

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Concord-Carlisle School Committee  
Concord School Committee  
CCHS Library  
Concord, MA 01742  
March 23, 2010

**Present:** Jan McGinn, Chair CCSC; CSC  
Fabian Fondriest, Chair CSC; CCSC  
Pamela Gannon, Vice-Chair CSC; CCSC  
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC  
Dale Ryder, CCSC  
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

**Absent:** 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**

A. The session was called to order by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:45 PM after Executive Session.

B. Public Hearing on School Choice – Ms. Rigby read Chapter 76, Section 12B of the Massachusetts General Law that addresses Interdistrict School Choice. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge to open the hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. McGinn that the Concord School Committee votes not to participate in School Choice for the school year 2010-2011. Ms. Ryder seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC. The motions were unanimously approved. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge to close the hearing.

C. Welcome to the Student Advisor Council – Ms. Katie Miller stated that the Black & White Dance was held last week and was very successful; \$3,000 was raised and will be donated to the Haitian Relief effort. The Senior Class hosted a Senior Citizens Lunch and MCAS is in progress.

D. Citizens' Comments

None

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

JT Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for CCSC. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for CPS. The motions were unanimously approved.

CPS Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for the March 9, 2010 CSC Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Adult & Community Education March 1, 2010 Director's Report – Ms. Rigby thanked Court Booth, Director, for a successful driver education program.

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Carly Dwyer, Al Dentino, Ned Roos and CC Pops plus performing students and staff involved in *Wonderful Town*. Ms. Rigby thanked Ms. Dwyer, Theatre Teacher, Al Dentino, Music Teacher, Ned Roos, WIQH Station Manager and CC Pops for the production of *Wonderful Town*.

B. Eric Pohl & Beatriz Desloges – Ecuador Exchange. Ms. Rigby recognized Mr. Pohl, Spanish Teacher and Ms. Desloges, Spanish Teacher for the Ecuador Exchange. They travelled to Ecuador in February and then they will host students from Ecuador in May.

C. Mike Hamblin & Mike Vela – Robotics Club. Ms. Rigby recognized Mr. Hamblin, Physics Teacher and Mr. Vela, Science Teacher and students for participating in the robotics meet which was held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester.

D. Vivian Tam – Chinese home stay program. Ms. Rigby recognized Ms. Tam, Chinese Teacher, who organized the program and was able to support 12-15 students from China for the home stay program.

## **V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Dedicating the CCHS Learning Commons – Robin Cicchetti. Ms. Rigby introduced Ms. Cicchetti, CCHS Librarian, who has received the Golden Award. The MSLA (Mass School Library Association) named the CCHS program as exemplary and nominated CCHS for a visit during the national tour of the AASL (American Association of School Libraries - branch of the ALA). Ms. Cicchetti gave a presentation of the CCHS Learning Commons, how it has been transformed from being a quiet place and a place to store stuff to the Learning Commons that is now committed to building student skills in finding, evaluating and transforming information.

B. CCHS Environmental Field Studies Group – Nora Murphy, Biology Teacher, Priscilla Guiney, Science Teacher, and Michael Goodwin, Social Studies Teacher along with several students gave a brief presentation on the projects they have been working on. Projects include the Blanding's Turtles, Leaf Phenology Project and Invasive Species Project.

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to approve the revised CCRSD FY10 Budget. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee vote to approve a FY2010 operating budget for the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of \$21,318,240 with revenue components as described on attached assessments worksheet, and excluded debt service of \$1,038,831 for a total budget of \$22,357,071 with a \$992.00 increase in the Professional Contingency Account (201-23402-1). The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Assign Town Meeting presentations. School Committee Members were assigned the following Town Meeting presentations. Article 8: Ms. Gannon, Article 9: Ms. McGinn, Article 24: Ms. Gannon, Article 25: Mr. Fischelis, Article 26: Mr. Fischelis, Article 27: Mr. Fischelis, Article 28: Mr. Wedge.

C. Vote to approve staff request to enroll student at CCHS. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Fondriest that the Concord/Concord-Carlisle School Committees vote to approve Mr. Joncas' request to enroll his child in the Concord-Carlisle High School and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wedge brought up the issue of flooding in the schools. Mr. Flaherty said there were a few minor issues at Willard, Ripley and CCHS. Ms. Rigby publicly thanked Mr. Boyce, Transportation Manager and the bus drivers for taking great care that all students were transported in a safe and timely manner.

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. CCHS Facilities Master Planning Report Meeting – March 24, 2010, 6:00 PM, Willard. At the April 13, 2010 School Committee Meeting there will be a recommendation to vote on the report.

B. Race to the Top Grant. Massachusetts is in the finals for receiving federal money. Ms. Rigby met with the CCTA, Ms. Glazer, Social Studies Teacher/CCTA President and Ms. Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning, to look at the options that CCHS might have in participating in an opportunity to receive additional monies for a pilot around supervision and evaluation systems.

C. Special Progress Report to NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, has submitted a progress report to NEASC regarding the progress that was made with the accreditation items. Mr. Badalament report to NEASC that we are completing our Facilities Master Plan and that there will be a town vote for a feasibility study and that we are working with MSBA.

D. Agreement of Sister School Affiliation. Ms. Rigby stated an agreement was submitted to promote successfully mutual exchanges in education and culture with Nanae High School in Nanae, Japan. The CCHS Band will be travelling to Nanae in the spring. Ms. Rigby recommended that the agreement be signed.

E. March 31, 2010: EDCO Legislative Forum, State House, 9:30 – 11:30. Ms. Rigby, Ms. Gannon and Ms. McGinn will be attending.

F. April 14, 2010: Pre-town meeting @ Town House, 3:30 PM.

G. May 7, 2010: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ CCHS Library, 2:30-4:00 PM.

#### **IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and a motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 04/13/2010

#### 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
AASL	American Association of School Libraries
MSLA	Mass School Library Association
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
WPI	Worcester Polytechnic Institute