

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Concord School Committee
Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Ripley Building
Concord, MA
July 11, 2006
6:00 PM

Minutes

PRESENT:

Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Mr. Peter Fischelis
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald
Ms. Jan McGinn
Ms. Rebecca Shannon
Mr. Chad Koski
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 order by Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. McGinn at 6:00 p.m.

II READING OF THE MINUTES

Open Session

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Mr. Fischelis for CSC to approve the minutes from the Joint School Committee meeting held June 13, 2006. Changes were noted by the secretary and the MOTION was unanimously approved as amended.

It was decided to table the minutes from the June 27 meeting until the next meeting.

V REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. Field Use: Review of Town Manager's Proposal

Dr. Finn stated there were discussions in the late fall in town regarding field use. She stated there is full support from the Town Manager. The town has not developed fields in 40 years.

Deckers Davidson stated there are 2500 children who play sports in Concord. The plan calls for six new fields: three all-purpose fields, 1 baseball diamond, and 2 softball diamonds. It also calls for lights to be installed on the existing baseball field.

The funding for this plan would look like town capital budget 34%, CPA\$ 29%, youth/adult sports 37%. The timeline for the project is three years.

Mr. Wedge asked if 2 fields were going to be turf, why not make the third one turf. Mr. Davidson stated there is a cost implication to turf and soccer is better played on grass.

Mr. Fischelis asked the cost of maintaining a grass field. It can cost \$25-30K per year at a college, it should cost about \$10K to properly maintain the field.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if the fields were available to high school students. They are available for high school use until 6 p.m., then they can be used by the community.

Ms. Bilodeau asked what would be a reasonable contribution from Carlisle. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the simplest solution would be for the region to take over some of the cost and have both communities make a contribution.

Ms. Bilodeau stated she would like to entertain a counterpart in Carlisle for CPA to fund a portion that sits on regional land. She also stated we need to think about the location of a new high school building. She would love to see the fields lit as a place for teens to go.

Mr. Fischelis stated with three fields, it could become a complex for tournaments. Have bathrooms or a snack bar been considered. Mr. Davidson stated the architects have recommended both.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated the neighborhood at Brister's Hill needs to be contacted. Mr. Davidson stated the next step is the neighborhood.

Mr. Wedge asked when this project will begin. Mr. Davidson stated next summer. Mr. Wedge stated the School Committee is meeting July 24 to make a formal recommendation on where the high school will be situated.

Mr. Davidson stated the committee needs guidance on the Burke land and whether or not to turf the high school football field.

B. Summer Maintenance Projects

Dave Anderson distributed a handout detailing projects currently underway and planned for the summer at Sanborn, Peabody, Ripley, Alcott and the high school.

Mr. Fischelis stated the fields at Sanborn are in terrible shape. Is there anything we can do about them. Mr. Flaherty stated it is a struggle to maintain the field upkeep. The maintenance crew's first responsibility is to maintain the school/classrooms and the second is to maintain the fields.

The School Committee thanked David Anderson for his hard work.

C. Summer School 2006

Ms. Rigby stated there are 200 attendees at Willard. Eighty students have been bussed in from Boston. The students then attend recreation programs and camp in Concord for the afternoon. The students are very happy to be attending summer school and camp.

Mr. Fischelis asked for background information on the summer school program. Ms. Rigby stated Court Booth oversees this program separate from the Adult and Community Education. Jessica Murphy hires special education staff, there are teachers and a language arts specialist who work the program. This is the third year of the program.

Dr. Finn thanked Diana Rigby and the Concord Rec. Department for the success of the program.

VI ACTION ITEMS

A. Gift Acceptance – Bequest of Cyrus Stow

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC to accept a gift of \$1,041.06 for the benefit of the high school from the Trustees of Town Donations of the Town of Concord. The MOTION was unanimous and Mr. James Stoessel, Chair, was thanked for the donation.

D. Vote to approve permission to plan CCHS student trip to England

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC to approve a trip to England to be planned by Andrew Sapp.

More details will follow in the fall. Mr. Wedge asked that scholarship information also be provided.

The MOTION was unanimously approved.

E. Vote to approve Bid Award for Peabody Gym Floor Replacement

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to award the contract for the Peabody Gym Floor Replacement Project to American Sport Floors, Inc. of Rockland, MA in the amount of \$58,888.

Ms. Bilodeau asked if Mr. Flaherty was satisfied with this. Mr. Wedge asked if this was within the budget, there was only one bidder. Mr. Fischelis asked if reference checks were done.

The MOTION was voted and unanimously approved.

F. Vote to approve revised 2006-07 school calendar

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Mr. Wedge for CSC to approve the revised 2006-07 school calendar. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VII OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Wedge stated teachers are in the new Thoreau school. The old Alcott building has been sealed off with plastic. It will be knocked down shortly.

VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Finn stated the preliminary date for the Thoreau Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be Sunday, September 17 from 2-4:00 p.m.

Attached is a revised list of School Committee members.

There will be a meeting with Glenn Smith from Emerson Hospital regarding an evacuation site in the case of an influenza pandemic.

Attached are articles from the Mosquito.

Dr. Finn and Ms. Rigby will be attending the MASC conference next week.

IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS

David Wilson, Raymond Road, stated his daughter is attending the summer school program. This is her third year in the program. He stated this is a terrific opportunity for kids, his daughter loves it.

Tom Anser, Finance Committee, stated the Finance Committee is beginning to map out plans for the coming year. The School Committee should be hearing from the Fin Com soon.

X ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no other business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CCSC and a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau for CSC to adjourn the Joint School Committee meeting at 8:30 p.m. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 9/26/06