Concord School District Committee Minutes

**School Board Committee:** Joint City Council School Board

**Date:** June 20, 2008

**Committee Members Present:** Chris Casko (Chair), Kass Ardinger, Martin Honigberg

**City Committee Members Present:** City Councilors J. Allen Bennett, Keith Nyhan, Dan St. Hilaire, Mayor Jim Bouley, City Manager Tom Aspell, City Engineer Ed Roberge

**Others:** School Board President Elizabeth Hoadley, Superintendent of Schools Chris Rath, Director of Facilities & Planning Matt Cashman

1. **Update on Dewey Roundabout**
   City Engineer Ed Roberge gave an update on plans for completing the roundabout at the corner of Liberty, Center and Auburn Streets. The city plans to begin construction after the bike race in mid August. The city is aware of the challenges of children walking to school and high school students driving into the area once school begins on August 26. It was estimated to be a five week project.

2. **Update on Elementary Facilities Plan**
   Chris Rath and Matt Cashman updated the Committee on the formation of the Task Force on Costs and the selection process for an architect consultant to work with the Task Force on Costs. Chris Rath also updated the group on the reorganization of elementary administrators, the elimination of two principal positions and two district staff positions and the addition of three assistant principals. Each of the assistant principals will also have district responsibilities. Council members expressed appreciation for the update.

3. **Fuel Conservation Measures**
   The city and school district exchanged ideas for fuel conservation. The city is considering offering a four day week to city employees, pending negotiations with the labor groups. The City Manager has directed all departments to decrease fuel consumption by 5% or cover the fuel costs within their existing budgets.

   The school district has developed an extensive list of potential fuel conservation measures that include a four day week, larger walk zones in good weather; streamlined field trips and/or athletic trips.
Mayor Bouley informed the group about the formation of a new Energy and Environment Committee and invited school district participation. Matt Cashman will represent the district.

Chris Casko, Chair
Chris Rath, Recorder