

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Carlisle School Library
Carlisle, MA 01741
May 26, 2009

Present:

Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Chair
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Chair; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, CSC; Vice-Chair, CCSC
Louis Salemy, CCSC, Vice-Chair
Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC
Dale Ryder, CCSC

Present From Administration:

Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

Student Representatives:

Blair Robinson
Kate Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Fondriest for CSC, CCSC at 6:40 PM.

A. The Concord-Carlisle School Committee will enter into Executive Session and return to Open Session at approximately 6:30 PM.

B. Welcome to the Student Advisory Council – Ms. Blair Robinson and Ms. Kate Miller gave an update. The committee welcomed Katie Miller, new representative for next year. Seniors are finishing up their last two weeks. A Pawsox Game, prom, All Night Live and graduation are coming up. Coach buses will be available as an alternative to limos this year. Tournament season is underway and the girls' lacrosse team is seated second in the north tournament. Elections for student government and senate took place. Breathalyzers were used for the first time at junior prom.

B. ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE

A. Seating of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee Members – CCSC. A motion was made by Ms. McGinn seconded by Mr. Fischelis to recognize Peter Fischelis, Jan McGinn, Fabian Fondriest, Pamela Gannon and Jerry Wedge, from Concord and Dale Ryder and Louis Salemy from Carlisle as members of the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Election of Officers of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee – CSC. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to elect Jan McGinn Chair of the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to elect Louis Salemy Vice Chair of the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Appointment of a School Committee Recording Secretary – CSC/CCSC. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to appoint Sally Ferguson School Committee Recording Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Appointment of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer – CCSC. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to appoint John Flaherty Treasurer and Regina Erickson Assistant Treasurer. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Appointment of Committee Representatives – CSC/CCCSC

1. EDCO Board of Directors. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to appoint Jan McGinn to the EDCO Board of Directors. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Educational Collaborative of Greater Boston. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to appoint Jan McGinn, CSC and Diana Rigby, CCSC as representatives to the Educational Collaborative of Greater Boston. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Adult & Community Education Liaison. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest to appoint Dale Ryder as Adult & Community Liaison. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. CASE Collaborative. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest to appoint Pamela Gannon as representative to the CASE Collaborative for CSC and CCSC. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Suburban Coalition. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder to appoint Jan McGinn and Peter Fischelis as representatives to the Suburban Coalition for CSC and CCSC. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Citizens' Comments

Johanna Glazer, President of CCSC Teachers Association, 446 Hayward Mill Road, Concord. Ms. Glazer stated on behalf of the CCSC Teachers Association that increasing the student/teacher ratio would affect the classroom size and reduce certain classes. Athletics and co-curricular could be cut and the risk of losing young faculty members. Increase in sports and parking fees could be raised to close the gap.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve two (2) meetings. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest for the April 14, 2009 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Fischelis seconded by Ms. Gannon for the May 12, 2009 Concord School Committee Meeting. Both motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letters from Court Booth regarding volunteer recognitions. Ms. Rigby received two letters. The first was to recognize two exceptional volunteers, Berni Jenkins, 32 Staffordshire Lane, Concord and Joan Turner, 49 Seymour Street, Concord. The second letter was to recognize the volunteers who have provided leadership and teaching services to the community through the daytime program for mature citizens, The Village University.

The volunteers are:

Phil Stark (convener) 469 Hayward Mill Road, Concord
Katrina Henchman, 1 Greenfield Lane, Concord
Berni Jenkins, 32 Staffordshire Lane, Concord
William Koenigsberg, 77 High Pine Circle, Concord
Robert Maeda, 42 Paul Revere Road, Concord
Alma Ring, 270 Border Road, Concord
Eliot Ring, 270 Border Road, Concord
Jim Stoessel, 44 Westvale Meadow, Concord
Mary Wilenski, 185 Heaths Bridge Road, Concord

Volunteer teachers in 2008-2009:

Janet Beyer, 52 Author's Road, Concord
Alain Bojarski, 843 Acton Street, Carlisle
Katrina Henchman, 1 Greenfield Lane, Concord
Karin Jones, 273 Independence Road, Concord
Bill Koenigsberg, 77 High Pine Circle, Concord
Paul Levine, 19 Wright Farm, Concord
Robert Maeda, 42 Paul Revere Road, Concord
Benson Saler, 393 Main Street, Concord

B. Mr. Wedge received a letter from the Town of Maynard, Maynard Public Schools, requesting a meeting with a school committee member to discuss regionalization. Mr. Fischelis will meet with the Superintendent of Maynard, Mark Masterson.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. CCHS:

- Lydia Slocum & Shivani Bhatia - National Merit Scholars. Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS recognized Lydia Slocum & Shivani Bhatia who were awarded the National Merit Scholarship.
- 2009 Congressional Art Competition – Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS recognized Victoria Abel for winning the 2009 Congressional Art Competition.
- Laura Rotondo – Aula Laudis Society of the American Chemical Society – Mr. Badalament recognized Ms. Rotondo, Chemistry Teacher, for winning the Chemical Society Award.

B. Ms. Rigby recognized the following staff members who are retiring from CCHS:

Kathleen Bowen, Health Curriculum Specialist	10 years
Andrei Joseph, Social Studies Teacher	31 years
Richard Kerr, Health & Fitness Teacher & Coach	34 years
Brad McGrath, Guidance Counselor & Dept. Chair	28 years
Kathy Pendergast, Special Education Teacher	20 years

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Student study travel to England & Japan – Andy Sapp, David Nurenberg. Mr. Nurenberg, English Teacher, gave a presentation on the April 2009 trip to Japan with 17 students from the Sci-Fi Club. Teachers, students and citizens will be coming to CCHS in October and will stay with host families. The CCHS Band will be traveling to Japan in April of 2010.

Mr. Sapp, English teacher, gave a presentation on the trip to England in April 2009. Eleven students participated. They visited London, Salisbury via Stonehenge, Bath, Coventry, Stratford on Avon, Warwick Castle and Oxford. They visited the Sherlock Homes Museum, British Museum and the National Gallery.

B. ACE Driver's Education – Court Booth. Mr. Booth, Director Adult & Community Education gave an overview of the new Concord Carlisle Driver Education class. Enrollment: 37 students in two classes this spring, 50 students projected for two classes this summer, 150 students projected during traditional school year 09-10.

C. 2009 Athletic Program Report – Barry Haley. Mr. Haley, Athletic Director, gave an overview of the CCHS Athletic Program. Program Facts: 56 teams, 31 varsity sports, 741 students participated in 1 or more athletic seasons, 1255 athletic seasons of play, 65 coaches – 35 are CCHS/CPS teachers.

D. First Reading & review of CCHS Student/Parent Handbook 2009-2010. An overview of the handbook changes was handed out.

E. Recent State Aid Cuts and 2010 Budget. Mr. Flaherty gave an overview of the recent state aid cuts and the 2010 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder that the CCHS school committee gather information on raising student athletic fees, parking fees and add a student activity fee of \$20.00 per student per year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bee Loprete, Chair of English Department, 23 Garden Road, Concord, stated that she pays \$300.00 per month at Terrific Tuesdays, plus various fees for sports for her children. She said Concord has the best after school programs and that it is an unbelievable bargain. As a teacher, it's not reasonable to expect teachers to pay at both ends, morale would be decimated if they lose colleagues and salaries. Ms. Loprete also mentioned that she would like to see an override considered.

Andy Sapp, English Teacher, stated that the time he spends reading and grading student papers would decrease with the increased class sizes. With increased class size the quality of teaching would be diminished.

Kristine Boyle, 116 Hill Street, Concord, Co President of Middle School stated that her concern is with the freshmen sports cuts. She supports increasing fees.

Stephanie Eisenstat, 326 Westford Road, Concord stated that we underestimate what parents are willing to contribute to preserve our teachers and our schools and keep the kids engaged after school.

F. Parent Satisfaction Survey. CCHS Parent Satisfaction Survey 9-12. Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS stated a survey was put together with the help of department chairs, teachers, school advisory counsel and Pam Gannon. The purpose of the survey is to see where our strengths are and what challenges lay ahead and what areas need to be improved upon. The survey will be on line live May 27 and will be live until June 30, 2009.

G. Facilities Master Plan Committee. CCSC is seeking volunteer community members from both Concord and Carlisle who are interested in serving on the CCHS facilities master plan committee. These will be evening meetings twice per month beginning July 2009 until March 2010.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote permission to plan fireworks on CCHS field. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis and seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee grant permission to have fireworks on the high school field on September 12, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to approve Gator Bowl Trip Request. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Ryder that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee approve the request to plan the Gator Bowl Trip from December 28, 2009 to January 2, 2010. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve two Foreign Exchange Students @ CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the request for two foreign exchange students to attend CCHS in September 2009. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Vote to approve signage related to the Beede Swim & Fitness Center. Mr. Jon Straggas from the Concord Recreation Department is requesting approval to install signage related to the Beede Swim & Fitness Center. The school committee asked the Recreation Department to work with the Facilities Department to develop a package for the signage. No motion was made.

E. Vote to approve School Committee Meeting Dates 2009-2010. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Salemy that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the School Committee Meeting Dates for 2009-2010. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC. The motion was unanimously approved

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. June 5, 2009 - Superintendent's afternoon tea @ CCHS Library 2:30 - 4:00 PM.

B. Senior Project 2009. Ms. Rigby publicly acknowledged Mr. Mark Angney and other faculty members and 38 students who on May 12, 2009 displayed their senior projects. The students keep journals, met with mentors and wrote final self-evaluations.

C. Update of ARRA Funds for Special Education. The total amount that CCHS will receive is \$230,000 and \$115,000 (50%) will be invested in expanding special education programs so that out of district tuitions can be reduced.

D. Supervision and Evaluation Process. Ms. Rigby stated that they have been working with the CCTA to update the old supervision and evaluation process and good progress is being made. The process will continue into next year.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made from Ms. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CCSC and a motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 06/25/2009

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
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act