

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord, MA 01742
May 12, 2009

Present: Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC, Chair
Peter Fischelis, CSC, Chair; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, CSC; CCSC
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Vice-Chair; CCSC
Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Vice-Chair

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The session was called to order by Ms. Rigby for CSC at 6:35 PM.

B. Citizens' Comments

None

C. Organization Of Committee

A. Seating of the Concord School Committee Members – CSC. A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis to recognize Peter Fischelis, Jan McGinn, Fabian Fondriest, Pamela Gannon and Jerry Wedge as members of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Election of Officers of the Concord School Committee – CSC. A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Wedge to elect Fabian Fondriest Chair of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Fondriest to elect Pamela Gannon Vice Chair of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Alcott: Carol Birdsall, Jean Ferguson, Jean Thuma & Penny Staples – Ms. Rigby, on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized Ms. Birdsall, Grade 4 teacher for her wonderful production of Macbeth. Ms. Ferguson, Reading Specialist and Ms. Thuma, ELA Curriculum Specialist for organization of MCAS. Ms. Staples, Library Aide, for making sure library materials were appropriate for the units of studies for science and social studies for the upper grade students and teachers.

B. Willard: Willard staff members for successful kindergarten registration – Ms. Rigby, on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized all the Willard staff members for successful kindergarten registration.

C. District Nurses: Leadership during swine flu outbreak – Ms. Rigby recognized leadership from school nurses during the swine flu outbreak. May 6, 2008 was recognized as school nurse day.

D. Retirees: Ms. Rigby recognized six (6) retirees. There will be a rose retirement ceremony on May 14, 2009 at Alcott School at 3:30 to honor them. The following people are being honored:

Vivienne Aldrich, CMS
Kathleen Bowen, K-12 Health Curriculum Specialist
Deborah Grossman, Grade 3 Alcott
Marcia Puryear, English Language Teacher, Alcott
Christine Sheehan, Grade 4, Willard
Carl Torrice, Social Worker, Willard

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Lesson on Henry David Thoreau – Laurel Jackson & second grade students – Rob Colantuono, Principal, Thoreau, introduced Ms. Jackson and Jonah Aghajanian, Elizabeth Chadwick, and Sydney Mullaney from Ms. Jackson's second grade class and Ms. Matheus, Technology Specialist from Willard. Mr. Colantuono gave special recognition to Ms. Matheus for all her help.

B. CPS Parent Satisfaction Survey 2009 – Ms. Rigby stated the purpose of the survey is to celebrate school strengths and guide improvements.

C. Concord Education Fund Grants for 2009-2010 – Ms. Rigby stated that the Concord Education Fund (CEF) will be funding 14 grant applications for a total of \$109,838. This year they have also allocated an additional \$9,900 for the completion of the Digital Recording Studio and have invested \$52,500 to date to implement the Hooked on Science Program at CCHS, making this year's total \$172,238. The district is very appreciative.

D. Update on Willard – Mr. Wedge, stated that Willard is about 75% complete and is scheduled to open on September 3, 2009. A date will be set in June to tear down the old building.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve teachers' requests to enroll students (12 @ CPS) - A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Bodenrader's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Lonergan's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Sechman's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Brown's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Dalicandro's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Fernandez-Davila's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Granger's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Funaki's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fondriest that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Pfaffenbach's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Taft's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Curley's request to enroll her two (2) children in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to accept Concord Education Fund Grants 2009-2010 – A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to accept the Concord Education Fund Grant Awards for 2009-2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Gift Acceptance – Donation from Intel Corp. to Thoreau School – A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to accept the \$240 donation and publicly thank the Intel Corporation. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Update of ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funds for special education – Ms. Rigby stated that CPS K-8 is slated to receive \$280,000 for IDEA or Special Education Stimulus Funds for 2009-2010. A grant application will have to be completed.

B. Superintendent's May bulletin # 9.

C. Retiree Reception: May 14, 2009, 3:30 PM, Alcott School Cafeteria.

D. June 5, 2009 – Superintendent's afternoon tea at CCHS Library, 3:30 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to adjourn to executive session. The motion passed unanimously and the CSC meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:45 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
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
CEF	Concord Education Fund
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Act