

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
March 22, 2011

Present: Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Maureen Spada, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC
Louis Salemy, Chair, CCSC
Peter Fischelis, Vice Chair, CCSC, CSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC
Bill Fink, CCSC

Absent: Fabian Fondriest, CSC, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kathy Codianne, Director of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD
Kelly McCausland, Director Human Resources, CPS & CCRSD
Peter Badalament, Principal, CCHS
Lynne Beattie, Principal, CMS
Kelly Clough, Principal, Thoreau
Patricia Fernandes, Principal, Willard
Sharon Young, Principal, Alcott
Aaron Joncas, Director METCO, CPS & CCRSD
Jessica Murphy, Director Special Education CPS & CCRSD
Gene Warfel, Director Information Technology, 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. Citizens' Comments – Mr. Salemy stated that Citizens' Comments will be postponed until the end of the meeting.
- B. Welcome to the Student Advisory Council. Emily Chen. Emily reported that the Black and White Dance was held and went smoothly. MCAS for sophomores are being held this week. Depression screenings were held for juniors and seniors and spring sports are beginning. The play The Producers was also held.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

- A. Open Session

Jt. Meeting – Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fink for the February 8, 2011 CCSC Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC. Both motions were unanimously approved.

CPS Meeting - Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for the March 8, 2011 CSC Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRS REPORT

Ms. Gannon stated that the Japanese Fundraiser Concert will be held March 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM. There is a \$5.00 donation at the door which will go to the Japanese Red Cross and refreshments will also be sold to raise money. Concord has a sister relationship with Nanae High School and students have been corresponding with the families in Nanae to make sure that everyone is ok.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Adult & Community Education March 1, 2011 Director's Report. Ms. Rigby stated that she appreciates Court Booth's leadership in continuing the classes for the winter.

Ms. Rigby stated that a letter was received from DESE that the District's Bullying Prevention Plan was accepted with 31 out of 32 items completed.

V. RECOGNITIONS

A. CCHS:

Mr. Badalament recognized the following people/groups:

Barry Haley, Athletic Director
Robotics
Musical – The Producers
Wrestling
Junior Olympic Ski Team
Girls Fencing
All-Scholastic Athletes
Nordic Skiing

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Russ Dion, CCYB Commissioner is requesting that the School Committee approve batting cages at CCHS. The School Committee stated that with the construction of the new high school project the input of the Building Committee will be needed. The next step would be for Mr. Dion to present his plan to the Building Committee.

B. Robotics Team – Mike Vela, Mike Hamblin, CCHS students. The students gave a demonstration of the robot that they built and entered in the Logomotion WPI Regional Competition held at WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) in Worcester.

C. 2011 Performance Report – Janet Friedman. Ms. Friedman thanked Matt Wells in the Business Office for all his help with the report. Final edits are being worked on and will go to the printer on Friday, March 25, 2011. The final report will be mailed to all citizens in Concord and Carlisle.

D. 2011 METCO Program - Aaron Joncas, Director of METCO. Mr. Joncas gave a report on METCO. METCO is funded by Mass DESE and currently there are 168 students enrolled K- 12.

E. School Climate & Safety Surveys – Kelly McCausland, Director, Human Resources. In December 2010 K-12 school climate surveys were distributed to parents, secondary students, staff and support staff. The information is baseline data and it is recommended that the surveys be done again to produce comparative data and assess improvements.

F. Education Specifications for Building Project. Ms. Rigby stated that the Office of Michael Rosenfeld, Inc. Architects (OMR) has been hired as the architect and project designer for high school project. The Preliminary Design Program (PDP) will be submitted to MSBA by April 1, 2011. Mr. Wedge explained the space summary comparison. At the Building Committee Meeting on March 23, 2011 the school committee will vote to approve Education Specifications for the CCHS Building Project.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to revise the FY11 Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Wedge that the CCSC vote to approve a FY2011 operating budget for the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of \$22,545,307 with revenue components as described on attached assessments worksheet, and excluded debt service of \$1,123,110 for a total budget of \$23,668,417 with a \$171,114.00 increase in the Professional Contingency Account (201-23402-1). The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to revise the FY12 Budget. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Wedge that the CCSC vote to approve a FY2012 operating budget for the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of

\$23,233,274 and excluded debt service of \$747,738 for a total budget of \$23,981,012 with a \$2,250 reduction in the Professional Contingency Account (201-8200-260.370.9.5800.28063-1). The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve two (2) AFS Foreign Exchange students to be named later. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the CCSC vote to approve the request for two (2) AFS foreign exchange students to be named later to attend CCHS in September 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Vote to approve Academic Bowl Trip to Yale. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Wedge that the CCSC vote to approve the Academic Bowl Trip to Yale. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Vote to renew superintendent's contract 2011-2014. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fink that CCSC vote to renew the Superintendent's contract for 2011-2014 and to give authority to the chairs of the school committee to finalize a three year contract with the Superintendent. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Spada for CSC to vote to renew the Superintendent's contract for 2011-2014 and to give authority to the chairs of the school committee to finalize a three year contract with the Superintendent. The motions were unanimously approved. Ms. Rigby thanked the school committee for their support and recognized members of the Administrative Team.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CCHS Building Project. Mr. Wedge stated that at the Building Committee Meeting on March 23, 2011 citizens will get a first glimpse of the options that the architects are viewing for possible configurations. The next step with the MSBA is for them to approve our preferred option which will require the architects to submit a range of options.

B. Ms. Spada stated that two community forums have been held and the next two forums are April 7, 2011 and May 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM at CCHS. The forums include a tour of the building and a Q & A session.

C. Article 37. Guidelines For A Sustainable Concord. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that CSC vote to approve the signed letter from the school committee to the Board of Selectmen in support of Article 37. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. March 23, 2011: CCHS Building Committee Meeting.

B. March 23, 2011: CCHS Band fundraiser for Japan Relief, 7:00 PM.

C. April 13, 2011: Town Meeting-Coordination Meeting, 3:30 PM, Town House.

D. April 1, 2011: Superintendent's afternoon tea @ CCHS Library, 2:45 – 4:00 PM.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. A.J. Loprete, 23 Garden Road, Concord stated that he had some questions on the Climate Survey. Ms. Gannon stated that this wasn't a school committee issue and Mr. Loprete could meet with Ms. McCausland and Ms. Rigby at a later date to discuss his concerns and questions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fink for CCSC and a motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 04/12/2011

Abbreviations:

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| 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 |
| Concord | |
| CAN | Concord Climate Action Network |
| DESE | Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| MSBA | Massachusetts School Building Authority |

Addendum:

1. Joint School Committee Meeting Agenda – March 22, 2011
2. Adult & Community Education Director's Report
3. METCO Report
4. School Climate Survey Report
5. Revised CCRSD FY11 Report
6. FY2012 Debt Service Budget Adjustment
7. AFS Exchange Students Request
8. Academic Bowl trip request
9. Renew superintendent's contract 2011-2014 request
10. Town Meeting – Coordination Meeting handout