

Carlisle School Committee

Minutes

Monday, July 29, 2019

Carlisle School Community Room, Carlisle Schools, 83 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741
6:00 PM

Present – School Committee: Christine Lear - Chair, David Model, Sara Wilson, Eva Mostoufi.
Present – School Administration: James O’Shea, Superintendent.

Meeting Documents:

Draft Minutes from 6/12/19	DESE Goal Setting Document	CSC Goals from 2018-2019
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I. Call to Order

Chair Christine Lear called the meeting to order at 6.20 pm.

II. Public Comment Period

Ms. Lear welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any members of the public had comments.

Ms. Cynthia Sorn, Rutland Street, mentioned that the Carlisle Board of Health would like to be informed whenever an environmental issue arises at the Carlisle Schools. She referred to the oil leak from the old elevator.

III. Review/Approve Minutes

Mr. Model made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2019; Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. No discussion; the vote was 4-0 in favor.

IV. Information/Discussion Items

- A. School Committee Restructuring. It was agreed that Superintendent O’Shea would discuss the issue with the faculty when they return from Summer break, and that a multi-stakeholder committee be formed to explore the issue. No timetable was set.
- B. Municipal Facility Committee Representation. The Committee was not clear on whether the CSC rep would be a full, voting member or an observer. Chairman Lear said she would clarify with the MFC Chair Jerry Lerman.
- C. Reflection Activity. Mr. O’Shea facilitated this exercise by prompting SC members to review the past academic season in terms of what went well, what each member was most proud of, what surprised the member, and where improvements could have been made.

Mr. Model started by mentioning three challenges—the lengthy negotiation for the Teachers’ contract; the difficult discussions around Middle School restructuring; and the tragic accident that killed a young member of the community. He said he was most proud of the fact that the Committee remained unified throughout the year, focused on its objectives, and maintained personal friendships. He was surprised by the reaction received from parents on the restructuring discussion, although he understood the reasons as a mix of uncertainty and not wanting to fix what isn’t broken. Mr. Model said the Committee could have done a better job in honing its message.

Ms. Wilson has only served a few weeks; she did mention the CA contract as a significant issue and agreed communications should be improved.

Ms. Mostoufi, also newly elected, appreciated the Committee’s insightful questions and the way it conducts meetings so that no member feels left out of the discussion. She was surprised at the wide variety of issues and the volume of information that the Committee tackles. Ms. Mostoufi said she thought more information about the Region and the Concord K-8 Schools should be discussed at the CSC Meetings.

Ms. Lear appreciated the response and support of the community to the issues, such as the solar project, the Middle School restructuring, and the plans for a Community Center. The lengthy CTA negotiation did surprise her. Ms. Lear said she would like to see the Committee do a better job of policy reviews and celebrate the work of the students more frequently. The practice of having students present at the start of each meeting was discussed.

Mr. O’Shea said that he appreciated that the CSC and the Administration worked together to do what is best for the students, and the Committee’s support of the Administration. He said that relationships were always professional. Mr. O’Shea also supported better work on policies and more celebration of the work of the students.

D. Overview of District Visioning for 2019-2020. Mr. O’Shea presented the District’s plans to envision “what school could be”. The School will hold a team reading of a book by Ted Dintersmith called What School Could Be: Insights and Inspiration from Teachers Across America. He articulated the vision for multi-tiered support- Tier 1 as Elementary School focused, Tier 2 as Middle School focused, and of course Tier 3 (SPED) across all grades.

E. School Committee Goal Setting.

The Committee discussed its goals as summarized on the table below. SPED, innovation, communication and the budget were cited by more than one member. The Committee agreed to refine the goals with more specific metrics and actions for the upcoming school year.

<u>Lear</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>Mostoufi</u>	<u>O'Shea</u>
Innovation	Examination of SPED	“Big Picture” look at vision	SPED, ensure success of the new DSS	What skills do students have once they leave CPS?
Policies and Process	Budget	Budget	Communication	Engage School and broader community in communication
		Leading educational innovation		Multi-tiered approach to student support

V. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. O’Shea noted the arrival of Lori Bruce as Director of Student Services, and updated the Committee on the elevator replacement and attendant oil leak (see Public Comments above).

VI. Members’/Committee Reports as Needed

No reports cited.

VII. Warrants

- A. Payroll Warrant #8919; \$268,846.27
- B. Payroll Warrant #9019; \$239,967.61
- C. Accounts Payable Warrant #8819; \$295,742.87
- D. Accounts Payable Warrant #9319; \$50,299.49
- E. Accounts Payable Warrant #0420; \$35,838.17
- F. Accounts Payable Warrant #0720; \$119,048.50

VIII. Action Items

- A. Vote approval of Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Wilson nominated Ms. Lear and Mr. Model as Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Ms. Mostoufi seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

XI. Citizens’ Comments

None.

X. Adjourn Meeting to Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section

21(a) with no intent to return to open session for the following purpose(s):

Purpose 7, To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements. Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 30, Section 21 A, consideration of release of executive session minutes from previous meetings.

Mr. Model made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Model, aye; Lear, aye; Wilson, aye; Mostoufi, aye.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9.15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Model, Vice Chair