

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord, MA 01742
June 09, 2009

Present: Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Chair
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Chair; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, CSC; Vice-Chair, CCSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC
Peter Fischelis, CSC, 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 and Learning, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from DESE regarding approval of Concord Technology Plan. The Concord Technology Plan was approved through June 30, 2010.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Alcott:

- Retirees Deb Grossman and Marcia Puryear. Ms. Young, Principal, recognized Deb Grossman and Marcia Puryear as retirees and wished them the best.

- Barbara Gordon and Eleanne Roosenburg – 5th Grade Art Retrospective. Ms. Young, Principal recognized Barbara Gordon, Art Teacher and Elenane Roosenburg, Art Teacher for their work around the 5th Grade Art Retrospective.

B. Middle School – Doug Shattuck (Public Works Day). Mr. Unobskey, Principal, recognized Doug Shattuck, Applied Technology Teacher who put together the third annual Public Works Day.

C. Willard School – Kristen Saunders, Art Teacher and Charlyn Bethell, Music Teacher – 5th Grade Arts Night. Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized Kristen Saunders and Charlyn Bethell for 5th Grade Arts Night.

D. Ms. Rigby recognized Mr. Unobskey for his six (6) years of excellent school leadership and commitment to education to students and staff.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. School Improvement Plans

- Concord Middle School/Arthur Unobskey. Mr. Unobskey, Principal, gave an overview of the School Improvement Plan for the Middle School.

- Alcott School/Sharon Young. Ms. Young, Principal, gave an overview of the School Improvement Plan for Alcott.

- Thoreau School/Rob Colantuono, Mr. Colantuono, Principal, gave an overview of the School Improvement Plan for Thoreau.

- Willard School/Pat Fernandes, Ms. Fernandes, Principal, gave an overview of the School Improvement Plan for Willard.

B. First Reading & review of Handbook: K5, CMS. Ms. Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning handed out the changes to the 2009-2010 Student Elementary Handbook. Mr. Unobskey, Principal, CMS, handed out the changes to the CMS Parent/Student Handbook.

C. Update on Ripley Fields. Mr. Peter Castrichini, Friends of Concord Carlisle Fields (FCCF) and Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball & Softball (CCYB/S). Mr. Castrichini did research and analysis on alternative sites: Site on far end of Burke land near Gowing Swamp, Site near the Circle Road in front of the Ripley Building, Site originally proposed at far right corner of existing Ripley playing field looking out from the Riley Building. The original site continues to be preferred by FCCF/CCYBS.

Citizens Comments on Ripley Fields:

Mr. John Bemis, 21 Liberty Street, Concord stated that the plan to use the existing soccer fields on higher ground is an excellent plan and that it would minimize intrusion onto the Burke Land which is good farm land. Moving fields closer to the Gowing Swamp is a mistake since it is a significant environmental area in the town, it is a habitat for The Blanding's Turtle.

Mr. Al Antonitis, President, Concord Carlisle Youth Soccer stated that they use the new fields at CCHS and use Sanborn for clinics and practices. They use one multi purpose field at Ripley during the Spring and Fall seasons.

Mr. Silas Witherbee, 187 Garfield Road, Concord, Concord Carlisle Youth Lacrosse Program and Fields Group. Lacrosse program has been up 25%. They use the Fenn and Nashoba Brooks facilities. He doesn't anticipate they will need the fields at this point in time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to surplus furniture - Ripley. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. McGinn that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the disposal of surplus furniture valued below \$5,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to surplus furniture – Willard. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. McGinn that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the disposition of Willard surplus furniture in accordance with provisions of Chapter 30B of Massachusetts General Law. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve annual CMS Field Trips to:

- Merrowvista Campsite, Tuftonboro, NH (6th grade)
- China (7th grade)
- Washington, DC (8th grade)
- Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH (8th grade)

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon and seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the Concord Middle School Annual Field Trips. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Pat Nelson, Executive Director, Concord Children's Center is requesting a 9 year, 11 month lease with the Town of Concord. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. McGinn that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Nelson to enter into talks with Mr. Chris Whelan, Town Manager, for the purpose of acquiring a 9 year, 11 month lease for The Concord Children's Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Summer School 2009. Ms. Rigby acknowledged Court Booth, Kathy Codianne, Jessica Murphy and over 50 current staff members for organizing summer school for approximately 110 Special Ed students and 115 regular ed students who will attend summer school June 30 – July 24, 2009 at Alcott, Sanborn and CCHS. METCO Orientation Program for 16 new CASE students from Boston will be held. Ms. Rigby thanked Danner DeStephano, Director, Concord Recreation and the recreation staff for their collaboration with summer school to offer the recreation program after summer school at Alcott.

B. 2010 State Budget. Ms. Rigby stated that we received a report from the State House News Service that this week there are four conference committees working on the state pensions, transportation and ethics laws and how the state will finance programs and services for FY10 beginning July 1, 2009. The Budget Conference Committee met and their job is to bridge the gap between the house and state versions of the budget and decide which taxes to raise. The differences have to be resolved by June 21, 2009 to provide the Governor 10 days to review the budget to have it in place by July 1, 2009. The Governor resubmitted a revised budget proposal to reflect a 1.5 billion downgrade in the expected fiscal year 10 revenue which is reflected in the senate plan but not the house plan.

C. Scheduling Summer Workshops. Ms. Rigby stated that two dates are being suggested: July 22, 2009 for the workshop for developing district goals, 4-8 PM and August 18, 2009 at 6:30 PM for the Joint School Committee Meeting.

D. Ms. Rigby recognized and acknowledged the METCO staff and the principals who attending the METCO end of year evening that was held June 3, 2009. Ms. Rigby congratulated the seniors, the 5th and 8th graders who were recognized.

E. Ms. Rigby stated that we are indebted to the CEF for their support of the new Digital Recording Studio at CCHS. On June 18, 2009 from 7 – 9 PM at CCHS there will be tours and tapes of live recordings of student musicians and choral groups. The CEF has generously donated \$60,000 of the \$90,000 to purchase the equipment and convert the existing space into a music lab and recording studio.

F. Middle School Principal Hiring Process. Ms. Rigby stated the middle school principal position has been posted internally. Internal candidates will be interviewed and if the internal candidate is not a match, external candidate will be interviewed.

G. The June Superintendent Bulletin was posted on the district website.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:00 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
CCRS	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CCYB/S	Carlisle Youth Baseball & Softball

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