

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
December 8, 2009

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

Absent: Dale Ryder, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kelly McCausland, Director of Human Resources, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The session was called to order by Mr. Fondriest for CSC and Ms. McGinn for CCSC at 6:35 PM.
- B. Welcome to the Student Advisory Council – Ms. Kati Miller and Ms. Sophie Gechijian gave an update. Spirit Week went very well. Freshmen are getting involved in Student Senate. Student Government Day Elections were held and two (2) students are elected by the Senate to go to the State House in Boston.

C. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

JT Meeting – 11/24/09. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon CCSC. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for CSC. The motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Rigby received a letter from Mr. Arthur Unobskey, Principal, Washington Irving Middle School and former Middle School Principal, Concord Middle School, thanking us for the donation of football equipment. His team won the Boston Middle School Super Bowl and was crowned middle school champions.

Ms. Rigby stated that PBS sponsors a series called Design Squad and the Middle School students were featured in the teacher's guide. Thanks to Doug Shattuck, Applied Technology Teacher, for his work with the instructional technology classes.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he received information from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Ethics Commission regarding the New Requirements of the Conflict of Interest Law. All school committee members and all district employees will receive a copy and are required to sign a written acknowledgement that s/he has been provided with the summary.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. CCHS: Certificate of Academic Excellence. Ms. Rigby recognized Douglas Chan and Julie Yen for all their hard work. They have both won many academic awards and are both members of the National Honor Society.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- A. CPS FY11 Budget: Discussion before School Committee vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the CPS FY11 Budget for \$27,699,200. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge, seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the capital items. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B. CCRSD FY11 Budget: Discussion before School Committee vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge, seconded by Mr. Salemy that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to adopt a total FY2011 budget for the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of \$23,502,927, with assessment revenue of \$20,926,148 in-district contributions of \$425,000 from excess & deficiency pending DOR E & D certification, \$15,000 from investment income, and \$5,000 from miscellaneous accounts, Chapter 70 Aid of \$1,698,199, Regional Transportation Reimbursement of \$149,612, Charter Tuition Reimbursements of \$15,018, and \$288,950 of SBAB reimbursement. Uses of revenues are estimated at \$13,844,284 for salaries, \$8,529,908 for non-salaries, and estimated debt service of \$1,128,735. The CCRSD FY11 net operating budget is \$22,374,192. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon, seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the capital items. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C. FY11 Warrant Articles.

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge, seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the FY2011 Warrant Articles. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the CCRSD FY11 Warrant Articles. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Vote to approve sponsor name panel on Ripley Baseball Field Scoreboard. No vote was taken.

B. Vote to approve surplus library books at CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis, seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to surplus books that are being withdrawn from the CCHS Library. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve School Calendars 2010-2011. Ms. McCausland presented the 2010-2011 School Calendars. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis, seconded by Ms. McGinn that the Concord School Committee vote to approve the School Calendar for 2010-2011. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge, seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the School Calendar for 2010-2011. The motions were unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. CCHS Facilities Master Plan Committee. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2009 in the CCHS Library.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Robert Colantuono, Principal, Thoreau, announced his retirement at the end of this school year. Ms. Rigby recognized his successful leadership at Thoreau. Mr. Colantuono's legacy is that for the past five (5) years he's worked hard to build a community of learners in which there has been an increased positive school climate, he has increased the math achievement for students as well as improved the special education processes at Thoreau. Ms. Rigby stated that an aggressive recruitment and selection process has begun which will be led by Ms. McCausland and Ms. Codianne. The applications will close on January 11, 2010.

B. Global studies in the 21st Century. Ms. Rigby stated that she joined a group of area superintendents from the Metro West Districts. They are looking at how schools can prepare high school students for the challenges of the 21st Century. What are the skills and habits of learning and transforming schools to meet those needs?

C. 13th Annual Northeast Massachusetts ASCD Affiliate Conference. Preparing Children for Their Future, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. Ms. Rigby attended the conference. The keynote speaker was Mr. Tony Wagner. The topic was the “net generation” and how to motivate students and what skills they will need in the new global knowledge economy.

D. December 5, 2009 – Town Coordination Meeting. The meeting was held December 5, 2009.

E. December 11, 2009: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ Thoreau Library, 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

F. January 8, 2010: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ Willard Library, 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

G. The CCHS production of the musical “Falsettos” will be performed at CCHS on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12, 2009.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Walter Birge, 109 Stone Root Lane, Concord, thanked Ms. Rigby and Mr. Flaherty for all their work on the budgets. He stated that there was some tension during the process and said they deserved a lot of credit. The other thing he spoke about was how some of the behaviors which young people engage in such as multi tasking aren't always a good thing and their level of performance is shoddy. He stated that perhaps schools can say maybe this is the place not to multi task, a refuge from all that and say they don't have to multi task.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon for CSC to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Salemy for CCSC. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 01/26/2010

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
ASCD	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority