Concord School District  
Board of Education  
Committee Minutes  
FY 2010-2011 Budget Work Session

School Board Committee: Joint Finance/Instructional Committee  
Date: February 8, 2010  
Finance Committee Members Present: Clint Cogswell, Chair, Kevin Fleming, Bill Glahn  
Instructional Committee Members Present: Eric Williams, Chair, Chris Casko, Clint Cogswell, Jennifer Patterson  
Other Board Members Present: Kass Ardinger, Jack Dunn  
Administrators: Chris Rath, Rob Prohl, Michele Croteau, Larry Prince, Matt Cashman  
Others Present: Matt Ballou, Mark Denoncourt, Linda Stuart

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Chair Clint Cogswell called the meeting to order announcing that the Finance Committee and Instructional Committee were holding a joint meeting as the subject to be discussed, District technology, was of interest to both committees. Mr. Cogswell welcomed District staff members who would be giving the evening’s presentations and asked them, Board members and administrators to introduce themselves for those in the viewing audience.

Finance Committee Chair Cogswell turned the meeting over to Superintendent Chris Rath who introduced District Math Specialist Linda Stuart for a presentation on the use of SmartBoard technology in the classrooms.

Ms. Stuart opened her presentation by explaining aspects of the Smart Board Technology, then distributed “clickers” to the Board and administrators so they could experience one way in which students interact with the SmartBoards. During the presentation, Ms. Stuart demonstrated how teachers use the SmartBoards for student instruction and evaluation, and how students answer questions and receive instant secret feedback. Because the “clickers” are expensive, classes share them. SmartBoards are interactive and can be easily utilized on their own. Ms. Stuart explained that the SmartBoard technology is being expanded from its original use in Everyday Math to include all subjects. Most of the SmartBoards have been purchased through ARRA funds and to date three schools, Broken Ground, Kimball and Walker, have SmartBoards for each class.

The next presentation was from Technology Director Matt Ballou on the proposed 2010-2011 technology budget and District technology. Mr. Ballou provided handouts for the Board and discussed the needed upgrade in Rundlett Middle School’s infrastructure and the need for more remote access in the District. It was noted that the Technology Department now has an
automated inventory of all equipment. This inventory has enabled the start of a replacement schedule for aging equipment, which has been included in the proposed 2010-2011 technology budget. A discussion ensued on future technological needs for the District and increased student access.

Elementary Media Coordinator and Assistant Principal Mark Denoncour presented the proposed new library management system, Resource Management Software, a significant upgrade from the current DOS-based system, Spectrum Winnebago. Mr. Denoncour explained that the current text-based system is limited, and that the proposed system is a web-based system with many areas of resources for students and teachers. The Resource Management Software is also compatible with the District’s current student software, PowerSchool.

Mr. Cogswell thanked Linda Stuart, Matt Ballou and Mark Denoncour for their informative presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clint Cogswell, Chair
Michele M. Croteau, Recorder

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