

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
January 26, 2010

Present: Jan McGinn, Chair CCSC; CSC
Fabian Fondriest, Chair CSC; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, Vice-Chair CSC; CCSC
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

Absent: Dale Ryder, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The session was called to order by Mr. Salemy for CCSC and Ms. Gannon for CSC at 6:35 PM.
- B. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

- A. JT Meeting – 12/08/09

JT Meeting – 12/08/09. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 08, 2009 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon CCSC. Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC. The motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Rigby stated that Town Manager's Office, Town of Concord, distributes the information regarding Town Meeting. Copies were handed out to SC members and in March assignments will be handed out as to who will do which presentation. Ms. Rigby also stated that she is chaperoning the Middle School students to China this year in April. Mr. Fischelis stated he wanted to talk to Mr. Ned Perry, Town Moderator, about doing a presentation on the union salary structures, in case questions come up they can be answered appropriately. Ms. Rigby stated the more information that can be disseminated the better and Ms. Rigby will set up a meeting with Mr. Perry to discuss the issue.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

- A. CCHS:

- Stanford University recognizes Ms. Tracy Davies, Social Studies Teacher, for exceptional teaching. Mr. Badalament, Principal, recognized Ms. Davies, who was nominated by Samuel Corrao Clanon, who attends Stanford University for their Teacher Tribute Initiative Program. Ms. Davies was recognized for her significant impact on her students.

- Carleton College recognizes Mr. Andrei Joseph, Social Studies Teacher. Mr. Badalament recognized Mr. Joseph, who was recognized by Daniel Sairsingh for being a very special teacher. Carleton College expressed their sincere thanks for the outstanding job he did in educating Daniel.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Ruetters Lecture – Jeff Yuhas & students. Mr. Badalament introduced Mr. Yuhas and students Cameron Adams, Alexandra Coffin, and Hannah Tremblay. Mr. Yuhas has been teaching a Meteorology Class for the past three years. A number of students produce a weather forecast for CCTV. Mr. Yuhas and Ms. Coffin attended the 90th Annual American Meteorological Society Conference in Atlanta where Mr. Yuhas spoke and Ms. Coffin had an opportunity to present. Mr. Yuhas and Ms. Coffin gave a brief presentation on the conference and the class he teaches. Mr. Yuhas recognized Mr. Ned Roos, WIQH Station Manager, and WIQH for their involvement.

Mr. Badalament spoke about 21st Century Skills. Mr. Badalament stated that he would like to publicly thank Mr. Neil Lynch, ELE/English Teacher, who has devoted hours of his time to coordinate the many efforts for the Haitian Relief that are going on at the school. There is also a Global Literacy Program, a number of exchange and travel programs going on this year. There is an International Issues Class going on. There is a Technology Equity Project going on to make sure every student has internet access. Exploring E text books and student musicians are recording pieces for college applications. The Art Department and History Departments are doing American Studies.

B. Concord Education Fund Grants for 2010-2011. Ms. Rigby thanked the Concord Ed Fund (CEF) for their continued support and the generous contribution of \$117,591. In addition they have allocated an additional \$40K as a gift towards the Xirus Wireless Project. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to accept the Concord Education Fund Grant Awards for 2010-2011 totaling \$117,591. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Update on CCHS Facilities Master Plan – Michael Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald, Chair, CCHS Facilities Master Planning Committee gave a brief presentation on the CCHS Facilities Master Plan. The Office of Michael Rosenfeld (OMR) has been selected for the project. A final report with recommendations should be out by March 10, 2010. The next step is a Feasibility Study which will be on the April Town Meeting Warrant Article. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that funding the Feasibility Study is required to continue the process for reimbursement.

D. MSBA & Warrant Article for Feasibility Study. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Mr. Wedge that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve Warrant Article #28 Concord-Carlisle/MSBA Feasibility Study for \$1,300,000. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Fischelis seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to authorize Ms. Jan McGinn, Chair, CCSC to sign the Initial Compliance Certification. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve teacher's request to enroll student @ CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve Mr. Beckwith's request to enroll his child in CCHS and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Gift Acceptance – Donation to Adult & Community Education. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord-Carlisle School Committee vote to approve the donation of two musical instruments valued at \$300 from Suzanne Koven, 80 Dover Street, Concord, MA. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ms. Rigby stated that interviews for the new Thoreau Principal were held and three finalists were chosen. The next step is that Ms. Rigby will contact them as well as do reference checks. Next the Finalist Tea will be held on February 2, 3, & 4, 2010 from 3:30-4:30 at the Thoreau Library. Ms. Rigby thanked Ms. McCausland, Human Resources Director and Ms. Codianne, Director of Teaching and Learning for their leadership and for organizing the project.

B. Ms. Rigby thanked Mr. Flaherty for doing an excellent presentation to the Concord Finance Committee last week.

C. Ms. Rigby had an update regarding the judicial case The District Attorney of the Northern District vs. School Committee of Wayland. The district attorney for the Northern District initiated a civil action against the school committee of Wayland for violations of the open meeting law. The Supreme Judicial Court reversed a lower court decision that was initially in favor of the Wayland School Committee. Ms. Rigby said she will contact Mr. Peter

Ebb, legal counsel, for legal advice on how to move forward with the review process of the superintendent's contract for this coming spring.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 21st Century Skills & Interdisciplinary Art/US History Project at CCHS. Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Badalament, Principal, covered this earlier in the meeting. Ms. Rigby stated that the one example that she wanted to promote was that it was very gratifying to witness the students' efforts of behalf of the earthquake victims in Haiti and it really shows that the students are mastering 21st Century Skills in terms of reaching out to neighbors.

B. February 5, 2010: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ Sanborn Library, 2:45 – 4:00 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon for CCSC to adjourn into executive session by roll call to discuss contract negotiations for CCHS. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 02/23/2010

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
CEF	Concord Education Fund
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
OMR	The Office of Michael Rosenfeld