

Present: Wallace Johnston, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Sara Wilson, Vice Chair, CCSC
Heather Bout, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Alexa Anderson, CSC; CCSC

Absent: Eva Mostoufi, CCSC

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Jared Stanton, Director of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnston called the CCSC meeting to order at 5:03 PM, noting that it was being recorded and that it was in webinar mode. Ms. Bout then called the CSC meeting to order. Roll call attendance was taken: Booth, aye; Rainey, aye; Bout, aye; Wilson, aye; Johnston, aye; Anderson, aye.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jennifer Montbach, 45 Pine Street, Concord, MA, parent of CMS & CCHS students. Ms. Montbach, on behalf of Concord parents, thanked Mr. Johnston for all of his service, noting that parents have appreciated everything he has done for the District.
2. Dr. Deborah Greene, from The Concord Board of Health, stated that she was present for the COVID testing conversation later in the meeting.
3. Casey Atkins. Ms. Atkins thanked Mr. Johnston for his service on the SC, noting that everything he has done is much appreciated.
4. Jim Bozak, President of the Building Service Workers Union. Mr. Bozak stated that he was representing the union, thanking the SC for all the work they've done. He thanked Mr. Johnston for his years of dedicated service. Mr. Bozak thanked Dr. Hunter for all of her communication efforts and Mr. Stanton for the relationship that has developed between the union and management team. Mr. Bozak stated that the custodians have been hard at work getting the schools ready for reopening, noting that every precaution is being taken to ensure the safety of students and staff.
5. Jane Hotchkiss. Ms. Hotchkiss noted the leadership that Mr. Johnston has shown and how he's modeled an approach that has benefited all, noting all that he's accomplished.

III. READING OF THE MINUTES

Joint Session – A motion was made by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, to approve the joint meeting minutes from 7/27/20. The motion was approved by roll call: Wilson, aye; Bout, aye (for both); Rainey, aye (for both); Booth, aye (for both); Johnston, aye (for both).

Executive Session – A motion was made by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, to approve the Executive Session minutes from 2/25/20, 3/10/20, 4/16/20, 4/28/20, 5/8/20, and 5/19/20. The motion passed by roll call: Wilson, aye; Bout, aye (for both); Rainey, aye (for both); Booth, aye (for both); Johnston, aye (for both).

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Johnston stated that the CCSC received 39 emails regarding the MIIA's plan for sports, noting that the vast majority were in support. He stated that there was one email requesting additional communication to parents and one email regarding masks and the importance of ensuring everyone uses them.

Ms. Bout stated that the CSC received a letter from CTA on behalf of CMS teachers to document their challenges and concerns, noting that many teachers would prefer to teach remotely, if given the choice. She stated that the letter provided a list of issues to keep on the radar, such as safety, pedagogical teaching model and equity. Ms. Bout noted that the letter requests the District to maintain focus on safety considerations and updates on how the teaching model is working. Ms. Bout noted her appreciation for the CTA for sharing this letter with the Committee.

V. CHAIRS & LIASIONS REPORT

Mr. Booth stated that MASC requested information on policies related to COVID.

VI. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Fall 2020 Reopening/Task Force Updates. Athletics - Dr. Hunter stated that the District is supportive of the MIAA recommendations on high school sports, noting that the middle schools will not be holding fall sports in an agreement between MIAA districts. Sarah Bullwinkel, from CMS, shared an overview of the fall 2020 intramural program proposal at CMS. She reviewed the proposals for boys and girls soccer, field hockey, and cross-country. Ms. Bullwinkel noted the high commitment of the coaches and Mr. Cameron, Principal of CMS, echoed Ms. Bullwinkel. Ms. Rainey noted the DCL guidelines about almost no spectators, suggesting this be shared with parents so there is not overcrowding at the fields. CSC members were in support of the intramural proposal at CMS.

Aaron Joncas, CCHS Athletic Director, shared an overview of the DCL proposal, noting that the athletics will be split into 4 seasons. Based on the levels set forth by the Energy and Environmental Affairs, he stated that CCHS would offer fall sports in the lower and moderate risk categories: golf, cross country, field hockey, and soccer. Mr. Joncas provided an overview on DESE guidance by the Commissioner, MIAA rule adjustments, pros and cons of the proposal, divisions, a timeline of Season 1, and a fall schedule proposal, noting that the Wednesday/Saturday model will be used for the most part. He reviewed protocols, noting that there would be a limit of 1 family member per athlete and that athletes would be required to wear masks. Ms. Rainey questioned how extracurriculars will work and Mr. Mastrullo stated that the District would like to offer as many extracurriculars that can be done safely.

COVID Testing – Dr. Hunter noted that Deb Greene, Chair of the Concord Board of Health, Susan Rask, Concord Health Director and Tricia McGean, Public Health Nurse, were present at the meeting. Dr. Hunter stated that JCM Analytics is offering saliva pool testing to school districts, including faculty, staff and students, every other week for the duration of the school year for \$200-\$300 per year, per person, depending on the level of service. Dr. Greene questioned what other school districts were doing and Dr. Hunter stated that some are doing pre entry testing of staff. Dr. Greene stated that it would be good to have the capability to test. Dr. Hunter, the SC and the health officials discussed the timing and logistics of testing, as well as the other testing options that were previously discussed from Broad Institute and JCM. Ms. Bout suggested finding out the interest level of the community and willingness to help financially. Mr. Johnston noted his issue with the cost and the benefit from 2 week testing. Ms. Rask noted the benefit of testing during the first 6-8 weeks to help ease the minds of the community of any asymptomatic positive cases. Dr. Greene noted the high cost of one time testing through Emerson just to get an initial baseline.

After discussion, the SC agreed that Dr. Hunter would collect more information on baseline testing costs for a pool of 4-5, and to discuss COVID testing further at the next meeting on September 10th.

Mr. Johnston noted that there is a PEG Access Advisory Committee meeting at the end of September and that the SC would need to elect a member to attend. Mr. Booth stated that he would attend the September meeting as a temporary designee until the SC assigned liaison roles.

VII. RECOGNITIONS

A. Wally Johnston – CCSC & CSC. Mike Mastrullo, CCHS Principal, thanked Mr. Johnston for everything he's done for the schools, noting his appreciation for Mr. Johnston's professionalism, hard work and support for the students.

Kate Squire, CTA President, expressed the CTA's sincere appreciation for Mr. Johnston's commitment to CPS for the last 6 years, noting his high level of engagement with teachers, students and parents.

Shell Hull, CCTA President, expressed the CCTA's appreciation for Mr. Johnston and his service to the SC, and the families of Concord, Carlisle and Boston. She noted that Mr. Johnston's work fosters professional collaboration, noting his humanity and selfless dedication to education.

Johanna Boynton, former SC member, shared her thoughts on Mr. Johnston's work on the SC, noting his countless hours devoted to the students, families and teachers. She stated that she has the utmost respect for Mr. Johnston, noting how much he will be missed.

Ms. Bout read a message from Bob Grom, former SC member, to Mr. Johnston, noting his open mindedness and commitment.

Sue Richardson, 260 Elsinore Street, Concord, MA. Ms. Richardson noted Mr. Johnston's passion for education and deep commitment to service. She thanked Mr. Johnston for being an unwavering, tireless agent for change, applauding his 6 years of dedication on the SC.

Mr. Booth stated that Mr. Johnston's praise is so well deserved, noting that Mr. Johnston is an exemplary public servant. He noted Mr. Johnston's reason, integrity, and generosity, thanking Mr. Johnston.

Ms. Rainey thanked Mr. Johnston for guiding the SC and for the difficult job of leading the SC, noting the thanks from the teachers.

Ms. Bout stated that Mr. Johnston has been a mentor, challenging her to think in a different way, noting her appreciation for the way he approaches things. She noted Mr. Johnston's vision and action to enable the vision, strength and determination, and commitment to listen to both sides of an issue.

Dr. Hunter stated that Mr. Johnston has been a rock during her tenure, noting that she had benefitted from the relationships that Mr. Johnston had built, noting how grateful she was. She thanked Mr. Johnston for his extraordinary commitment.

Mr. Johnston shared his experience on the SC, from when he first began to present. He noted how fortunate the SC was to find Dr. Hunter and thanked Ms. Boynton, Ms. Bout, Mr. Booth, Mr. Benincasa (former SC member), Dr. Hunter, and Mr. Fink (former SC member).

VIII. Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, that the Concord School Committee and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee will enter into Executive Session under Purpose 2 of the Open Meeting Law: To discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and not return to Open Session. The motion passed by roll call:; Booth, aye (for both); Rainey, aye (for both) Bout, aye (for both); Wilson, aye; Johnson, aye (for both) and Open Session ended at 8:08 PM. *Ms. Mostoufi was present at Executive Session.*

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Booth to adjourn Executive Session. The motion passed by roll call and Executive Session adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 10.6.20

Abbreviations:

CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CCTA	Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association
CMS	Concord Middle School
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
DESE	Department of Elementary & Secondary Education
DCL	Dual County League
FTE	Full Time Employee
MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
METCO	Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
MMN	Minuteman Media Network
SC	School Committee
SEL	Social Emotional Learning
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council