

Carlisle School Committee
Minutes
April 29, 2019
Spalding Conference Room,
Carlisle Schools, 83 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741
6:00 PM

Present – School Committee: David Model - Chair, Josh Kablotsky, Mary Storrs, Christine Lear, Melynda Gambino.

Present – School Administration: James O’Shea, Superintendent; Susan Pray, Business Manager; Nancy Anderson, Assistant to the Superintendent.

I. Call to Order

Chairman David Model called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. Public Comment Period

Mr. Model welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no public comments.

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. Complete Streets. Ms. Gambino presented. This grant encompasses safety in the town center and improving pedestrian safety particularly in the crosswalks on Bedford Road. She noted that there were several pedestrian accidents at 142 Bedford Road this past year. The speed limit has been reduced to 25 mph. The State has provided Carlisle with money to work with an engineering firm and the top safety projects have been identified. Carlisle applied for a \$400,000 grant and received \$250,000. Money will be used to redesign of the rotary, and realign the approaches to the rotary. The \$50,000 warrant article is to supplement these projects. Mr. Kablotsky would have liked to have seen a more in-depth presentation on this project in advance of Town Meeting, and Ms. Gambino realized she has not shared a lot of details on it. Ms. Gambino discussed the timeline; the design phase of the project will take awhile, so the construction may go into next year. The next step is to select a design firm.

B. Recreational Marijuana Facilities Ban. The discussion was whether the School Committee should take a position on this warrant article. Mr. Kablotsky said the Committee should not take a position because it is not a school issue. Ms. Lear agreed. There are already setbacks (from facilities with children) in place for the marijuana facilities. Mr. Model said the only reason the Committee should take a position is if we thought the location of the Marijuana facility would be a danger to children.

IV. Action Items

These were tabled until open meeting resumed.

V. Adjourn Open Meeting

Adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) with intent to reconvene in open session for the following purposes:

Purpose 2, 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, 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.

Mr. Kablotsky moved to adjourn to Executive session for the above purposes; Ms. Storrs seconded the motion. The following votes were taken in roll call: Storrs, aye; Gambino, aye; Model, aye; Kablotsky, aye; Lear, aye. The open public meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

VI. Re-open Public Meeting; Action Items

The open meeting was reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Ascolillo of the Board Of Selectmen joined by invitation. Ms. Gambino made a motion to approve the two Memoranda of Understanding (MOAs) between the School Committee and the Carlisle Teachers' Association regarding the CTA contract; Mr. Kablotsky seconded the motion. All of the School Committee members, along with Mr. Ascolillo, voted in favor of the motion to approve the MOAs.

Ms. Lear made a motion to support Warrant Article 13, Complete Streets; Ms. Gambino seconded the motion. Ms. Storrs stated that the entire School Committee wants to keep our kids safe but she would rather not take a position on the article. Ms. Lear withdrew her motion.

There was no motion on the Recreational Marijuana Facilities Ban.

In other business, Mr. Kablotsky shared that parents are expressing concern at the cost of next year's proposed 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., which costs approximately \$1400. Mr. Model said the Committee should have requested a fund -raising plan when the trip was proposed to them last year; as an out of state trip, it should be reviewed annually by the Committee. The cost for this trip should be coming, in part at least, from the funds the 8th grade class has raised. 8th grade teacher Mickey Kilmartin is giving a presentation to parents in early May about the trip, and will present at the May CSC meeting as well. Questions from the Committee included what price Concord students pay to go on this trip, and what money remains in the current 8th grade account. Mr. O'Shea will investigate these questions and report back to the Committee. The D.C. trip has to be accessible to every student and there is scholarship money available to students who can't pay for it.

Mr. Kablotsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Storrs seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Anderson".

Nancy Anderson
Assistant to the Superintendent