Concord School District  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
FY 2009-2010 Budget Work Session

School Board Committee: Finance Committee  
Date: March 2, 2009

Committee Members Present: Laura Bonk, Chair, Chris Casko, Clint Cogswell, Jack Dunn

Other Board Members Present: Kass Ardinger, Megan DeVorsey, Kevin Fleming, Jennifer Patterson, Eric Williams

Administrators: Chris Rath, Rob Prohl, Michele Croteau, Matt Cashman, Larry Prince

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm.

Laura Bonk opened the Budget Work Session reviewing the schedule for the upcoming public hearings then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Chris Rath to discuss what funds may be allocated to the District from the Federal Stimulus Package.

Superintendent Rath stated that there, as yet, have been no details given as to the funding allotment, but suspects that part of it will be towards the Title I grant for reading and the special education grant, IDEA. She went on to explain that these grants have very strict rules as to how the funds are dispersed. Assistant Superintendent Rob Prohl added that the funds received from the federal grants cannot supplant existing District funds. Superintendent Rath then addressed the Stabilization Fund which the State may use to offset the decrease in state funding to the District. Dr. Rath said that this section of the Stimulus Package is the most difficult to predict.

A discussion ensued on the possible applications and uses of the projected Federal Stimulus Package funds to help decrease the 2009/2010 Budget.

Superintendent Rath reviewed the new staffing proposals for Concord High School which were not available until the 2009/2010 high school course registration was complete. Due to the fact that there are ninety (90) fewer students for the next school year and the selection of courses, a teacher reduction of 4.15 FTE will be necessary to keep class sizes at a manageable number.

Superintendent Rath reported that the new Cosmetology Course has had fifty (50) students register which includes tuition students. It was stated that this number of registrations justifies the position and course, however, the Cosmetology Course budget has not been fully budgeted to date.
Next on the agenda was a discussion on the 2.6 FTE reduction in the RMS world language staff which was caused by a decrease in student registrations for Spanish and Latin.

Superintendent Rath went on to the Reading Recovery program which is funded by Title I. The teachers in this program must go through a training in order to participate in the program. These training funds have previously been funded by the State and now have been eliminated from the State’s new budget.

Laura Bonk confirmed the agenda for the Public Hearings with the administrators that Michele Croteau would give a presentation on the budget and then time for public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bonk, Chair
Michele M. Croteau, Recorder

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