

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
CCHS Library
Concord, MA 01742
April 13, 2010

Present: Jan McGinn, Chair CCSC; CSC
Fabian Fondriest, Chair CSC; CCSC
Pamela Gannon, Vice-Chair CSC; CCSC
Louis Salemy, Vice Chair, CCSC
Peter Fischelis, CSC, CCSC
Jerry Wedge, CSC, CCSC

Absent: Dale Ryder, CCSC

Present From Administration: Diana Rigby, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The session was called to order by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and Mr. Fondriest for CSC at 6:30 PM.
- B. Citizens' Comments

None

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

JT Meeting – 3/23/2010. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010 Joint Committee Meeting. Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon for CCSC. Mr. Fischelis seconded by Ms. Gannon for CPS. The motions were unanimously approved.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS). Ms. Rigby stated that correspondence was received from Mr. Bill Orr, Executive Director, congratulating Willard as being recognized as a CHPS Verified School.
- B. Ms. Rigby stated that Mr. Badalament, Principal, CCHS, received correspondence from NEASC accepting the Special Progress Report. The Commission has requested that we submit an additional Special Progress Report due September 1, 2010 which should include progress on the building project by MSBA. CCHS is still in warning status.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

- A. CCHS:

Michael Vela, Michael Hamblin & Anthony Beckwith Robotics Club. Ms. Rigby on behalf of Mr. Badalament would like to recognize Michael Vela, Science Teacher, Michael Hamblin, Physics Teacher & Anthony Beckwith, Math Teacher for leading the Robotics Club in their first competition which was held at WPI in March.

Sophia Rovitti – National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar. Ms. Rigby recognized Ms. Rovitti, World Language Teacher, on her selection as a NEH Summer Scholar.

2010 MIAA Division 2 Girls Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award. Ms. Rigby recognized the Girls Varsity Basketball Team for being awarded the 2010 MIAA Division 2 Girls Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award.

Ms. Rigby thanked Ms. McGinn for her six years of serving on the school committee and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

V. REPORTS & ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. CCHS French Exchange Presentation – Rhonda Penaud, French Teacher and Caitlin Smith, French Teacher. French students will be here for two weeks in February of 2011 and CCHS students will be going to France in April of 2011 for two weeks.

B. CCHS Facilities Master Plan Report – Michael Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Facilities Master Plan Committee gave a brief presentation on the CCHS Facilities Master Plan.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve CCHS French Exchange. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee votes to approve the request to plan a French Exchange in 2010-2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to approve teacher's request to enroll student @ CCHS. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord School Committee vote to approve Ms. Gordon-O'Connor's request to enroll her child in the Concord-Carlisle High School and that tuition be waived. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Vote to approve CCHS Facilities Master Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee votes to approve the CCHS Facilities Master Plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Revote \$1.3M Debt Authorization, Article 28, for MSBA Feasibility/Schematic Design. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis the Regional School Committee re-vote Article 28 now that specific information has been identified. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOTED:

That the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District (the "District") hereby appropriates the sum of \$1,300,000 (One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) to pay costs of a feasibility study to consider options for making improvements to the District's high school building located at 500 Walden Street, Concord, Massachusetts, with options shall include, but not be limited to renovating, reconstructing, expanding, remodeling and adding to the District's high school, or any combination of the foregoing, said sum to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet this appropriation there is hereby authorized, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) and Chapter 70B of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, and any other enabling authority, the incurring of debt on the full faith and credit of the District in the amount of \$1,300,000 (One Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars); that the District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs of the Project that the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District, and that the total amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; provided, however, that no sums shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless each member town of the District shall have expressed its approval of the debt authorized by this vote by June 30, 2010.

VOTED:

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Mr. Fischelis that the Regional School Committee within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this District as to the amount and general purposed of the debt herein authorized, as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws, and by the District Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Vote to approve that Jan McGinn continue with CCTA negotiations. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge that Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee vote to approve Jan McGinn continue with CCTA negotiations. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Vote to approve CCHS overnight field trip to Maine. A motion was made by Mr. Wedge seconded by Ms. Gannon that the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee vote to approve the CCHS overnight field trip to South Bristol, Maine. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Superintendent's Evaluation – Legal Update. Ms. Rigby stated that the open meeting law determines that individual school committee members can not submit a written evaluation to the chair without deliberating publicly. The individual evaluation of the superintendent has to be discussed publicly before it is submitted to the chair. The summary by the chair can be done in executive session.

B. CCHS Supervision & Evaluation Committee. Ms. Rigby reported on the progress of the Supervision & Evaluation Committee. Ms. Rigby acknowledged Mr. Joe Hehn, SpEd Teacher, Ms. Vicky Moskowitz, English Teacher, Ms. Mary McCabe, Social Studies Teacher and Ms. Alison Furey, Guidance Counselor, who have worked with the administration team in making some good progress in developing an updated and revised process for supervising and evaluating colleagues. A differentiated system was agreed in that we would supervise and evaluate non-tenured teachers, tenured teachers and tenured teachers who need significant improvement using a different progress for the three different groups.

C. Race to the Top Grant. Ms. Rigby stated Tennessee and Delaware are the only two states that will receive funding in the first round of Race to the Top. The deadline for the next round is June 1, 2010.

D. Student Travel Study Trips:
CMS 7th Grades: April 15-26 China
CCHS Band: April 12-23 Japan

E. April 27, 2010: Suburban Coalition Annual Legislative Breakfast, 9:00-11:30 am, The Great Hall, State House.

F. May 7, 2010: Superintendent/School Committee afternoon tea @ CCHS Library, 2:30 – 4:00 PM.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Gannon for CCSC to adjourn via roll call to executive session. A motion was made by Ms. Gannon seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally W. Ferguson
Approved: 05/25/2010

Abbreviations:

CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
CHPS	Collaborative for High Performance Schools, Inc.
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc.
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities