

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
February 26, 2013

Present: Fabian Fondriest, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Maureen Spada, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC
Pamela Gannon, Vice Chair, CSC, CCSC
Phil Benincasa, CSC, CCSC
Melissa McMorrow, CCSC
Jennifer Munn, 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 Ms. Spada for CPS and Mr. Fondriest for CCSC at 6:30 PM. Mr. Fondriest stated that recording devices are being used to record the meeting.

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for the January 23, 2013 CCSC Meeting. Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for CSC. Both motions were unanimously approved.

B. Welcome to student representatives Whitney Cook and Hannah Ryde. Ms. Cook and Ms. Ryde reported that two groups of exchange students are here from China and France. Student parking is fine with the new construction starting. The sports teams are in semi-finals and state championships. The Student Senate is in the preliminary planning stages for an international fair.

III. CHAIRS' REPORT

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from NEAS&C (New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc.) thanking Colleen Meaney, Assistant Principal, CCHS, for her presentation at the Association's 127th Annual Meeting.

B. Adult & Community Education Director's Report. Court Booth has also requested that a school committee member be appointed to the CCTV Board.

C. Letter from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation regarding the bus depot on the town-owned landfill site.

D. Letter from Concord Retirement Board regarding the Board's intention to consider granting a 3% cost of living adjustment effective July 1, 2013.

E. Letter from The Office of the Attorney General regarding an Open Meeting Law Complaint against the Concord Carlisle High School Building Committee submitted by Lisa Bergen, 325 College Road, in September 2012. The Attorney General declined to investigate and the matter is closed.

F. MSBA Letter forwarding review comments of the 60% Construction Documents for the CCHS Project received by the MSBA on February 1, 2013.

G. Letter from US Department of the Interior, forwarded from Carmen Reiss, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, expressing concern about potential placement of the bus depot near Walden Pond.

V. RECOGNITIONS - CCHS

A. Mr. Badalament, Principal, recognized Ray Pavlik, CCHS Earth Science teacher, who was recognized by MIT as an outstanding and influential teacher, nominated by MIT freshman Madison Douglas.

Mr. Badalament, Principal, recognized CCHS Students Jessica Lu and Leo Fondriest for achievement in the NTE (National Council of Teachers of English) Writing Contest.

Mr. Badalament, Principal, recognized CCHS Students William Boyajian, Jason Dynes, Aaron Herman, Anna Kolstad who have been asked to participate in the US Presidential Scholars Program.

B. Bus Driver Lisa Schreiber. Mr. Flaherty recognized Lisa Schreiber for her excellent handling of a medical emergency on the bus. Mr. Flaherty also recognized students Nicki Spada and Patrick Jennings who assisted Ms. Schreiber.

C. Mr. Salemy recognized the years of effort for the new CCHS building project and noted that the project has broken ground. Mr. Salemy thanked the project team, OMR, KVA and Turner; School Committee Members, including past members Betsy Bilodeau, Michael Fitzgerald, Becky Shannon, Jerry Wedge, Peter Fischelis, and Jan McGinn; Stan Durlacher for his leadership on the Building Committee; the school administration, Diana Rigby and John Flaherty, for their efforts on the building project that are on top of their responsibilities of managing the districts; all members of the Building Committee; Michele Ernst, for her volunteer hours and outreach efforts; and the team at the MSBA, for their work, patience, and ongoing support.

VI. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. CCHS Weather Services – Jeff Yuhas, Earth Science teacher, & CCHS Students. The students who attended the Annual Meeting of the American Meteorological Society meeting in Austin, TX, reflected on their experiences and described their collaborative research projects.

B. CCHS Recreation Facilities Project – John Boynton and Russ Dion gave a presentation on preliminary steps for a project to improve the outdoor recreational facilities at CCHS. They requested that the authorization of the CCSC to proceed with design and planning of the CCHS Recreation Facilities Project.

C. Common Core Standards K12 – Kathy Codianne - Postponed.

D. Bus Depot Location and Related Issues. Ms. Spada and Mr. Salemy gave a presentation: Why Can't The Bus Depot Be On The CCHS Campus? They presented a detailed analysis of the site that included groundwater conservancy districts, topography and wetlands, impermeable surfaces, green campus goals, current and future land use, athletic facilities, adjacent residences, and other associated risks. They described the requirements for MA CHPS certification and the potential impact on project funding if that certification fails. The goal of the Building Committee is to achieve the Verified Leader Designation from MA CHPS. They discussed the possible use of the former town landfill for a bus depot. Citizen comments were heard at the end of the presentation.

Citizens Comments on Bus Depot Location

1. Shelley Morss, 50 Manuel Dr., Concord. Ms. Morss commented that the high school design does not have all the facilities that the present school has. The bus depot was not in the plan that was originally presented. She stated that this is a good time to decide to change the school design and keep the bus depot.

2. Ardis Bordman, 418 Monument St., Concord. Ms. Bordman stated that a special permit will be needed for a second turf field.

3. Bill Plummer, 129 Arena Terrace, Concord. Mr. Plummer stated he only agreed with the last page of the Bus Depot presentation. He stated that the diesel fuels will be downwind from the school if the depot gets approved. He stated that if people were concerned about diesel emissions the high fields would never have been put up near Route 2. He made comments about outsourcing and the use of the landfill.

4. Kathy Anderson, Walden Woods Project. Ms. Anderson would like to know the timeframe for the feasibility study and will it be made public? What are the plans if Article 13 fails at Town Meeting? Is there a report on the twenty sites that were evaluated for the bus depot by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)?

5. John Hutchins, 84 Sudbury Rd., Concord. Mr. Hutchins stated that the existing bus depot has been there for many years, did we go through a permitting process, was the ground water conservancy issue dealt with? Did the School Committee ever concern itself with diesel fumes before?

6. Shelley Morss, 50 Manuel Dr., Concord. Ms. Morss stated that she would like to know if the district has considered switching from diesel fuel to gas.

E. February 27, 2013 - Public Hearing Budget Presentation. Ms. Rigby and Mr. Flaherty gave a preliminary presentation on Articles 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13, which will be presented at the Public Hearing.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve permission to plan trip to Japan 2014. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Ms. Munn for the CCSC to approve the trip to Japan 2014. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to approve permission for geological Grand Canyon, Bryce & Zion summer trip 2013. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa to vote to approve the geological Grand Canyon, Bryce & Zion summer trip 2013. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to appoint CCHS Student Tessa Dibble and a CCTA teacher representative to CCHS Building Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa that the CCSC votes to appoint CCHS Student Tessa Dibble and a CCTA teacher representative to CCHS Building Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Appoint School Committee Member to the CCTV Board. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Ms. Munn that the CCSC votes to appoint Phil Benincasa to the CCTV Board. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Ms. Munn for the CSC. The motions were unanimously approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CCHS Landfill. Mr. Flaherty stated at the February 13, 2013 Building Committee Meeting a discussion regarding the status of the landfill remediation required at 500 Walden Street concluded that the activities needed for the building project were finished. The following motion has been prepared.

A motion was made by Mr. Salemy seconded by Mr. Benincasa that the CCSC vote to recognize that the landfill remediation at 500 Walden Street is not a financial obligation of the CCHS Building Committee, and we therefore authorize the Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations to pay CDW Consultants its fees and other associated costs for management of the regulatory process with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Based on currently known information the remaining regulatory cost process is estimated at \$111,223 and this vote authorizes expenditures not to exceed \$120,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Building Project Update. Mr. Salemy stated that site work is underway. In two weeks the heavy earth work will begin and bids for structural steel and concrete will be received. At the next Building Committee Meeting on March 20, 2013, the 90% construction design estimates will be reviewed. Mr. Salemy presented an overview of the current committed costs and contingencies.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. New Educator Supervision & Evaluation System. Ms. Rigby reviewed development of the evaluation process, described the standards, and updated the committee on next steps. Ms. Rigby noted that correspondence was received from the DESE reminding the high school the next big step is identifying and implementing district-determined measures for all educators.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

1. Anne Hayden, 342 Sudbury Rd., Concord. Ms. Hayden read a statement that commented on two of the School Committee's responsibilities: evaluating the Superintendent and meeting the MA Public Records Law and the Open Meeting Law Requirements.

2. Paul Horwitz, 173 Hayward Mill Rd., Concord. Mr. Horwitch stated that debate about Article 15 will most likely take place at Town Meeting and is an expression of the democratic process. There are two sides to every issue.
3. John Hutchins, 84 Sudbury Rd., Concord. Mr. Hutchins inquired about the progress of the enrollment study group. Mr. Hutchins also asked if the costs for the supplemental appropriations for transportation are for the entire fiscal year.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for CSC and a motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Benincasa for CCSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 03/26/13

Abbreviations:

CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRS	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
CTC	Citizens Transportation Committee
MSBA	Massachusetts School Building Authority
NEASC	New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc.
TAC	Transportation Advisory Committee