

**CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ripley Building  
Concord, MA 01742  
May 11, 2010

**Present:** Pamela Gannon, CSC, Chair, CCSC  
Maureen Spada, CSC; Vice Chair, CCSC  
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC  
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, CCSC  
Jerry Wedge, CSC; CCSC

**Present From Administration:** Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD

**Absent:** John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The session was called to order by Ms. Rigby for CSC at 6:30 PM.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

**B. ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

A. Seating of the Concord School Committee Members – CSC. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Spada to seat and recognize the Concord School Committee Members by name, Peter Fischelis, Fabian Fondriest, Pamela Gannon, Maureen Spada and Jerry Wedge. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Election of Officers for the Concord School Committee – CSC. A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest and seconded by Ms. Spada to nominate Ms. Pamela Gannon as Chair of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest to nominate Ms. Maureen Spada as Vice Chair of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

None

**III. CHAIRS REPORT**

A. Changes to the Open Meeting Law. Ms. Gannon stated there are ten (10) major changes in the new Open Meeting Law. The New Law takes effect July 1, 2010.

B. Superintendent Evaluation. Ms. Gannon stated there have been some changes to the Superintendent's Evaluation 2009-2010 procedure. The performance evaluation will take place on June 8, 2010 during open session of the joint school committee meeting.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. MSBA – Thoreau Project Funding Agreement. Ms. Rigby stated that the MSBA will be making a \$6.3 million payment for the Thoreau Project.

B. Monthly Chair Breakfast Meeting – May 19, 7:30 AM.

**V. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Alcott : Tina Pimentel. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized Ms. Pimentel, First Grade Teacher for her expertise in flexibility in stepping into Ms. Steingisser first grade classroom after Ms. Steingisser moved to California.

B. Willard: Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized the kindergarten teachers and assistants, secretaries and other staff members for their efforts with kindergarten registration.

C. Thoreau: Mr. Colantuono, Principal, recognized the Thoreau bus drivers who do a wonderful job transporting students safely to and from school.

D. CMS: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Kevin Shancady, Music Teacher and Dan Rivenburgh, Music Teacher for their extraordinary work on the CMS musical Annie. Ms. Beattie would also like to recognize technology specialists Sue Howard, John Peachey, Genoveva Matheus, June Patton, Barbara Peskin and Kathy Forbes for providing training sessions to the Middle School teachers in ActivTools, Web 2.0 Tools, Rapid Web Design and First Class.

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

A. The Willard Earth Care Club Presentation. Ms. Fernandes, Principal, introduced and recognized Ms. Matheus, Technology Specialist and Ms. Ernst, who assists Ms. Matheus with the Earth Care Club. The students gave a brief presentation and said it was important to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

B. Thoreau - Iditarod Project. Mr. Colantuono, Principal, introduced Ms. Hoyt, Fifth Grade Teacher. Ms. Hoyt's students gave a brief presentation on the Iditarod Sled Dog Race using digital story telling. Ms. Howard, Technology Specialist, taught the students new skills so they could produce digital short stories using technology such as Garage Bank, ActivStudio, iMovie and Scratch.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to approve teachers' requests to enroll students (6 @ CPS). A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Smith's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Barry's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Vela's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Goldberg's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Mr. Pavlik's request to enroll his child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Granger's request to enroll her child in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wedge requested that Citizens' Comments be removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting because no one has spoken in two (2) years and only be required at the end of the meeting. It will be left off the agenda at the beginning and see if there is any feedback.

## **IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. New Anti-Bullying Law – Ms. Rigby stated that the Governor of Massachusetts has signed a new Anti-Bullying Law that prohibits bullying. The school district is required to develop a bullying prevention and intervention

plan. There will be a Professional Development workshop held in June through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

B. May 27, 2010: Retiree Reception 4:00 PM, Willard School to honor Manley Boyce, Transportation Manager, Rob Colantuono, Principal, Thoreau and Thomas Hart, English Teacher, CCHS.

C. June 8, 2010: Concord Special Election for CCHS Feasibility Study.

**X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 05/25/2010

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
DESE	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority