

## **JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Concord-Carlisle School Committee  
Concord School Committee  
CCHS Library  
Concord, MA 01742  
September 28, 2010

**Present:** Pam Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC  
Louis Salemy, Chair, CCSC  
Peter Fischelis, Vice Chair, CCSC, CSC  
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, CCSC  
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC  
Bill Fink, CCSC

**Present From Administration:** Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD  
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD  
Gene Warfel, Director, IT, CPS & CCRSD

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The session was called to order by Mr. Salemy for CCSC and Ms. Gannon for CSC at 6:30 PM. The Chairs noted that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

A. Welcome to the Student Advisory. Emily Chen and Sophie Gechijian reported that the school dance went well and breathalyzer tests were administered and it was received well. The Kicks for Cancer Soccer Game was held and over \$15,000 was raised for Dana-Farber. Parking permits were discussed at the Student Senate Meeting, juniors and seniors wanted to know why the parking permits are so expensive. Mr. Wedge stated that a free bus service is offered and that driving is a privilege and there are costs associated with maintaining parking lots. Mr. Flaherty stated the other school districts were surveyed and it was found out that we were competitive for parking rates.

B. Citizens' Comments

None

### **II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

A. Open Session

Jt. Meeting – Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest for the September 14, 2010 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest for the Concord Public School Committee Meeting. Both motions were unanimously approved.

### **III. CHAIRS REPORT**

Mr. Salemy stated that the annual fund raiser for the Concord Ed Fund is November 13, 2010 and tickets will go on sale October 4 & 5, 2010 at the Cambridge Savings Bank. They can be purchased on line starting October 6, 2010 at [concordedfund.org](http://concordedfund.org).

Mr. Salemy stated that Ballot Question # 3 proposes to lower the sales tax. Mr. Salemy stated that if this happens at the local level the impact on the town and the schools would be devastating.

Ms. Gannon stated that October 14, 2010 is the school committee's response to the information request for the Finance Committee. The meeting is at 7:30 PM at the Town House.

### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Letter from MSBA. Ms. Rigby stated that she received a letter from MSBA indicating that we received a Prior Grant Distribution for CCHS in the amount of \$288,950.

## **V. RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. CCHS:**

Mr. Badalament recognized Mr. Atlas for being recognized by the College Board as a BC Calculus Exam Leader.

Mr. Badalament recognized Mr. Prifti and Mr. Pickman who received medals from the Scholastic Art Association.

Mr. Badalament thanked Mr. Miller for organizing the freshmen orientation and Ms. Tracy for organizing the upperclassmen orientation.

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

A. Madagascar Trip Presentation – Kate Richmond. Ms. Richmond, English Teacher, and student Nell Briggs gave a presentation on the World Challenge Expedition Madagascar Trip.

B. X2 Aspen Parent Portal – June Patton/Gene Warfel/Nicole Bloomfield. Ms. Patton, Technology Specialist, CCHS, Mr. Warfel, Technology Director and Nicole Bloomfield, Technology Department gave a presentation on the X2 Aspen Parent Portal. Parents and students can now see student's grades, schedules and attendance. One other aspect of Aspen that will be implemented, hopefully this year, is on line course scheduling.

C. Report on Advanced Placement Tests and College Board Scores – Peter Badalament. Mr. Badalament reported that 100% of the seniors from the Class of 2010 received a competency determination from the state which means they were proficient in English Language Arts, Math and they had to pass a Science Test, which was added to the component. 93% of students plan to go to college and 19% of students reported they were accepted into their first choice college. 96.7% of students graduated in 2010. There were 2 National Merit Scholars and 11 finalists. 181 students took the AP Test.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to designate voting delegate to the MASC annual business meeting. No motion was made.

B. Vote to approve three Junior State Trips for 2010-2011. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fink that the CCSC votes to approve the request for the Junior State Trips for 2010-2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve World Challenge Expedition – Tanzania 2012 Trip. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the CCSC votes to approve the World Challenge Expedition trip to Tanzania in 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Vote to recommend that the town pursue a long-term lease with Concord Children's Center for the Pod B Classrooms at Ripley. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the CSC votes to recommend that the town pursue a long-term lease for the Pod B Classrooms at Ripley for the Concord Children's Center. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. CCHS Building Project – Mr. Wedge stated that the MSBA Board of Director's Meeting will be held at the MSBA Office on September 29, 2010 and hopefully CCHS will get approval to be placed on the Feasibility Study List for new construction. The district will enter into an agreement with the state for the Feasibility Study which will outline the scope, schedule and a budget. The next step will be the Request for Services (RFS) for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM).

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

A. Transportation. Ms. Rigby thanked Mr. Flaherty and the bus drivers for helping to resolve most of the issues. There is a new interim Transportation Manager, Wayne Busa and a new interim Transportation Coordinator, John Arena. Ms. Rigby stated that most students are being transported on time. Mr. Busa and Mr. Arena will remain in their positions for this whole school year.

**X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Fondriest and seconded by Mr. Fink for CCSC and a motion was made by Mr. Fondriest 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: 10/26/2010

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
MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges

Addendum:

1. Joint School Committee Meeting Agenda – September 28, 2010
2. Voting Delegate to MASC Annual Business Meeting
3. Approve Junior State Trips for 2010-2011
4. Approve World Challenge Expedition
5. Vote Long-Term Lease for Pod B Classrooms at Ripley
6. Class Profile AP & College Board Scores
7. MSBA Fiscal Year 2011 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Prior Grant Distribution