

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Concord-Carlisle School Committee Concord School Committee

July 10, 2026

Present: Sandeep Pisharody, Chair CSC
Brian Waterson, Chair CCSC
Andrew Herchek
Lynette Kelleher
Drew Magliozzi
Tracey Marano
Michael Williams

Not Present: Ayesha Lawton, CCSC METCO
Michelle MacDougall, CSC METCO

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Conry, Assistant Superintendent
Justin Cameron, CMS Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Waterson called the CCSC meeting to order at 9:00 AM and Mr. Pisharody then called the CSC meeting to order. Roll call attendance was taken: Herchek, present; Kelleher, present; Magliozzi, present; Marano, present; Pisharody, present; Waterson, present; Williams, present.

Members shared words of thanks and appreciation to CMS Principal, Justin Cameron, noting the many efforts he has led over the years, his exceptional leadership, and the community he has built and fostered.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept a NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership grant for \$3,015.00 to fund professional development for a CCHS teacher related to climate science (CCHS grant)
- B. Accept donation of \$5,000 to Concord Integrated Preschool for enrichment programming from The Ruettgers Charitable Foundation (vote- CSC)
- C. Accept \$25,000 donation from CMS PTG towards Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Connector
- D. Accept \$250 donation from Middlesex Savings Bank for CCHS Bookmarked Club
- E. Warrants

Mr. Williams noted that in Item E, Warrants, warrant #1305 should have a date of 6/11/26 instead of 6/23/26. Ms. Marano made a motion to accept the consent agenda, as corrected, and Mr. Herchek seconded. The motion passed by roll call: Herchek, aye (for both); Kelleher, aye (for region); Magliozzi, aye (for both); Marano, aye (for both); Pisharody, aye (for both); Waterson, aye (for region); and Williams, aye (for both).

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Recommendation of the Selection Committee to appoint an OPM to the Amenities Building Project. Mr. Conry stated that three firms submitted proposals, and Dore + Whittier was chosen after receiving the highest evaluation from the selection committee. A motion was made by Mr. Herchek for the CCSC to accept the recommendation of the selection committee to appoint Dore + Whittier as the OPM for the Amenities Building Project, and authorize administration to negotiate a contract with said firm. Mr. Williams seconded.

Mr. Herchek noted that Vin Miller was the driving force behind the middle school project going so smoothly and being on budget and on time. Ms. Marano and Dr. Hunter noted that Mr. Miller was exceptional to work with. The motion passed by roll call: Herchek, aye; Kelleher, aye; Magliozzi, aye; Marano, aye; Pisharody, aye; Waterson, aye; and Williams, aye.

B. Approve transfer from capital to amenities (vote). Mr. Conry stated that he is requesting a transfer of \$400,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Amenities Building Project. He stated that the money was set aside for this purpose to cover the sewer connection fee and the OPM and design engineering services. He noted that they do not have the bids yet, but the approval will allow the district to move forward with the low bidder and mobilize the project team. A motion was made by Mr. Herchek for the CCSC to authorize a transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$400,000 to the Amenities Building Project account, and authorize expenditure of such funds for said project. Ms. Marano seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams questioned the \$400,000, noting that he remembered discussing holding \$350,000 aside and an additional \$155,000 to fund the feasibility study and design. Mr. Conry stated that they had anticipated the sewer connection fee at \$350,000, but the actual fee is closer to \$270,000-\$280,000. He stated the \$155,000 is separate from this and has already been funded. Ms. Marano stated that the district would retain the lower sewer rate prior to the town-wide rate increases. The motion passed by roll call: Herchek, aye; Kelleher, aye; Magliozzi, aye; Marano, aye; Pisharody, aye; Waterson, aye; and Williams, aye.

IV. ADJOURNMENT of CCSC- CSC to stay in session

Ms. Marano moved to adjourn the CCSC and Ms. Kelleher seconded. The motion passed by roll call: Herchek, aye; Kelleher, aye; Magliozzi, aye; Marano, aye; Pisharody, aye; Waterson, aye; and Williams, aye. The CCSC meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION CSC

A motion was made by Mr. Herchek, seconded by Mr. Williams, for the Concord School Committee to enter into Executive Session under Purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law: to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and not return to Open Session. The motion passed by roll call: Herchek, aye; Magliozzi, aye; Marano, aye; Pisharody, aye; and Williams, aye. The CSC meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: September 9, 2026