

Present: Tracey Marano, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Alexa Anderson, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Carrie Rankin, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Ayesha Lawton, CPS METCO Rep

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Robert Conry, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD
Kristen Herbert, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD
Andrew Nyamekye, Director of DEIB, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to Approve FY24 CPS Budget. Ms. Anderson stated that in order to include the \$150,000 recommended reduction to the budget in the slides being presented to the town, the CSC should be voting on the reduction. Mr. Booth stated that he thought it was premature to vote, noting that the SC had not really dug into the budget. He noted the reduction of contingency funds and pulling back on circuit breaker, noting that he thought it was a reckless move and premature. Mr. Conry stated that he felt FINCOM would like to see any reductions that have been identified, noting that he shared Mr. Booth's concerns about risk. He also noted the funding for the homeless shelter was the biggest contingency next year. He noted that the \$150,000 reduction was not overly aggressive, supported the FINCOMs desire to see a lower number, and did not compromise the ability to fund things. Dr. Hunter noted that \$50,000 of the \$150,000 was savings in CASE transportation, stating that it would not be transparent of the district to realize that savings and to not bring it to the SC's attention. Ms. Rainey stated that she does not support the recommendation of the \$100,000 reduction. Ms. Marano stated that she feels comfortable taking the recommendation from Mr. Conry, noting that the bigger picture was whether the SC was comfortable with the reductions list since that was the only way to get to guideline.

A motion was made by Ms. Marano, seconded by Ms. Rankin, to adopt the \$150,000 reductions to the budget as recommended by the Assistant Superintendent. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Rainey, to amend the motion to reduce the budget at this point in time by \$50,000, thereby not taking circuit breaker money. Mr. Booth's motion did not pass: Booth, aye; Rainey, aye; Anderson, nay; Marano, nay; Rankin, nay. Ms. Marano's original motion passed: Anderson, aye; Marano, aye; Rankin, aye; Booth, nay; Rainey, nay.

B. Vote to Approve School Committee Resolution Supporting an Increase in Special Education Circuit Breaker Funding. Ms. Marano noted that she, Ms. Rankin and Dr. Hunter attended the recent legislative breakfast around the topic of rising costs in special education. She stated that the resolution is a way of advocating to the legislatures to increase circuit breaker, noting that other area SCs are signing the resolution as well. Mr. Booth stated that the document states that the tuition be increased by 14%, but noted that it should read "up to" 14%. A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Ms. Rankin, to approve the School Committee Resolution Supporting an Increase in Special Education Circuit Breaker Funding. Ms. Marano noted that SC names be included at the bottom, including METCO rep Ms. Lawton. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The CSC meeting ended at 5:15 PM, but the CSC remained in session for the Joint DEIB meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 4.11.23

Abbreviations:

ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
CCACE	Concord Carlisle Adult and Community Education
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CCTA	Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CMLP	Concord Municipal Light Plant
CMS	Concord Middle School
CMSBC	Concord Middle School Building Committee
COAR	Communities Organizing Against Racism
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
CTA	Concord Teachers Association
DEIB	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
DHCB	Department of Housing and Community Development
ELA	English Language Arts
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
FINCOM	Finance Committee
MOC	Making Opportunities Count
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports
PD	Professional Development
SC	School Committee
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey