

Present: Tracey Marano, Chair, CCSC; CSC
Alexa Anderson, Chair, CSC; CCSC
Carrie Rankin, Vice Chair, CSC; CCSC
Courtland Booth, CSC; CCSC
Cynthia Rainey, CSC, CCSC
Sharon Whitt, Vice Chair, CCSC
Sara Wilson, CCSC

Absent: Domingos DaRosa, CCRSD METCO Rep
Ayesha Lawton, CPS METCO Rep

Present from Administration: Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent of Schools, CPS & CCRSD
Robert Conry, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations, CPS & CCRSD

Absent from Administration: Kristen Herbert, Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, CPS & CCRSD

I. CALL TO ORDER CSC

Ms. Anderson called the CSC meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. DISCUSSION

A. CPS FY24 Budget. Dr. Hunter shared an educational update to provide the comprehensive approach taken with the budget. She reviewed the impacts of the COVID pandemic, Strategic Planning goals 2018-2023, feedback from the Strategic Planning survey, overview of the mental health crisis, MCAS data, Special Education data including in district programs, analysis of in house versus out of district costs, circuit breaker carryover, special education fiscal spending, class sizes, student teacher ratios, CPS enrollment, CPS professional staff, CPS enrollment – NESDEC projections, per pupil spending, average teacher salary, 5 year trends, FY24 proposed budget, FY23 unfunded needs, and reductions to guideline.

To help frame the conversation, Mr. Booth noted that when the SC initially passed the budget, it was with the premise that they would revisit it to understand it in more detail. He stated that they are now taking a closer look and addressing the Finance Committee’s efforts to move closer to the sustainable growth rate. The SC discussed the major drivers of the budget: teacher contracts, utilities and special education. Ms. Marano stated that she felt this budget was a reflection of special education and keeping students in district, advocating for keeping the special education programs. The SC discussed the increasing demands of mental health and Ms. Rainey asked that the SC review the Youth Risk Behavior survey results prior to finalizing the budget.

Mr. Booth questioned how class sizes are built out to produce a single average number and Dr. Hunter stated that she would provide the data available. He also suggested taking more of a risk on the contingency line before going to student facing lines and Mr. Conry stated that the FY24 budget does not have the safety net of ESSER and ARPA funds. Regarding the configuration of the classes, Mr. Booth stated that as enrollments drop and in-house programs are built, possible consolidations would have to be looked into. Dr. Hunter stated that a lot of this work has already been done. Ms. Marano noted the unknowns with METCO enrollment and the Best Western. Ms. Rainey asked that ESSER be broken out between FY23 and FY24 on the slides and also asked that the FY23 and FY22 circuit breaker be added as well. Mr. Booth suggested discussing the possible reductions to reach guideline and Ms. Anderson stated that she would like the Finance

Committee to have a chance to look at the data provided and make a counter offer before the SC discusses the reductions further. Dr. Hunter stated that 4.7% is a level service budget, noting that she is hoping that the SC supports her budget recommendation.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CCSC

Ms. Marano called the CCSC meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Vote to Approve Nordic Ski Trip. Dr. Hunter noted that the Ski Team just qualified for this trip the previous week. A motion was made by Mr. Booth, seconded by Ms. Rankin, to approve the Nordic Ski Team trip to Vermont for February 14th as described by Dr. Hunter, subject to permission slips being signed by all student participants. The motion was approved by roll call: Anderson, aye; Booth, aye; Marano, aye; Rainey, aye; Rankin, aye; Whitt, aye; Wilson, aye.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Marano adjourned the meeting at 10:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin E. Higgins

Approved: 3.28.23

Abbreviations:

ARPA	American Rescue Plan Act
CCACE	Concord Carlisle Adult and Community Education
CCHS	Concord-Carlisle High School
CCRS	Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
CCSC	Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee
CCTA	Concord-Carlisle Teachers’ Association
CEF	Concord Education Fund
CMLP	Concord Municipal Light Plant
CMS	Concord Middle School
CMSBC	Concord Middle School Building Committee
COAR	Communities Organizing Against Racism
CPS	Concord Public Schools
CSC	Concord School Committee
CTA	Concord Teachers Association
DEIB	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging
ELA	English Language Arts
ESSER	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
FINCOM	Finance Committee
MTSS	Multi-Tiered System of Supports
PD	Professional Development
SC	School Committee
SEPAC	Special Education Parent Advisory Council
YRBS	Youth Risk Behavior Survey