

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord – Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Ripley Building
March 1, 2019

Present: Wallace Johnston, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Robert Grom, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Mary Storrs, Vice Chair, CCSC
Courtland Booth, CSC; CCSC

Absent: Johanna Boynton, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Heather Bout, CSC; CCSC
Christine Lear, CCSC

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Jared Stanton, Director of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER

The CSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnston at 2:00 PM. He noted that the meeting was being recorded. The CCSC meeting was then called to order by Mr. Grom.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Tom Tarpey, 169 Heaths Bridge Road, Concord, MA. Mr. Tarpey stated that he was a member of the Finance Committee, but that he was speaking on his own behalf. He stated that he attended The League of Woman Voters Forum, at which several of the upcoming Town Meeting articles were discussed. He stated that the funding of the feasibility study for CMS was discussed and stated that he has a hard time buying that the cost of waiting on the middle school project for 1 year could cost up to \$22 million. He stated that he hopes people challenge this number at Town Meeting, noting that he doesn't possibly see how the SC arrived at the \$22 million number.

Ms. Storrs shared a letter that she had written for the Mosquito newspaper, stating that she would be ending her service on the Carlisle and Regional School Committees, and urging others to run. Mr. Grom thanked Ms. Storrs for her letter, noting her many years of service on both committees as well as several sub committees. Mr. Booth stated that Ms. Storrs has been a model SC member and that he hoped that they could have someone with her level of commitment join the SC. Mr. Johnston noted Ms. Storrs level of commitment, thoughtfulness and thoroughness, noting that she would be missed.

III. READING OF THE MINUTES

A. Open Session – Joint Meeting – 1/22/19. A motion was made by Ms. Storrs, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the Joint Meeting minutes from 1/22/19. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. CHAIRS & LIASIONS REPORT

Mr. Booth stated that they are virtually finished with all of the arrangements at the high school with Minuteman Media Network and the Town, noting that the Town has the management and security plans that will allow them to adopt the agreement that looks similar to the original. Dr. Hunter noted that there is a sister document outlining security that she would bring to the SC in March. Mr. Booth noted that public access generally would be denied until 2:30 PM.

Mr. Grom stated that he attended the Concord Finance Committee's public hearing on the school's articles, noting that the Finance Committee would be voicing their stance at a future meeting. He stated that the Concord Select Board voted on 3 articles and deferred others due to not all members being present. He stated that they are calling for affirmative action on: Article 11 – CPS Budget, Article 13 – School Property Fund & Article 15 – CCRSD Budget. He stated that they deferred: Article 14 – CMS Feasibility Study & Article 16 – CCHS Capital Project. Ms. Storrs stated that the Carlisle Board of Selectman would discuss the Capital Article on March 12th although it was unclear when they

would take a position. She stated that the Carlisle Finance Committee is not expected to take a position on the Capital Article until after the Concord Town Meeting.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Grom stated that he received an email from a resident suggesting a parking fee increase at CCHS. Mr. Johnston stated that he received a letter from the League of Women Voters regarding their review of the Warrant Articles. He stated that he also received an email from a citizen regarding the middle school.

V. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. CCRSD Capital Warrant Article. Dr. Hunter shared the CCRSD Capital Warrant Article presentation. She stated that the highlights of the article included: reconstructing the access road, installing lighting along the access road, repairing sidewalks and curbing and restoring parking to previous amounts. She noted that there were 135 parking spaces lost with the new school building. She shared Gale's findings from their evaluation, totaling an estimate of \$1,224,812 for reconstruction to include: new curbing, ADA curb cuts, lighting and drainage improvements.

Dr. Hunter shared history of parking at CCHS, including strategies taken to overcome the parking deficit, and the proposal of restoring 104 spaces. Ms. Storrs questioned the number of unofficial spaces and Dr. Hunter stated that they were not included in the numbers presented since they were very hard to quantify. Ms. Storrs requested more enforcement of the current parking rules and noted that there are no consequences for the students who park in spaces that are not assigned to them or illegal spots and Dr. Hunter stated that they haven't enforced this due to the labor involved, but that they are working on more accountability. Mr. Johnston noted that the slide they were reviewing should read "continued stress for families *and students*". Dr. Hunter reviewed the slide addressing the question about why students can't take the bus, including: off campus sports teams, after school jobs, caring for siblings and music lessons/performances. Dr. Hunter stated that the estimated cost of adding 104 spaces would be \$790,903, noting that it would not impede future development of a track and field on the remediated landfill site or development of an amenities building near the football stadium.

Dr. Hunter stated that the total of both projects (parking lot and paving/lighting) would be \$2,000,000, noting that based on FY20 assessment ratios and 10 year repayment schedule, estimated FY21 assessment impacts would be: \$210,600 for Concord and \$69,300 for Carlisle. Mr. Johnston noted that they've been very judicious in their approach to the parking issue. Mr. Booth noted the incentive approach in helping to address the parking issue and Dr. Hunter noted her concern for equity, but noted that there is more discussion to be had in terms of incentives that would be equitable for all students. Mr. Grom noted the idea of different sized spaces and Dr. Hunter stated that they are looking into all ideas. Ms. Storrs stated that they would need to look into enforcement since they will still not have enough spaces even after these additional spaces are added.

Public Comment: Cynthia Rainey, 80 Hunters Ridge Road, Concord, MA. Ms. Rainey stated that she was part of the parking before, during and after construction of the new school. She stated that the parking after the building project was complete was severely undersized. She questioned the revolving fund in terms of enforcement. Dr. Hunter stated that it essentially pays for the security of the people who are supervising the students on campus, noting that they would need to have conversations going forward.

Dr. Hunter suggested having one of the public sessions in Carlisle and Ms. Storrs stated that Carlisle is used to attending things at CCHS, noting that they could just all be held at the high school. The SC discussed ensuring that Concord and Carlisle residents who may not have children in the schools are made aware of the information sessions. The SC agreed to move the location of one of the sessions to Carlisle.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. First Reading – School Committee Policies

- File JHD – Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
- File JI – Student Rights and Responsibilities
- File JIB – Student Involvement in Decision Making
- File JIC – Student Discipline
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Mr. Johnston stated that they would postpone the first reading of the above policies until the next SC meeting.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to approve CCHS Field Trips. A motion was made by Ms. Storrs, seconded by Mr. Booth, to approve the out of state CCHS Field Trips to Portland, Maine and Northampton, Massachusetts, for the Ultimate Frisbee Team and Rumney, New Hampshire for the Outdoor Club; with the condition that a signed district liability insurance waiver (MIIA) is received from all participants. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to accept donations to the Andrew First Scholarship Fund. A motion was made by Ms. Storrs, seconded by Mr. Booth, to accept three donations to the Andrew First Scholarship Fund, totaling \$1,550. The motion was unanimously approved, with gratitude.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Storrs, for CCSC, seconded by Mr. Johnston for CCSC, to adjourn the CCSC meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Booth, to adjourn the CSC meeting. The motions were unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Abbreviations:

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union
CASE	Cooperative Association for Special Education
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CSC	Concord School Committee
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CMLP	Concord Municipal Light Plant
CPA	Community Preservation Act
CPC	Community Preservation Committee
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CCRSD	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCACE	Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education
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
EOYR	End of the Year
FAAC	Financial Audit Advisory Committee
FINCOM	Finance Committee
FCCPF	Friends of Concord Carlisle Playing Fields
GASB	Governmental Accounting Standards Firm
LLI	Leveled Literacy Intervention
MAAB	Massachusetts Architectural Access Board
MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MIAA	Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
NESDEC	The New England School Development Council

NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits
OPM	Owner's Project Manager
PEG	Public Education Government
RTI	Response to Intervention
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
SOI	Statement of Interest
SPED	Special Education
SWOT	Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey