

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Concord School Committee
Concord-Carlisle School

Committee

Concord Police Station
Concord, MA
August 23, 2005
6:30 PM

Minutes

PRESENT:

Ms. Rebecca Shannon
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Ms. Jan McGinn
Mr. Patrick Sinnott
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Brenda Finn, Superintendent
Mr. John Flaherty
Ms. Diana Rigby

ABSENT:

Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Ms. Nicole Burkel

I CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The meeting returned to open session and was called by Mr. Sinnott and Mr. Wedge at 6:37 p.m.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to approve the minutes from the Joint School Committee meeting held July 14, 2005. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to approve the minutes from the Joint School Committee meeting held July 26, 2005. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

III CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Finn received and distributed a correspondence from MASC which presented its recommendations.

Dr. Finn received correspondence regarding a photo that needs to be taken of the School Committee for the Annual Report. This will be put on September's agenda.

Dr. Finn stated the changes have been made to the MASC policy manual. The committee is prepared to have a first reading tonight. Some policies have been changed and some have been added. Mr. Sinnott stated he feels confident with a first reading tonight, and a second reading in September. Mr. Wedge asked if it might be helpful to have some presentation.

Mr. Wedge stated he received correspondence to save the date for the Suburban Coalition Breakfast, April 13, 2006.

IV RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Dulong recognized the staff at the high school. He stated David Anderson has made a significant impact at the high school. Dr. Finn stated we will have a list of the improvements at a later date.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve foreign exchange student

Dr. Finn stated Petra Bardozi is from Hungary and is a fantastic candidate. Mr. Dulong stated she arrived a week ago. She is an accomplished gymnast and she will work around the needs of the programs and limitations. There is room for her. Mr. Sinnott noted the number of languages Ms. Bardozi speaks.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC to approve the request for a foreign exchange student and that tuition be waived. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. Budget Transfer

Mr. Flaherty stated a budget transfer of \$6,300 from supplies to professional development is necessary. This will be under the supervision of Diana Rigby.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. Shannon for CCSC to approve a budget transfer of \$6,300 from Supplies to Professional Development. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

C. Retroactive Project Approval

A MOTION was made by Ms. Shannon and seconded by Mr. Sinnott for CSC to approve the Peabody Building roof replacement and "The Project for School Purposes". The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Community Education Annual Report

Court Booth thanked members of the Advisory Committee for their work and those attending the meeting. Mr. Booth stated the objectives for the

coming year include continued service, self-funding, keeping the quality of what we do, expanding outreach to Carlisle, become more efficient/accessible online, facility use. The committee discussed the continued goal of being self-funded.

B. Update on progress made to date on addressing NEASC concerns

Mr. Dulong presented an outline. A first version of the report will be due in December. A committee has been formed and will meet once a month. A lot of progress has been made already.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if the library ramp variance hinders any student or staff from using the library. Mr. Dulong said there is no difficulty accessing the library.

VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. NEASC: Meeting with Deputy Director Janet Allison on August 3, 2005
This was covered at the workshop.

B. MSBA: Meeting with Executive Director Katherine Craven on August 4, 2005

This was covered at the workshop. We will keep in touch with MSBA.

C. Joint Coordination Meeting with Town Boards: September 22, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at the high school library

This was a successful meeting. It was a good opening meeting. A second meeting is scheduled. We will discuss in September.

D. School Committee dates for the year

This is a final copy.

E. Sign up for MASC/MASS Annual Joint Conference 2005, October 26-28 at the Worcester Centrum Centre

This is a reminder.

X ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to adjourn the Joint School Committee meeting at 8:00 p.m. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 9/27/05

