

JOINT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Concord-Carlisle School Committee
Concord School Committee
Ripley Building
January 16, 2020

Present: Wallace Johnston, Chair, CCSC; CSC
David Model, Vice Chair, CCSC
Heather Bout, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Yuval Erlich, CSC, CCSC
Eva Mostoufi, CCSC

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bout called the CSC meeting to order at 11:34 AM, noting that it was being recorded, and Mr. Johnston then called the CCSC meeting to order.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Creation of Transportation Subcommittee. Dr. Hunter stated that, after the discussion around the parking warrant article, she felt it made sense to put an umbrella on a Transportation Subcommittee to allow for conversations around parking and other transportation related topics and shared a draft charge for a Transportation Subcommittee. Mr. Booth questioned if this would streamline and result in real time data from the schools about current practices and problems. Ms. Bout stated that this would enable a small group to do the work and return the information to the main school committee. Mr. Erlich noted that the whole community is interested in these discussions and Dr. Hunter noted that the town is having the same conversation, and having structure in place would be helpful as that discussion continues. Mr. Booth recommended including administrators charged with parking responsibilities and those who deal with parking fees in these conversations. Mr. Johnston asked if there was a way to utilize the Sustainability Committee and Dr. Hunter stated that this group is doing a much broader sustainability look, noting that this is just a piece of what the group is discussing. Mr. Johnston recommended highlighting other sustainability efforts that are happening in the schools. Dr. Hunter agreed, noting that one of the goals of this subcommittee would be public relations. She also noted that there is a sustainability webpage linked to her superintendent page on the website that is meant to be a collection site. Ms. Rainey questioned the timeframe and Dr. Hunter stated that she left this open to discussion. Mr. Erlich stated that he felt it should be a standing committee, with ongoing discussions.

Ms. Bout encouraged communication between the proposed subcommittee and the Sustainability Committee and Dr. Hunter stated that Ms. Rainey was already appointed to the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Model suggested creating an advisory committee instead so a liaison between committees would not be necessary. Mr. Johnston stated that he felt it would be beneficial to have a standing committee that would understand the issues from year to year, noting that an advisory committee is usually tasked to one issue.

The SC discussed limited availability for participation in the proposed subcommittee. Mr. Erlich urged 3 members to commit at least until town meeting. Mr. Model stated that if the issue is a marketing campaign for the warrant article, the SC does not need to create a subcommittee to do that. Ms. Bout voiced her confusion, noting that she thought there was general consensus, after supporting the warrant article, to support work in the meantime to look at other solutions and options. Mr. Erlich stated that he would be able to remotely participate. Mr. Model stated that if this is urgent, he could use the time spent for the Policy Subcommittee for this proposed subcommittee. Mr. Johnston stated that the SC has suspended policy work in the past for situations like this. Mr. Booth stated that the SC hasn't had the opportunity to provide the community with information around the warrant article to enable them to make a decision. Ms. Bout asked Dr. Hunter if a subcommittee would help her and Dr. Hunter stated that a subcommittee would allow the deeper dive that the SC is seeking. Ms. Bout stated that if there is to be discussion, it needs separate meetings, because the

upcoming SC agendas are very full. Mr. Johnston stated that prep for town meeting has to happen immediately, suggesting a working group be created to determine what is to be done before town meeting. Dr. Hunter stated that this is actively happening, noting that she has been meeting with several groups and collecting data around parking studies.

A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Ms. Bout, to table this discussion until Tuesday's meeting. Ms. Rainey was in favor of the motion and all others were opposed.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to Create and Seat Transportation Subcommittee. A motion was made by Mr. Erlich, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Ms. Rainey, for both CSC and CCSC, to create a working group to consider the parking issues and prepare communications material to the community that will exist between now and town meeting on parking and transportation at the high school. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Bout asked for members to let her know about interest and availability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, for both CSC and CCSC, seconded by Mr. Erlich, for both CSC and CCSC, for The Concord School Committee and Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee to enter into Executive Session under Purpose 2 of the Open Meeting Law: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and Purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. The motion passed by roll call: Erlich, aye (for both); Rainey, aye (for both); Mostoufi, aye; Booth, aye (for both); Bout, aye (for both); Model, aye; Johnston, aye (for both). Mr. Johnston noted that the SC would not be returning to Open Session.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 2/25/20

Abbreviations:

- CCHS Concord-Carlisle High School
- CCRSB Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
- CCSC Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
- CCTA Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association
- CMS Concord Middle School
- CMSBC Concord Middle School Building Committee
- COLA Cost-of-Living Increase
- CPS Concord Public Schools
- CSC Concord School Committee
- DESE Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- E&D Excess and Deficiency
- ERU Energy Recovery Unit
- FINCOM Finance Committee
- FTEs Full Time Employees

MASC	Massachusetts Association of School Committees
MICCA	Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association
MMN	Minuteman Media Network
NEASC	New England Association of Schools and Colleges
NRC	Natural Resources Commission
OPM	Owner's Project Manager
PTG	Parent Teacher Group
SC	School Committee
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats