

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord, MA 01742
September 08, 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:30 PM. Mr. Fondriest expressed his condolences to the Day Family.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. FinCom Annual Budget Data Request. There a number of items that will be addressed at the October 15, 2009 meeting. The plan is to present the draft to the school committee on October 13, 2009.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Thank you to all school staff on a successful opening day. Ms. Rigby recognized all the school staff and faculties for having a wonderful opening day for all the students. There were minimal school bus issues. Ms. Rigby thanked Mr. Boyce, Transportation Manager, Ms. Hardy, Food Services Manager, the principals, teachers and staff. Mr. Flaherty thanked David Anderson, Facilities Manager and Mr. Gene Warfel for their efforts in getting Willard up and running.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. CPS Budget - Mr. Flaherty stated the CPS Budget is doing very well in FY10, not sure if there will be mid year or late year cuts. Mr. Flaherty will be meeting with the Concord Finance Committee and members of the Carlisle Finance Committee for the preliminary FY11 budget planning process.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fischelis and Ms. Rigby will be meeting with Maynard Public Schools to discuss regionalization with Concord.

Update on the Hunter Family situation: Mr. Fischelis stated that the committee had determined that once a motion is brought up and a vote is taken it may not be reconsidered under the Roberts Rules. The Policy Sub Committee will be meeting to define the word "substantial" related to the DESE's Advisory Opinion on residence for school attendance purposes, if the house where the child resides and lot are bisected by the town line, the child is a resident of the town in which the substantial portion of the house is located.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. School Opening. On opening day Mr. Alan November was the Key Note Speaker for staff. He is the author of Empowering Students With Technology and an international speaker.

B. Enrollment. At K-12 we have 3106 one less student than last year. CCHS has 22 less students, enrollment is 1246. Middle School increased from 606 to 627. At the elementary level, Thoreau and Willard increased and Alcott decreased. Alcott dropped from 430 to 412.

C. Concord Finance Committee:

- a. September 24, 2009 – Joint Coordination Meeting
- b. October 15, 2009 – School Committee Response to Info Request

D. November 19-22, 2009: MASC/MASS Joint Conference @ Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon and seconded by Mr. Wedge to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 09/22/2009

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
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education