

CONCORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ripley Building
Concord, MA 01742
October 13, 2009

Present: Jan McGinn, CSC; CCSC, Chair
Fabian Fondriest, CSC, Chair; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, CSC; Vice-Chair, 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:37 PM.

A. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

None

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Representative Niki Tsongas thank you letter. Ms. Rigby read a letter from Niki Tsongas thanking us for the third annual River Day at Thoreau School this summer.

B. Concord-Carlisle Youth Baseball & Softball letter of understanding. Ms. Rigby received a letter of understanding from CCYB/S stating that they will provide the maintenance of the new natural turf little league baseball field to be built at the Ripley field.

C. Letter from The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) stating that the SOI deadline has been moved to November 13, 2009 and an SOI will be submitted for the new Willard School.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

A. Alcott: Teachers for their back-To-School Night Presentation to parents. Ms. Rigby, on behalf of Ms. Young, Principal, Alcott School thanked teachers for their presentations to parents.

B. Willard: Genoveva Matheus & Bev Lucas. Ms. Fernandes, Principal, Willard School thanked Beverly Lucas, Administrative Assistant and Genoveva Matheus, Technology Specialist for their tremendous effort, working extra hours on Saturdays and evenings to make sure Willard was operational in a very short period of time.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. New Willard – Pat Fernandes. Ms. Fernandes, Principal, Willard School gave a virtual tour of the new Willard school. Ms. Fernandes stated the concept of the new school is a school in a park with natural light and to preserve as many of the mature trees as possible. Green cleaning and water conservation are very important elements of the new building.

B. Facilities Update – David Anderson, Facilities Manager, gave a brief overview of the projects that were completed over the summer. CPS: Chemical storage cabinets (Sanborn and Peabody), dishwashers were installed at Sanborn and Peabody. Sanborn and Peabody both have new windows, exterior stair refurbishment (ongoing), exterior doors at Ripley (in process). CCHS: The former transportation building was taken down to make more room for parking spaces, auditorium curtains have been made and need to be installed. The main office at CCHS has new ceiling tiles, carpet and paint. Grant funded projects include the Life Skills Room, Hooked On Science Physics Lab as well as the new Recording Studio.

C. Report to Concord & Carlisle Finance Committees FY11 Budget Development. Mr. Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations gave an overview of the preliminary budget for FY11. The budget calls for a 0% increase.

D. October 1 Enrollment Report. Ms. Rigby stated that as of October 1, 2009 there were two (2) less students K-12. The decrease was at the high school where there were 22 less students. There was an increase at the middle school of 20 students. There are more students at Thoreau and Willard and a significant decline at Alcott.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Gift Acceptance - Donation of soccer uniforms to CMS. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee accept the donation of soccer uniforms to the Concord Middle School and publicly thank Mr. Steven Panagiotis. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Gift Acceptance - Donation of framed exhibits from the Drinking Gourd Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord School Committee accept the donation of framed exhibits to the Alcott, Thoreau and Willard Schools and publicly thank the Drinking Gourd Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Ethics Reform Bill. In July Governor Patrick signed into law a new act that changes the state's conflict of interest law and state ethic's commission enabling that. There will be new mandatory education and training requirements for all municipal employees which will include public school teachers. The district will be working with Chris Whelan, Town Manager, and Anita Tekle, Town Clerk, to determine what those training requirements will look like for our faculty and staff.

B. October 15, 2009 – Concord Finance Committee.

C. November 6, 2009 – Superintendent's afternoon tea @ Alcott Library, 3:30 – 5:00 PM

D. November 18-21, 2009: MASC/MASS Joint Conference @ Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon to adjourn CSC. The motion was unanimously approved and the CSC meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 11/10/2009

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
CCYB/S	Concord Carlisle Youth Baseball and Softball
MASC	The Massachusetts Association of School Committees