JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
November 27, 2012

Present: Fabian Fondriest, Chair, CCSC; CSC
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Ms. Spada for CPS and Mr. Fondriest for CCSC at 6:30 PM. Ms. Spada stated that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

A. Welcome to student representatives Whitney Cook and Hannah Ryde. Ms. Ryde and Ms. Cook reported that Mr. Badalament was taped to the wall for charity and $200 was for raised in 45 minutes and the proceeds will go toward Hurricane Sandy victims. Spirit Week was last week and a Spirit Assembly was held. Students would like to see more dances and have concerns about parking.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for the November 13, 2012 CCSC Meeting. Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for CSC. Both motions were unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRS' REPORT

Mr. Fondriest stated that the one topic that both chairs have is the Concord Journal article. Ms. Rigby stated that she spoke with the Concord Journal editor and they are working on scheduling a date and time to meet and Ms. Rigby apologized that her schedule and the editor's schedule had not been in sync due to Thanksgiving break. Eight of the ten questions relate to the CCHS Building Committee, and Stan Durlacher, Louis Salemy, and Michelle Ernst are working on responses.

Ms. Spada stated that Carmen Reiss, Chair of the Concord Board of Selectmen, shared an article with her called Cutting Class: Underfunding the Foundation Budget's Core Education Program, which she found very interesting. Ms. Spada also stated that on November 16, 2012 she met with Rick Anderson and Mark Hanson for ongoing discussions on the different cost comparisons in the TAC and CTC reports. Ms. Spada also stated that she had a conversation with Ms. Reiss and Marcia Rasmussen, Planning Board Director, to discuss the McGrath property (1.9 acres) that abuts property that CPS owns (7.47 acres) on Strawberry Hill Road.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. RECOGNITIONS

A. CCHS: Students & Teachers. Mr. Badalament, Principal, recognized students and teachers for completing the first quarter. Mr. Badalament also recognized Barry Haley, Athletic Director and all the fall coaches for a successful fall season and especially for their sportsmanship.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Rivers & Revolutions – Michael Goodwin & students gave a presentation on the Rivers & Revolutions interdisciplinary program at CCHS.

B. METCO Program Update – Aaron Joncas, METCO Director, gave a presentation on the METCO Program.

C. FY14 Proposed Budget Development. Mr. Flaherty gave a presentation on the CPS and CCRSD Planning Budgets.

D. Draft Warrant Articles. Mr. Flaherty stated that he will amend the amounts to reflect the Concord Finance Committee Guidelines for Article 8 (CPS budget) and Article 9 (CCRSD budget). Articles for CPS are: CPS Renovations, which are funded from the Town Manager's capital budget in the amount of $795,000, and FY13 Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $210,000, if necessary for FY13 operating expenses. A CPS article is being developed to determine whether the Town will vote to authorize use of the CPS Capital Stabilization Fund to develop transportation infrastructure. For CCRSD, FY13 Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of $140,000, if necessary for FY13 operating expenses. The Committee decided not to develop a warrant article for CCRSD Special Education Stabilization Fund Creation and Funding.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve Chinese Exchange 2013. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for the CCSC to approve the 2013 Chinese Exchange. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to accept PTG donation to Willard School. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for the CSC to accept the Willard PTG donation in the amount of $3,172.62. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to authorize CCRSD Stabilization Fund Transfers. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Ms. Spada that the CCSC vote to reserve $500,000 of unexpended FY2012 operating funds for the Technology Stabilization Fund. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Ms. Spada that the CCSC vote to reserve unbudgeted FY2012 operating revenue sources of $169,631 for the CCHS Stabilization Fund. The motions were unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CCHS Building Project Update. Mr. Salemy reported that the next Building Committee Meeting is November 28, 2012 and the exterior of the building will be the main focus of the meeting.

B. Transportation Update. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Transportation Administration Building will be partitioned off and Turner Construction will be moving in the middle of December and will be sharing the space with the Transportation Management staff.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. December 1, 2012: Coordination Meeting, Town House Hearing Room, 8:30 AM.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. Lisa Bergen, 325 College Rd., Concord. Ms. Bergen stated that she wanted to comment on the number of students per class this year. She stated her daughter is a freshmen and there are between 28-31 students in all her classes. She also had a question about the warrant article and wanted to know if one of them wasn't going to be submitted.

2. Paul Horwitz, 173 Hayward Mill Rd., Concord. Mr. Horwitz stated that the meeting has been a roller coaster. He said that communication is very bad and the administration should have answered the questions from the Concord Journal editor.

2. Carolyn Stout, 276 Main St., Concord. Ms. Stout stated that she is appalled by the lack of communication regarding the building project.

3. Cheryl Kirkpatrick, 94 Sorrel Rd., Concord. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that she would like to know if the budget information could be posted in an excel format on the website.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for CSC and a motion was made by Mr. Benincasa seconded by Ms. Munn for CCSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 12/11/12

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
CTC	Citizens Transportation Committee
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee