

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
July 5, 2012

- Present:** Maureen Spada, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC
Pamela Gannon, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Phil Benincasa, CSC, CCSC
Melissa McMorrow, CCSC
Jennifer Munn, CSC, CCSC
- Present From Administration:** Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
- Absent:** Fabian Fondriest, Chair, CCSC, CSC

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Louis Salemy, Vice Chair for CCSC, and Maureen Spada, Chair for CSC, at 6:00 PM.

This is a joint Regional School Committee and CCHS Building Committee meeting. The Building Committee will have a presentation regarding the June 26, 2012 MSBA letter. We encourage questions from both the school and building committee both during and after the presentation. We will then open up the floor to the public. Maureen Spada noted that the school committee has scheduled a meeting for July 17, 2012 to discuss short-term transportation options including the plans for parking the buses at Sanborn. This is not an agenda item for tonight's meeting.

II. June 2012 MSBA Letter

On June 26, 2012 the MSBA sent a letter to the district indicating that funding for the Concord-Carlisle High School building project has been suspended. The MSBA has determined that the Project Scope, Project Schedule, and Total Project Budget as presented by the District and its professional consultants are not in compliance with the terms of the Project Funding Agreement (PFA) executed by and between the District and the MSBA on February 3, 2012.

Summary of MSBA Letter:

- Design development needs to be in compliance with the Schematic Design and the Project Funding Agreement
- Alternative gym must be a separate building
- State wants a response to the nine listed items in the letter by July 26, 2012
- State wants a vote from the School Building Committee supporting the MSBA requirement and expectations
- District needs to prove to the MSBA it can get back on track
 - Changes are necessary in how we operate
 - Design needs to reflect Schematic Design
 - Comply or no funding

III. Action Plan

See attached CCHS Building Committee Meeting Minutes 7.5.12

IV. Response to MSBA

Motion: The Concord-Carlisle School Committee certifies that the District acknowledges and agrees that the alternative gym must remain detached from the building and that all costs associated with the alternative gym will be clearly identified and separated from the costs associated with the design and construction of the main building. The District also certifies its understanding that if the District moves forward with a Project Scope, Project Schedule, or Total Project Budget that does not adhere to the project approved by the MSBA, that the MSBA may require the District to:

- Present its revised Project at a meeting of the MSBA's Facilities Assessment Subcommittee
- Seek another vote from the MSBA Board
- Seek additional votes from the Regional School Committee and approvals at Town Meetings of member districts before proceeding any further into design development

- Acknowledge that the MSBA reserves the right to terminate the Project Funding Agreement, and to withhold all future payments to the District, and/or seek recouping payments that have already been made in connection with this project.

Maureen Spada moves to accept the motion as worded in the statement dated July 3, 2012 for the Concord-Carlisle School Committee, seconded by Pam Gannon. The motion was unanimously approved.

It should be noted that we do not believe there is an impact on the approvals that have been secured from the voters in support of the Project due to schedule delays, redesign efforts and or budget concerns noted in the June 26, 2012 MSBA memorandum, as we have not extended our original schedule or incurred actual cost overruns, nor is there an anticipation that we will be seeking additional funds from the Towns for the project as defined in the MSBA Project Funding agreement dated February 3, 2012.

V. Citizens' Comments

Several people asked questions and made comments regarding concerns with the OPM and Architect, communication issues, impact on DEP findings, and questions on the second gym.

Chris Popov, 35 Pleasant St., Concord – Is what has happened with MSBA unusual?

Stan Lucks, 165 Indian Spring Rd., Concord – Concerned about the changes to occur on the committee to correct the problem, we have not been served well by the designer and the OPM. Very encouraged when the construction manager came on and immediately picked up that there was a problem with the cost. He was always bothered by the cost with only a 5% contingency; it didn't measure up with other projects he has seen. Communication must be improved. Thinks we should give MSBA a pat on the back for bringing us back quickly to reality and very important to respond to them appropriately.

Nancy Burnham, 84 Bristers Hill Road, Concord – Concerned with what the building will be now versus what the communities voted on at town meeting. Concerned with the impact of the old dump, where will the money come from when the DEP sets their recommendation of what needs to be done. Wants to know what will be done to ensure Concord-Carlisle High School doesn't become the "Big Dig" of the suburbs.

John Doyle, 100 Range Road, Concord – Applauds the MSBA for putting sanity back into the project. Concerned with what citizens were told at town meeting about the project about the little items that were left out such as we don't have tennis courts, we're building on the bus depot. He feels we do have Concord's big dig.

Ann Lang, Concord Center – Her concern was that after reading an article in the Concord Journal it was stated that the high school would not be impacted, that the new school would fit right in but citizens were not told that we would lose the buses, etc.

Ginny Lamere, Carlisle Mosquito and Carlisle citizen – How much money would have been saved if MSBA did consider moving the second gym to the main building? Is there enough money for the second gym now that it's separated?

Jennifer Johnson – three elementary schools were successfully built in this town that went relatively smoothly so what is the difference with this process versus the process that was used for the elementary schools?

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded by Phil Benincasa at 8:01 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Leona Palmaccio

Approved: 8/21/12