

Minutes

PRESENT:

Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Ms. Nicole Burkel
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Ms. Jan McGinn
Ms. Rebecca Shannon
Mr. Patrick Sinnott
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

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

I CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The meeting was called to open session by Mr. Sinnott and Mr. Wedge at 6:30 p.m.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to approve the minutes from the Joint School Committee meeting held September 27, 2005. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

III CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Shannon received correspondence regarding a high school literacy program. She will forward it to Ms. Rigby.

Ms. Shannon received a letter from Senator Meehan regarding the No Child Left Behind Act. She will write a letter in support of his actions. The School Committee thought it was a good idea to write a letter.

Ms. Shannon received a letter regarding changes in the CORI regulations. Dr. Finn will direct this to Ms. McCausland.

IV RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Dulong recognized Wilson Flight on his retirement. He has an extraordinary presence at the high school and his retirement is a great loss to the school.

Mr. Dulong recognized the high school in being nominated in the Robinson Scholars Program. There are 60 schools in the country nominated to be eligible for these scholarships. There are 14 scholarships to UNC and Duke available for students. Ms. Shannon asked the criteria. Mr. Dulong stated there is a review done by a committee, CCHS was one of three in Massachusetts.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Final Reading and Approval: Student Allergy Policy, Bus Driver Training (EEAEA)

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Ms. Shannon for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Shannon and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to adopt the Bus Driver Training Policy and Student Allergy Policy as written in Attachment A. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. First Reading: Use of Cameras for Safety and Security

This is a first reading of this policy. Ms. Shannon asked who would be allowed to view the tapes. Dr. Finn stated the implementation would be administrative.

Mr. Wedge stated the third paragraph is confusing. It relates to disciplinary actions. Do we need to make discipline policy or a camera policy.

Mr. Sinnott stated this needs to be used in a discriminatory fashion, let administration do the day to day operations and we will hear reports back, has it helped.

C. Adoption of Revised Regional Budget to Reflect Increased State Aid

A MOTION was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC to adopt an increased total budget for the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of \$18,055,713.

Ms. Bilodeau asked related to the new number, what number will be talked about for this year's budget talk. Mr. Flaherty stated we will stick with the original number, to change it would be too confusing.

Ms. Shannon asked if the amount prepaid to Sped funds will be shown in the budget. Mr. Flaherty stated it is shown in FY05. Ms. Burkel stated the actual is reflected in next year's budget. Mr. Flaherty stated this reduces the deficit exposure. Ms. Shannon was concerned we were telling an unrealistic story. Mr. Flaherty stated we are forthcoming in our information.

The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

D. Approval of Prepayment of Three Months of CCHS Tuitions

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald for CCSC to allow, as appropriate, prepayment of up to three months, of FY06

Special Education tuitions with FY05 funds. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

E. Approval for six additional co-curricular activities at CCHS

Mr. Dulong stated these clubs have been in existence for the past two years without funding to prove their viability.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. McGinn to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to add six co-curricular activities (Dance Club, Art Club, Third Wing, History Reading Group, Psychology Reading Group, Teach our Youth Science) at level 14 on the co-curricular stipend schedule.

Ms. Bilodeau asked the cost of the clubs. Mr. Dulong stated it is less than \$1,800 per activity.

The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

F. Request for Permission to Plan Trip to US Virgin Islands

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC to approve the request of Jennifer Benson and Matthew Goldberg to plan a trip to the US Virgin Islands.

Dr. Finn stated Ms. Benson and Mr. Goldberg have provided an outline of the trip. Ms. Benson stated after the interest generated in the earth science trip last year, she looked into whether there was interest in a biology/ecology oriented trip. She has been to VIERS, it is a science-oriented campground.

Mr. Wedge asked if a nurse would attend the trip? Ms. Benson stated there is insurance available and people on site.

The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

G. Vote to accept donation from the Knox Family Foundation

A MOTION was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC to accept a donation of \$500 from the Knox Family Foundation. The MOTION was unanimously approved and Katherine Monroe and John Graham were thanked for their donation.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Information Technology Status Report

Gene Warfel presented a report which reviewed the last year and the summer projects. He also listed the projects for the upcoming year.

Ms. Shannon asked if there were fewer ActivBoards in the middle school. Mr. Warfel stated this was funded by the Concord Ed. Fund and the goal is to have one in every classroom.

Mr. Wedge asked why everything was received at Ripley and not at the site it was intended for. Mr. Warfel stated all items must be accounted for and inventoried.

Ms. Bilodeau stated two years ago Mr. Warfel talked about challenges related to technology, they have exceeded their expectations.

Ethan Hoblitzelle, social studies teacher at the high school, stated the ActivBoards have made an enormous change. It makes a teacher's job much easier.

B. Preliminary FY07 CCRSD Budget Discussion

Mr. Flaherty stated the levy limit increase is 3.3%. There is a shift in the assessment ratio. He discussed the cost drivers in the budget.

Dr. Finn stated this is a preliminary discussion of needs, the discussion is ongoing. Mr. Flaherty stated the cost drivers may have movement.

Mr. Wedge asked if the Sped teacher were a driver. Mr. Flaherty stated he is not sure due to increased enrollment.

C. Quarterly financial report

Mr. Flaherty presented the first quarter report of FY06. He detailed the major expense categories by program.

Ms. Burkel asked why there was a Sped deficit. Mr. Flaherty stated more kids went into Sped in out of district placements. This does not reflect the money from the circuit breaker. This only shows operating funds. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the average cost for an out of district placement. Ms. Rigby stated it is \$48K per student per year.

D. Discussion on increasing the mileage reimbursement for CPS and CCRSD employees

Mr. Flaherty stated the current reimbursement for mileage is \$.32. The IRS has increased its rate to \$.47. He stated there are a lot of teachers and IT staff who travel from building to building. In the 06/07 budget, he is recommending increasing the budget by 50% to tie to the newer IRS number. Mr. Flaherty stated the town is using \$.48 as a rate.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Fitzgerald and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CSC to reimburse district employees including administration and faculty at the rate established by the IRS. The MOTION was unanimously approved

VII OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wedge stated Thoreau school is back on schedule.

VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTA. Set date for School Committee Planning Workshop in November

Dr. Finn stated on the School Committee calendar is a workshop to be held in November. Mr. Wedge stated it would be helpful. It was decided to hold the workshop on November 8 from 4-7, and hold the CSC meeting at 7 p.m.

B. October 26-28, 2005: MASC/MASS Annual Joint Conference 2005 @ Worcester Centrum Centre

This conference is tomorrow.

C. November 10, 2005: MASBO School Construction Symposium @ Lantana Conference Center, Randolph

This is included in the packet.

D. US-China Principal Shadowing Project: November 13-19 – Principals in Concord

This is included in the packet.

E. October 1 Enrollment Report

This has been updated, FYI.

Dr. Finn stated she received a call from the League of Women Voters regarding a panel being held on November 16 to discuss the vision of the town and the vision of the future.

X ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Ms. McGinn for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to adjourn the Joint School Committee meeting and move into Executive Session for the purposes of negotiation at 8:20 p.m. The MOTION was unanimously approved by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 11/22/05