

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord – Carlisle School Committee  
Concord School Committee  
Ripley Building  
November 7, 2017

Present: Johanna Boynton, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Dan Conti, Chair, CCSC; CSC  
Robert Grom, Vice Chair, CCSC; CSC  
Melissa McMorrow, CCSC

Absent: Heather Bout, Chair, CSC; CCSC  
Wallace Johnston, CSC; CCSC  
Mary Storrs, CCSC

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD  
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Conti, for CCSC, and by Ms. Boynton, for CCSC, at 6:47 PM. Mr. Conti noted that the meeting was being recorded.

Mr. Conti stated that the only item on the agenda was regarding one of the last punch list items on the CC at Play project, which involves 3 sets of stairways to improve access to the fields.

Public Comments: Dean Banfield, 73 Walden Terrace, Concord, MA. Mr. Banfield stated that he felt it was a very worthwhile project, noting how time consuming the current paths were to navigate. He noted that although he is the FINCOM observer to the SC, he was not representing any other group. He stated that the stairs were not part of the original plan and he would like to hear of the financial status of CC at Play prior to the stairs being approved. He noted other items that were committed to, but have not yet been finished, including the maintenance shed, an outstanding wetlands permit and commemorative paving.

Mr. Conti stated that the stairs were included in a punch list item of CC at Play, noting that they wanted to see pedestrian traffic patterns prior to deciding where stairs should be placed. He also noted that 2 of the 3 sets of stairs are within the bounds of the campus that are covered by the lease agreement between CC at Play and the Regional District. He stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of stairs resides outside of the lease, which is why they need to take a vote. He stated that he felt it was wise to include all 3 sets of stairs in the vote so they would be all bundled together.

A motion was made by Ms. McMorrow, seconded by Ms. Boynton, to approve the acceptance of the approval of the installation of the stairs, with gratitude to CC at Play.

John Boynton, from CC at Play, stated that the idea for the stairs came from observing for roughly 2 years how athletes and fans access the facility, noting that there are 3 key places that would benefit from the installation of stairs. He noted that they didn't originally anticipate putting stairs in and also that CC at Play was not involved with the hillside where the serpentine path is from a construction standpoint. Mr. Boynton described where the 3 places for stairs would be placed 1) coming from the parking lot towards the flat of the hill down to the baseball and softball fields 2) main parking lot driveway to the natural grass field and 3) the area east of the tennis courts. He stated that all of the stairs would be made of precast concrete, would have steel rails on both sides and would be 5 feet wide.

Mr. Conti seconded Ms. McMorrow's note of gratitude to CC at Play. Mr. Boynton stated that there are also 3 additional elements that CC at Play hopes to complete, including: 1) planting 12-13 trees on the campus 2) installing 250 donor bricks/plaques and 7 granite posts with bronze plaques thanking community organizations for donations made and 3) replacing the maintenance shed. He stated that they are currently exploring ways to get the maintenance shed built,

noting that they had put out for public bid, but the bids came in way too high to afford with the current account and also were unreasonable for the work that was needed. He stated that they do have enough money on account to do everything mentioned, as well as build a \$50,000 maintenance shed.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Boynton, for CCSC, seconded by Ms. McMorrow, to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Conti, for CSC, seconded by Mr. Grom, to adjourn the meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 12/12/17

#### Abbreviations:

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|--------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| ACLU   | American Civil Liberties Union                      |
| CASE   | Cooperative Association for Special Education       |
| CSC    | Concord School Committee                            |
| CCSC   | Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee |
| CPA    | Community Preservation Act                          |
| CPC    | Community Preservation Committee                    |
| CPS    | Concord Public Schools                              |
| CCRSDD | Concord-Carlisle Regional School District           |
| CCHS   | Concord-Carlisle High School                        |
| CHPS   | The Collaborative for High Performance Schools      |
| CSEC   | Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee          |
| CPW    | Concord Public Works                                |
| CTA    | Concord Teachers Association                        |
| DESE   | Department of Elementary & Secondary Education      |
| ELA    | English Language Arts                               |
| FAAC   | Financial Audit Advisory Committee                  |
| FINCOM | Finance Committee                                   |
| FCCPF  | Friends of Concord Carlisle Playing Fields          |
| MASC   | Massachusetts Association of School Committees      |
| MIAA   | Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association  |
| NEASC  | New England Association of Schools and Colleges     |
| OPEB   | Other Post-Employment Benefits                      |
| RTI    | Response to Intervention                            |
| SEPAC  | Special Education Advisory Council                  |
| SOI    | Statement of Interest                               |
| SPED   | Special Education                                   |
| SWOT   | Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats         |
| YRBS   | Youth Risk Behavior Survey                          |