1. **Proposal for Advanced Placement Environmental Science course for fall 2012**

High School Science Department Facilitator Lise Bofinger and special educator Catherine Kilday presented the high school’s proposal to offer Advanced Placement Environmental Science beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Two years ago, one student took AP Environmental Science with Ms. Bofinger and high school science teacher Jane Voth as an independent study. Last year, six students completed the independent study with the two teachers. This year, 13 students are meeting with Ms. Kilday and Ms. Bofinger before school one morning per week, with lab work on Saturday or Sunday. The teachers are offering this independent study on their own time and are not paid.

Ms. Bofinger and Ms. Kilday reviewed the course description and described the process for gaining approval as instructors through the AP program.

The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Board approval of the offering of *Advanced Placement Environmental Science* beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

2. **Proposal for new classes: CPR II and Advanced Self-Defense classes beginning in the 2012-2013 school year**

High School Physical Education teachers Kelly Noel, Eric Brown and Hayden Daly described revisions to the physical education course offerings at the high school over the last few years. The department has been adjusting its course offerings, trying to appeal to a wide range of learners, and offer classes that provide students with experiences and skills that connect with life-long physical health. The new courses proposed would extend two strands that have been developed over the last few years.
Mr. Daly offers 5 or 6 sections per year of a basic self-defense class. He recently received training that would allow him to offer an advanced self-defense course.

Students Kaitlyn Kelleher and Katelyn Kennard described their positive experiences in the basic self-defense class at Concord High, and advocated for the new advanced course for next year as a way to build on the skills they have acquired.

Physical Education teacher Leslie Barry provided a description for a proposed course in CPR II. The high school currently offers the CPR I course using Red Cross curriculum. Approximately 85% of the students taking this class get their Red Cross certification. CPR II will also use the Red Cross curriculum and will provide an opportunity for students to renew their two-year certification. In addition to the CPR training, students will also study wilderness first aid and sports safety. Students Joseph Alexander and Lauren Benda testified about their positive personal experiences in the CPR class and the potential benefits of the proposed course.

The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Board approval of the offering of CPR II and Advanced Self Defense subject to budget considerations and sufficient enrollment beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

3. Introduction of a possible Fire Science program through the Concord Regional Technical Center

Regional Technical Center Director Steve Rothenberg described efforts that have been underway to develop a new program in Fire Science through the Concord Regional Technical Center. Mr. Rothenberg is working closely with leaders from the Concord Fire Department and the Fire Academy, who are interested in partnering with the CRTC in developing a two-year program, to be housed at the Fire Academy. The first year of the program would focus on Fire Fighter I competencies, with a second-year focus on a course of study that would lead to certification as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Mr. Rothenberg has met with the CRTC Advisory Board and superintendents from our sending school districts; the response to a Fire Science program was very positive. If the Committee is in favor of proceeding with planning, Mr. Rothenberg would convene a task force for several months to help finalize the program proposal.

Mr. Rothenberg anticipates that a new program would aim for proportional representation from students from all districts, including Concord. The program could be funded through a Perkins grant for the first three years. Books, equipment and transportation to the training site would be required. Mr. Rothenberg would like to further develop his proposal and bring it back to the Instructional Committee for consideration. The course would also have to be approved by the NH Department of Education.

The Committee voted 4-0 to approve the recommendation to further develop a proposal to offer a Fire Science program through the Concord Regional Technical Center.
4. School Calendar for 2012-2013 school year
Superintendent Chris Rath presented the results of several surveys regarding the
calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. This fall, Dr. Rath asked parents, staff,
administrators and also leaders from the Concord Regional Technical Center to weigh
in about the school calendar. Surveys asked parents and staff their preferences about
the starting date of school, the timing of the winter and spring vacation weeks, and the
possibility of a year-round schedule.

The questions about school vacations elicited mixed results, with no clear consensus
regarding vacation scheduling or the school start date. Dr. Rath proposed a calendar
for 2012-2013 that would be similar to the calendar for the 2011-2012 school year.

The Committee discussed concerns about the use of school buildings on Election Day
when school is in session, and felt that the district should be able to offer its school
buildings as polling places for the major election in 2012. The Committee discussed
closing school on Election Day, November 6, and remaining open instead on
Columbus Day, October 8.

    The Committee voted 4-0 to recommend to the full Board approval of the
calendar presented by the administration with one change: School will not be
in session on Election Day (November 6, 2012) and will be in session on
Columbus Day (October 8, 2012).

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Williams, Chair
Donna Palley, Recorder