

## Highlights from the CPS / Joint School Committee Meeting

Attended by Julia Reichheld

### Joint School Committee Meeting December 13, 2011

#### Welcome to Student Advisory Council (CCHS)

- Students applying to colleges via early decision are receiving decisions this week
- School is considering a Senior Internship program (pending Mr. Badalament's approval), to replace on-site learning for seniors with an internship off-site (for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter); hope is that it would alleviate senior lack of engagement; still working through how students involved in any experience of this sort would be evaluated

#### Chairs Report:

- Chairs will be filing reports for each committee to form town report
- Appreciation, once again, on behalf of school committee, administration, faculty for overwhelming support from both communities for CCHS building project

#### Correspondence:

- Adult & Community Education: Dec 1, 2011 Director's Report filed by Court Booth; revenue exceeded costs; new brochure is out; another session of driver's ed has been added – getting great reviews
- Transportation Letter written by bus driver: asking for support as school considers options for relocation of bus depot
  - Peter Fischeles articulated that, though the CCHS building project will require relocation of the Depot, it is not a foregone conclusion that the system will be privatized
  - At Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting, John Flaherty will present an overview of the possible options; at this meeting, committee will welcome citizen comments, but there will not be opportunity for discussion
  - Open Forum on Feb. 1 will provide opportunity for citizens to ask questions, offer input, engage in discussion about all options

#### Recognitions:

- CCHS Principal, Peter Badalament, acknowledged the following:
  - CCHS football team and coaching staff for Super Bowl Victory and undefeated season
  - Cast and crew of "The Lion in Winter"
  - Anthony Beck with, teacher at CCHS, who received Outstanding Educator award: nominated by former CCHS student, now at MIT

#### Reports & Issues for Discussion / Action Items

- Plan Design for Minuteman Nashoba Health Group:
  - Tony Logalbo gave brief presentation about state's new legislation in regard to health plans, which will allow town to design plan for its employees for first time. Plan is created: will mean lower premium, but possibly higher out of pocket costs. Hope is to sit at table with insurance advisory committee over next several weeks, to attempt to come to agreement. If not, Tony will go back to Finance Committee, and a regulatory process will need to be put in motion.
- CCHS Learning Commons:
  - Robin Cicchetti gave brief presentation on how students at CCHS are typically accessing information and resources. Most students no longer utilizing informational texts, but instead online tools. Robin demonstrated how databases and e-books that teachers want for particular project can be embedded on platform. This allows

- for text to speech functionality, as well as for teachers to provide immediate feedback during course of project. Robin also spoke about how this new approach will necessitate new and different models for purchasing resources.
- CPS FY13 Budget Development  
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations, shared final options / scenarios for FY13 Budget, prior to school committee vote
    - ✓ Three options:
      - FY13 Fincom Recommended Guideline Budget (\$29,424,200 and 3.3% increase)
      - FY13 Adjusted Budget (\$29,522,099 and 3.7% increase)
      - FY13 Preliminary Budget (\$29,755,538 and 4.5% increase)
    - ✓ All three options include a few reductions that have already occurred; the Fincom RG Budget and Adjusted Budget featured additional reductions that would need to occur
    - ✓ School committee **VOTE**: unanimous vote in favor of the FY13 Preliminary Budget, featuring the highest increase, but the fewest reductions in staffing and other supports
  - CCRSD FY13 Budget Development  
John Flaherty, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations, shared two final options / scenarios for FY13 Budget, prior to school committee vote
    - ✓ Two options:
      - FY13 Fincom Recommended Guideline Budget (\$23,561,065 and 1.41% increase)
      - FY13 Preliminary Budget (\$23,647,387 and 1.78% increase)
    - ✓ School committee **VOTE**: unanimous vote in favor of the FY13 Preliminary Budget
  - FY13 Warrant Articles: preliminary school related articles for review for spring 2012 town meeting
    - ✓ Article XXX CPS Renovations: to raise, transfer, or borrow funds for CPS renovations
    - ✓ Article XX FY12 Supplemental Appropriations: to transfer funds from treasury or current year to be added to Reserve Fund for purposes of meeting unforeseen expenditures from special education expenses
    - ✓ Article XXX CCRSD Technology Stabilization Fund Creation and Funding: to appropriate funds from FY12 available year end balance to Stabilization Fund in order to reserve funds to lower future tax levy impacts of operating budgets
    - ✓ School Committee **VOTE**: unanimous vote in favor of the FY13 Warrant Articles
  - Final Action Item: voted to approve CCHS Fencing Team trip to Huntington, NY in January, 2012

#### **Old Business:**

- CCHS Building Project updates:
  - ✓ Submitted project funding agreement
  - ✓ Approved remaining fees for architect
  - ✓ Delving into design development
  - ✓ Architects met with user groups
  - ✓ Sent out ad for construction manager; 12 firms expressed interest; complete applications due Dec. 14, 2011
  - ✓ Building Committee continues to meet bi-monthly; still giving great thought to how best to communicate and reach out to community

#### **Superintendent's Report:**

Next week is wonderful week in schools: concerts and celebrations!