

**JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Concord-Carlisle School Committee  
Concord School Committee  
CCHS Administrative Office  
May 4, 2014

**Present:** Pamela Gannon, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Jennifer Munn, Chair, CCSC; CSC  
Johanna Boynton, Vice Chair, CCSC; CSC  
Kathleen Snook, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Phil Benincasa, CSC, CCSC  
William Fink, CCSC  
Melissa McMorrow, 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. Gannon for CSC and Ms. Munn for CCSC at 1:00 pm. Ms. Gannon noted that the meeting is being recorded.

**II. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

A. Community Use Agreement Draft. Ms. Gannon stated that the lease with CC at Play has been signed and our next step is working out the Community Use Agreement. The document will be an agreement between the Regional District and the Town of Concord that will memorialize and formalize the current practice of use and scheduling of the fields at the high school. There have been meetings with CC at Play, the District Athletic Director, high school coaches, youth sports representatives, Danner DeStephano (Concord Recreation), Ms. Rigby, Mr. Flaherty, Ms. Munn, Ms. Gannon, and Chris Whelan (Concord Town Manager) to discuss and document the use of the fields and facilities. The agreement is in draft form and has been posted on the District web site. This will be discussed at the Joint School Committee Meeting on May 13, 2014, and then voted on at the following meeting. District attorneys and the School Safety Officer need to review the document. Ms. Munn and Ms. Gannon have shared the document with the Concord Finance Committee.

Ms. Snook asked if the document was connected specifically to CC at Play. Ms. Gannon indicated that the current procedure for use and scheduling of fields is not changing. The agreement is simply documenting clearly the current practice. Ms. Snook indicated that as such, Ms. McMorrow and Ms. Boynton should not have to recuse themselves from the discussion of the use document.

B. Article 11. Ms. Boynton reported that last Tuesday, April 29, 2014, she was informed that Article 11 was removed from the consent calendar and would be moved as a stand-alone article at Concord Town Meeting. She received a call from the Town Moderator on Friday, May 2, 2014, indicating that the League of Women Voters wanted more information presented about the article. Immediately before the meeting today, May 4, 2014, Ms. Boynton was made aware of the several specific questions the LWV had posed. Ms. Boynton expressed concern and frustration that she did not receive this information in a timely fashion. After a discussion by the Committee to address the questions, the Committee determined no changes were required in the presentation slides and Ms. Boynton would incorporate the answers to the questions in her verbal remarks.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Benincasa stated that he attended the Town Governance Study Committee Meeting. Mr. Benincasa stated that there are two issues with respect to schools that the governance committee raised. What are the ups and downs, plusses and minuses, of a Lincoln Sudbury approach to secondary and elementary education? Is there an advantage to a K-8 School System with a Superintendent specific to the K-8 System and a Principal/ Superintendent that runs a Regional High School? The other issue is that they want to better understand the reported discrepancies between public record request procedures at the school district as opposed to those of the town.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Benincasa, for CSC and a motion was made by Ms. Snook, seconded by Ms. Boynton, for CCSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson  
Approved: 05/27/14

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