

**CONCORD PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ripley Building  
Concord Public School Committee  
Concord, MA 01742  
October 11, 2011

**Present:** Peter Fischelis, Chair, CCSC, CSC  
Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Fabian Fondriest, Vice Chair, CCSC, CSC  
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC  
Jerry Wedge, 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. Gannon for CSC at 6:35 PM. Ms. Gannon noted that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

A. Citizens' Comments - None

**II. READING OF THE MINUTES**

None

**III. CHAIRS REPORT**

A. Ms. Gannon stated that the Finance Committee Guidelines Meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Town House.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**V. RECOGNITIONS**

A. Alcott: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, recognized School Psychologists Sherree Lenkarski and Laura Driscoll for their support with helping students with difficulties transitioning back to school.

B. CMS: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Beattie, Principal, recognized Sarah Oelkers, Kim Cyr, Maria McDermott, Kari Kibler, Dan Murphy, Kiyomi Edwards who participated in creating the new CMS Stands Together bullying prevention curriculum.

C. Willard: Ms. Rigby on behalf of Ms. Fernandes, Principal recognized Laurie Penny, Math Specialist for her elite (1 out of 6 from across the country) selection by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) to participate in the NCTM Illuminations Summer Institute.

D. Thoreau, Karen Pettyjohn, Library Media Specialist. Ms. Clough, Principal, recognized Ms. Pettyjohn, Library Media Specialist. Ms. Clough stated that Ms. Pettyjohn goes above and beyond her duties to participate in many extra curricular activities.

**VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Thoreau fifth grade presentation on the teaching of current events with Nancy Dillon, Beth Kalikstein and students.

B. FY13 Preliminary Budget Development and FinCom Presentation. Mr. Flaherty stated that the preliminary CPS FY13 budget is a 4.5% increase above the current CPS FY12 Budget. Main cost drivers are salaries, increased enrollment, and special education costs.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Vote to approve donated copies of poetry book by former Alcott Student Andrew Fersch.

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada that the Concord School Committee votes to accept the donation of poetry books to the Alcott School. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. CCHS Building Project. Mr. Wedge stated that the MSBA approved the CCHS Building Project. Ms. Spada stated that there will be a forum on October 17th at 7:00 PM for a tour and a presentation from the Building Committee and OMR with updated information. On October 27th there will be an off site forum at the New Fellowship Church in Concord at 8:30 AM.

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

- A. Ms. Rigby stated that she would like to cancel the November 8, 2011 CPS School Committee Meeting since it is the same night as the Carlisle Town Meeting. CPS business will be conducted at the Joint SC Meeting on November 22, 2011.
- B. Back to School Nights. Ms. Rigby stated that there was wonderful participation by the faculty and parents.
- C. Instructional Rounds. Ms. Rigby stated that the district is participating in Instructional Rounds again this year.
- D. Longview Meadow Project. Ms. Rigby stated that the new Longview Meadow housing development is under construction in Concord and some units will be filled in the spring. Ms. Rigby offered a recommendation to move the students from the development back to the Thoreau attendance area (where the project is physically located).

## **X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS - None**

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fischelis to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 10/25/11

### 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
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
OMR	The Office of Michael Rosenfeld