Family Friends Program, Concord/Carlisle METO Achievement Program, Recognition Awards for Grades K-8, CCHS Quarterly Student Recognition Program, Mentoring Program and After-School Tutorial Program.

C. Proposed 2010 Budget Revised CCRSD - FY10 In-District Contribution – Mr. Flaherty - A motion to vote to increase the FY2010 Excess & Deficiency portion of the In-District Contribution by \$65,348 to \$424,408 was made by Ms. Gannon and seconded by Ms. McGinn. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. CCHS Facilities Master Plan – A draft charge to the CCHS Facilities Master Plan Committee has been distributed to the committee. This will be a year long study. The final presentation to the school committee will be on or before the end of March 2010.

E. Superintendent's Evaluation – The School Committee's responsibility. All members will do a written evaluation and then sit with Ms. Rigby and go over the evaluations. Final evaluation will be presented at the June 23, 2009 school committee meeting.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Gift Acceptance - A motion that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to accept the donations of orchestral instruments and publicly thank Ms. Michele Kosboth and Ms. Barbara Schnuer was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Ryder. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to approve request for student visa – A motion that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the request for a student visa for Kai Luk "Lulu" Fong was made by Ms. Gannon and seconded by Ms. Ryder. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ripley Baseball Field Project – The school committee met with Mr. Peter Castrichini and Mr. John Amatto and walked the fields and got a good sense of what the proposal was and shared their concerns. The Fields Committee was asked to come up with two alternatives. The first was moving the field closer to Meriam Road which would require bringing in some fill. The other would be to move it wholly onto the back acre of the Burke land. Mr. Peter Castrichini, 247 Monsen Road, liaison with Friends of Concord Carlisle Fields (FCCF) and Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball & Softball (CCYB/S), said they will take the feedback and do some research and come back to the school committee in May with the findings.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School and District Accountability Report Cards – Requirement by the federal government and state requirement that the report cards are mailed. They are also posted on the district web site.

B. 2009 Performance Report – Performance Report was mailed to every family in Concord and Carlisle as well as the Boston families. This costs approximately .60 cents per report and has information on our academic performance as well as the achievements of students K-12. It also has comparative data for achievement data, school costs and expenses with like districts in the Metro West area.

C. Five-year NEASC Report – Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, completed the NEASC Report Five-Year Report and was mailed April 1, 2009.

D. May 1, 2009 - Superintendent's afternoon tea @ Willard Library 3:30 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ms. Susan Shaw, 43 Old Bedford Road, stated that she was not informed of the meetings for the baseball fields. She would like to be put on the distribution list for any future meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made from Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Ryder for CCSC and a motion was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Gannon for CSC to adjourn the meeting and move into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 05/26/2009

Abbreviations:

CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
CCYB/S	Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball & Softball
DCL	Dual County League
FCCF	Friends of Concord Carlisle Fields
METCO	The Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, Inc.
MICCA	Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association