

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Concord School Committee
Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Alcott School Faculty Room
Concord, MA
February 28, 2006
6:30 PM

Minutes

PRESENT:

Jerry Wedge, Chair CSC
Betsy Bilodeau
Michael Fitzgerald, Vice Chair CCSC
Jan McGinn, Vice Chair CSC
Nicole Burkel
Rebecca Shannon

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Brenda Finn, Superintendent
Diana Rigby, Asst. Superintendent
John Flaherty, Finance Director
Kelly McCausland, HR Administrator

ABSENT:

Patrick Sinnott, Chair CCSC

I CALL TO ORDER AND GREETING

The Committee reentered open session from executive session at 6:55 PM.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

On a MOTION made by Nicole Burkel and seconded by Jan McGinn for RSC, and on a MOTION made by Becky Shannon and seconded by Jan McGinn the minutes of the joint school committee meeting of January 24, 2006 were approved as amended.

III CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Fields Development group written to SC and administration. That group will present to SC at the March 28, 2006, meeting. The letter suggested looking at the placement of the new bleachers, and it was decided to try to meet with a representative of that group as soon as possible.

IV OLD BUSINESS

None

V ACTION ITEMS

On a MOTION made by Nicole Burkel and seconded by Betsy Bilodeau, CCSC voted unanimously to accept a \$500 donation to Adult and Community Education, with thanks, from Mr. and Mrs. William McAlpine of 128 Walden Street.

VI REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A short discussion of who was presenting at the public hearing and town meeting. Betsy Bilodeau mentioned that a citizen had spoken at the Board of Selectmen's meeting in Concord last night, saying that enrollment projections used by the school districts may be grossly overstated. She cited the MISER study. After some inquiries today Betsy noted that she contacted NESDEC, who does the district enrollment, and found that NESDEC has been in existence for over 60 years, is widely known for accuracy in enrollment projection, and has been within .7% of our actual enrollment in 2004. All agreed to continue gathering information to address the concern raised and get that information to the Board of Selectmen.

Brenda Finn asked all members to send any comments they may have on the preliminary MSBA report on buildings by Friday.

VII CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Lee Ann Kay asked if artificial turf will be installed at the High School. Discussions are being held but there are no current plans.

David Stephens asked if the MSBA preliminary report will be made public. While it is a preliminary report and will likely change, it is a public record. David Stephens also asked if Phil Benincasa was involved in the assessment of CPS and CCHS, given that he has been involved with MSBA assessment. He was not.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 in order to attend the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Bilodeau

APPROVED: 3/14/06