

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord – Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Ripley Building
April 26, 2016

Present: Johanna Boynton, Chair, CCSC; CSC
William Fink, Vice Chair, CCSC
Wallace Johnston, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Heather Bout, Vice Chair; CSC; CCSC
Bob Grom, CSC; CCSC
Dan Conti, CSC; CCSC

Absent: Mary Storrs, CCSC

Present from Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD

Absent from Administration: John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

The session was called to order by Ms. Boynton, for CCSC, and Mr. Johnston, for CSC, at 6:31PM. Mr. Johnston noted that the meeting is being recorded. Ms. Boynton noted that they would not be officially electing new chairs for the region at this meeting because Carlisle has not yet had their town elections.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Anne Hayden, 342 Sudbury Road, Concord, MA. Ms. Hayden stated that after looking at tonight's agenda, she noticed that Mr. Badalament put together a plan to bring the CCHS School Advisory Council into compliance with the laws of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993. She noted that the law indicates that the 5 SAC's can be given additional tasks by the School Committee. She stated that the CMS has many serious problems right now, including low teacher moral, space and building issues, student stress concerns and academic issues. Ms. Hayden urged the SC to do some creative thinking around ways to involve the CMS advisory council on many of these problems. She urged both SC to actively involve the SAC in efforts to improve the schools.

Lee Bernstein and Allie Haney, Student Senate Reps, reported that the Senate is currently working on a 20th Amendment event and they are making amendments to the current Constitution so that when the new Principal comes, his role with the Senate will be more concrete. They also stated that they are working on increasing printer access at the high school and they are also doing the Student Government elections in the coming week. Ms. Rigby also noted the Phantom of the Opera play tickets go on sale this weekend.

III. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

Jt. Meeting – 3/22/16: A motion was made by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the minutes for the Joint Meeting on 3/22/16. The motion was unanimously approved.

CPS Meeting – 4/12/16: A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bout, to approve the minutes for the CPS meeting on 4/12/16. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Executive Session:

CPS Meeting – 2/24, 6/30, 11/24/15, 1/12/16. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the CPS Meetings of 2/24, 6/30, 11/24/15 and 1/12/16. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jt. Meeting – 3/10, 6/30/15. A motion was made by Mr. Conti, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the Joint Meetings on 3/10 (with edits) and 6/30/15. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. CHAIRS REPORT

Ms. Boynton stated that on May 3rd at 6:30, they would be meeting with HYA Consultants and that it is an open, public meeting and all are welcomed to attend.

Ms. Boynton stated that US News and World Reports put out rankings and noted that CCHS was #50 out of 350 Massachusetts high schools. She noted that she drilled down to figure out the methodology used. She stated that the most important factor put into the ranking was the percentage of seniors taking AP tests (or the equivalent). She stated that only 39% of CCHS seniors took an AP test. She noted that 75 schools in MA passed the 1st 3 levels of criteria and were then ranked based on college readiness, or the percentage of seniors taking AP exams. Ms. Boynton pointed out that of the 39% of the students at CCHS who took an AP class, all 39% passed. She noted that a more reasonable calculation might be how well the students who took the AP classes did. She noted that a new ranking based on this calculation would rank CCHS #1. Mr. Johnston recommended forming an advisory committee to further look into the many different rankings and methodology used as well as per pupil spending reports.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

A. DESE Closure Letter. Ms. Rigby stated that she received a closure letter from the DESE regarding a complaint that was filed.

B. DESE Web-based Monitoring System Mid-cycle Review (CCHS). Ms. Rigby stated that she received a letter from DESE regarding the mid-cycle review.

C. Emails. Ms. Rigby stated that she received an email from Brooke Redmond regarding the Farm-Based Education Network national gathering and invitation to the coffee on Wednesday, April 27th.

VI. RECOGNITIONS

Business Office, IT, HR and Regional Treasurer. Ms. Rigby, on behalf of Mr. Flaherty, recognized the members of the Business Office, IT, HR and the Regional Treasurer for working extra hours to have the recent Concord teacher's contract settlement payments reflected in this week's payroll. She noted the incredible amount of effort involved to secure \$280,000 in retroactive payments done within 3 weeks for teachers as well as making \$150,000 in payroll adjustments for the remainder of the fiscal year.

VII. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Later start time for CCHS. Ms. Boynton stated that she went to the MASC panel discussion on later start times at Newton North high school and noted that she put together some notes from the panel. She noted that the American Academy of Pediatrics has identified later high school start times as being critical to student health, safety and development. She stated that increasing numbers of school committees are considering making this change. She stated that school committee and administrator panelists shared their lessons that they learned in attempting to make these changes in their districts. Ms. Boynton stated that the Dr. Christopher Landrigan spoke regarding the biology of adolescents and their sleep patterns, noting that there is a shift in sleep patterns during puberty and that there are many downsides to not getting enough sleep, including: sports injuries, car crashes, not learning as well, obesity and an increase in risk taking behaviors. Ms. Boynton stated that a school committee member from Natick was on the panel and stated it is important to create a strategy. Ms. Boynton stated a school committee member from Ashland also spoke and noted not to rush due to the number of constituents that need to be involved. Ms. Boynton stated that the Sharon high school principal stated that it's very hard work and the community needs to be involved in the process. Mr. Conti noted the complicated nature of changing the start times and everything that it affects and involves.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to enroll 6 faculty children at CPS. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve Ms. Balian's request to enroll her son in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve Ms. Durvasula's request to enroll her twins in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve Mr. Goldberg's request to enroll his daughter in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve Mr. Joncas's request to enroll his son in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve Ms. Washa's request to enroll her daughter in the Concord Public Schools and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vote request for student to remain at CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to approve Mr. Badalament's request for his daughter to remain at CCHS for her senior year and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fink, to vote items B, C, D, E and H in a consent calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Mr. Fink, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Johnston thanked Crosby's Marketplace for their donation.

- B. Vote to approve CCHS Ultimate Frisbee Overnight Trip
- C. Vote to approve permission for French Exchange 2017.
- D. Vote to approve two AFS Foreign Exchange Students @ CCHS.
- E. Vote to approve donation from Crosby's Marketplace.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to move all of the policies into a consent calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Bout, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve the consent calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

- H. Vote to approve School Committee Policies:
 - File: DA – Fiscal Management Goals
 - File: DB – Annual Budget
 - File: DB-R – Budget-Appportionment of Expenses
 - File: DBC – Budget Deadlines and Schedules
 - File: DBD – Budget Planning
 - File: DBG – Budget Adoption Procedures – Concord and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
 - File: DBJ – Budget Transfer Authority – Concord Public Schools and Regional School District
 - File: DD – Funding Proposals and Applications
 - File: DGA – Authorized Signatures – Concord Public Schools and Regional School District
 - File: DH – Bonded Employees and Officers – Concord Public Schools and Regional School District
 - File: DI - Fiscal Accounting and Reporting
 - File: DICA – Financial Reports to the School Committee
 - File: DIE – Audits – Concord Public Schools and Regional School District
 - File: DJ – Procurement and Purchase
 - File: DJA – Purchasing Authority
 - File: DJB – Leasing and Renting
 - File: DJC – Environmental Purchasing Policy

File: DJE – Bidding Requirements
File: DJG – Vendor Relations
File: DK – Payment Procedures – Concord Public Schools and Regional School District

F. Vote to approve membership for the Late Start Time Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bout, to approve the charge and membership of the Late Start Time Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Vote to award bus bid financing for CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Fink, to award the \$365,000 State House Notes Bond Anticipation Notes, dated May 5, 2016 to Eastern Bank, and in accordance with the Certificate of Award. The motion was unanimously approved.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Landfill Remediation. Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Flaherty is recommending to the School Committee that they wait for the results of the election in Carlisle before they move ahead in determining what next steps are in response to the vote and election at Concord town meeting. She noted that there are different options depending on the outcome.

B. CCHS Building Project. Ms. Rigby stated that landscaping is almost completed and the amphitheater is going to have sod. She noted that the amphitheater and landscaping would be completed by graduation.

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Rigby stated that Mike Mastrullo has accepted the offer and he will be the new Principal at the High School and everyone is excited and looking forward to working with him next year. She stated that the information technology opening for an Assistant Director was not filled and they determined that this position would not be as effective as someone involved in teaching and learning. She stated that the position was re-invented as a Digital Literacy Administrator who will be supporting teachers in the middle school and high school. She noted that the opening is posted internally and would move to external applicants if needed. Ms. Rigby stated that they have partnered with Babson College in the Entrepreneur Leadership Academy in which 25 seniors in their last quarter would be able to explore different careers opportunities as a pilot intern program.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bout for CSC, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Boynton for CSC, seconded by Mr. Fink, to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 5/24/16

Abbreviations:

CASE	Cooperative Association for Special Education
CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPA	Community Preservation Act
CPC	Community Preservation Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CHPS	The Collaborative for High Performance Schools
CSEC	Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee
CPW	Concord Public Works

CTA	Concord Teachers Association
DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
FAAC	Financial Audit Advisory Committee
FINCOM	Finance Committee
MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits
RTI	Response to Intervention
SEPAC	Special Education Advisory Council
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey