



Ms. Rigby stated in 1998 the Department of Education made it a requirement that elementary students receive 900 hours of instructional time. A study was completed in Concord and our students receive 868 hours, meaning we are not in compliance. The recommendation is that the elementary calendar be changed to be in compliance. A conversation will need to be had with the Teachers' Association and School Committee to change daily times in the calendar. There are several different options.

Mr. Wedge stated the Board of Selectmen voted to support a ballot question on the March ballot for Willard design funds. The consensus is they do not want the School Committee to move it forward at Town Meeting if it fails. Ms. Bilodeau stated let's focus on March and not worry about that. Mr. Wedge stated since the question has been approved to be on the ballot, we need to be careful of money raised and spent. Dr. Finn stated administration cannot use professional time to promote this question.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Tom Hourihan stated if we re-allocate money from CPS and ask for a higher override, it is wise for CPS, if an over-ride fails more money is cut from CPS.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no other public business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn to adjourn the Concord School Committee meeting at 9:25. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 11/22/05