

**CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ripley Building  
Concord School Committee  
Concord, MA 01742  
May 10, 2011

**Present:** Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC  
Fabian Fondriest, CSC; 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

The session was called to order by Ms. Rigby for CSC at 6:30 PM. Ms. Rigby noted that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

B. ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. Seating of the Concord School Committee Members. 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. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fondriest to elect Ms. Pamela Gannon as Chair of the Concord School Committee. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fondriest to elect 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. Ms. Gannon stated Ms. Rigby's evaluation will be done the same way this year as it was done last year. Public employees need to be evaluated in an open session. Ms. Rigby's evaluation will be done at the Joint School Committee Meeting on June 21, 2011.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**V. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Willard: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal, recognized Beverly Lucas, Aisha Shaikh, Susan Chafe, Julee Vitello and Janine Gaudreau for their work and presentations during kindergarten registration.

B. Thoreau: Ms. Clough, Principal, recognized tutors who provide an invaluable service to all of the children for additional reading and math skills that are necessary to provide additional support to children or to push them further.

C. Alcott: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, Recognized Laura Driscoll, Maryann Durant, Nancy Brown, Anne Egan, Rachel Silver, Rachel Kahan and the Special Ed Team.

D. CMS: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Detective Scott Camilleri, President of the Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer's Association (M.J.P.O.A.). Detective Camilleri played a large part in coordinating the annual School Safety Conference. Mitchell Stern was also recognized for his wonderful orchestration of the annual trip to Washington, DC.

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

A. Blanding's Turtle Project. Ms. Susan Erickson, Ms. Sue Howard and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students gave a presentation on the Blanding's Turtle. Thoreau School won second place in the Disney Planet Challenge.

B. Concord Children's Center (CCC) at Ripley. Pat Nelson, Executive Director. Ms. Nelson stated that the CCC would like to thank the school committee for all the support they give the CCC. The CCC would like to connect the pods between the classrooms since they don't overlap. The structure will be a terrarium, a science center with mostly glass. The Nature Based Playground is not being funded at this time by the Community Preservation Act Committee. The CCC will reapply for funding and do private fundraising.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Vote to approve teachers' requests to enroll students (5 at CPS).

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

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

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

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

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

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wedge stated that there is a MSBA meeting on May 11, 2011 to discuss the high school project. The next community forum is Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM at CCHS.

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

A. May 19, 2011: Retirement Ceremony, Willard School at 4:00 PM. Ms. Sandra Peirce, Library Media Specialist, will be retiring after ten years with the district. Ms. Peirce is the Library Media Specialist at Alcott.

## **X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 05/24/11

### 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
CCC	Concord Children's Center
M.J.P.O.A.	Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer's Association
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority

### Addendum:

1. Concord School Committee Meeting Agenda – May 10, 2011
2. Seating of the Concord School Committee and Election of Officers
3. Permission to approve teacher's children to attend Concord Public Schools 2011-2012