

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Official Report)

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Called for 4:30 p.m. in the Sullivan Chamber, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue.

Members Present: Mr. Fantini, Mr. Grassi, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan, Ms. Tauber, Mayor Simmons
Absent: Mr. Schuster

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

A quorum of the School Committee being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. and welcomed Superintendent Young to his first School Committee meeting.

Presentation of the Records of Previous Meetings:

Ms. Tauber requested and received unanimous consent to amend the Minutes of June 16, 2009 to be recorded as ABSENT on the vote taken on item #09-387. On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Nolan, it was voted to accept the Minutes of the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting – June 16, 2009, as amended
- Special Informal Meeting – June 9, 2009
- Special Informal Meeting – May 26, 2009

Public Comment

There being no one signed up, on a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. McGovern, it was voted to close public comment.

Reports and/or Comments from Student School Committee Members: None

Reconsideration of Votes Taken at Previous Meeting: None

Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings

A. Calendar

Mr. Fantini moved, seconded by Mr. McGovern, for adoption of items #09-231, #09-253, #09-258, #09-261, #09-267, #09-268, #09-269, #09-272, #09-286, #09-329, #09-335, #09-348, #09-373.

Mr. McGovern removed #09-258. Ms. Nolan removed #09-269 and #09-286. Ms. Tauber removed #09-335 and #09-348. Mr. Grassi removed #09-272. Mr. Fantini removed #09-268 and #09-373. On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Nolan, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt and/or refer to a second reading, the remaining items (with the exception of #09-255, #09-256, #09-257, and #09-285 which will remain on the Calendar):

#09-231, Approval of Revisions to the Physical Education Policy: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Physical Education Policy as detailed in the document (first reading).

#09-253, Approval of Revisions to the School Year/School Calendar and the School Year Policies: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the School Year/School Calendar and the School Year Policies as detailed in the document (first reading).

#09-261, Report of the May 20, 2009 Data Sub-Committee Meeting:

Called for the purpose of discussing variations on the Student Data Report and to take up any and all business that may properly come before the Committee.

Members Present: Mr. McGovern, Ms. Nolan

Mr. McGovern in the Chair

Also Present: Interim Superintendent Carolyn Turk, Executive Director of Student Achievement & Curriculum Maryann MacDonald, Director of Student Achievement & Curriculum Barbara Van Sickle

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Discussion took place around:

- Information in "Data Report Proposal"
- Headings for reports
- Information in the Student Data Report
- Executive Summary of the Benchmarks by school
- Cohort analysis
- Reformatting Benchmarks document instead of creating a new document
- What is the most important information we want to share with people
- By what do we rank schools
- Use "advanced" and "proficient", not CPI
- Include longitudinal data (Ms. Nolan will fax demographic information to Ms. MacDonald)
- Administration will prepare a draft report using '08 data
- Look at reporting in Newton
- RSTA and HSEP presentations will follow draft template

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, the meeting was adjourned (2:20 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

#09-267, Approval of the Uniform Grievance Procedures Policy, removed from the Calendar and referred to a second reading: that the School Committee approve the Uniform Grievance Procedures Policy as detailed in the document (first reading).

#09-329, Approval of Revisions to the Exclusion Policy, removed from the Calendar and adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Exclusion Policy as detailed in the document (second reading).

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

The Chair returned to the items that were removed from the Calendar.

Mr. McGovern asked when the report on the co-teaching model at the Haggerty School will be ready. The Superintendent said that the Haggerty School Principal will report out at the second School Committee meeting in September. On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Nolan, it was voted

to adopt **#09-258**, Joint motion by Mr. McGovern and Ms. Tauber that the School Committee requests a report on the co-teaching pilot program at the Haggerty School including, but not limited to, how the program was implemented, how implementation decisions were made and communicated to the community, how the program has worked for students, teachers and families, and future plans for the program including possible expansion.

Mr. Fantini raised a question on whether companies providing services can do so in schools. He also asked the Superintendent to review Title I formulas. Ms. Nolan asked that the policy be amended to delete the number of elementary schools, thereby making the policy more generic. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Ms. Tauber, it was voted to refer to a second reading, as amended, **#09-268, Approval of Revisions to the Programs for Disadvantaged Students Policy**: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Programs for Disadvantaged Students Policy as detailed in the document (first reading). Mr. Grassi requested and received unanimous consent to be recorded as not voting and not present during discussion.

On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. McGovern, it was voted to refer to Legal Counsel and the City Clerk **#09-269, Approval of Revisions to the School Committee Member Oath of Office Policy**: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the School Committee Member Oath of Office Policy as detailed in the document (second reading).

Mr. Grassi raised a question on the discrepancy between policy and practice, and asked that certain policies be introduced at the beginning of the school year so that Administrators understand what it is and what their responsibility is. On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Mr. McGovern, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-272, Approval of Revisions to the Cambridge Public Schools Non-Discrimination Policy and Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment Policy**: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Cambridge Public Schools Non-Discrimination Policy and Prohibition Against Sexual Harassment Policy as detailed in the document (second reading): Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Ms. Nolan asked that the policy on shared school buildings be clarified. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. McGovern, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-286, Approval of Revisions to the School Building Administration Policy**, removed from Calendar and adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the School Building Administration Policy, as detailed in the document (second reading): Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

#09-335, Approval of Revisions to the Student Fund-Raising Activities Policy and the Public Solicitations in the Schools Policy, removed from the Calendar and adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Student Fund-Raising Activities Policy and the Public Solicitations in the Schools Policy as detailed in the documents (second reading).

#09-348, Approval of Revisions to the School Day Policy, removed from the Calendar and adopted as follows: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the School Day Policy as detailed in the document (second reading).

#09-373, Approval of Revisions to the Evaluation of Instructional Programs Policy and the District Program Assessments Integrated Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan Policy, removed from the Calendar and referred to the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Sub-Committee: that the School Committee approve the revisions to the Evaluation of Instructional Programs Policy and the District Program Assessments Integrated Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan Policy as detailed in the documents (second reading).

B. Tabled Matters

C. Awaiting Report

Ms. Tauber requested an update on report **#C09-040**. Ms. MacDonald was heard and gave a brief update. On a motion by Ms. Tauber, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted to remove from Awaiting Report and place on file: **#C09-040, Motion by Ms. Tauber** that, given all the work done over the past couple of years by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle Schools, the Middle School Task Force, the Middle School Leadership Network, Middle School staff, administration and the reorganization of the Curriculum Coordinators, the School Committee requests a report by March 3, 2009 providing updates and improvements and the process of evaluation in the areas highlighted in the 5 Guiding Principles, which includes curriculum, research-based instructional practices, professional development, high school transitions, school climate, family involvement, community partnerships and enrichment and after-school programming.

New Business

A. Presentations

B. Action Items

Mr. McGovern moved, seconded by Ms. Nolan, for adoption of #09-389 through #09-407. Ms. Nolan removed #09-396, #09-399, #09-400, #09-403, #09-405. Mr. McGovern removed #09-390 and #09-406. Mr. Fantini removed #09-391 through #09-393. On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fantini, on the following roll call, the remaining items were adopted:

#09-389, Approval of Response to Level III CTA Grievance C2-08-09: that the School Committee ratify and affirm its vote taken in Executive Session on June 2, 2009 approving the Superintendent's recommendation relative to the response to the Level III grievance in accordance with WR09-267(CN-E).

#09-394, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for support services under the Community Partnerships for Children Grant FY09: Program and Practitioner Supports, funds to be provided from the State of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care budget:

1. Child Care Resource Center (CCRC), 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$58,334.00.

#09-395, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for support services under the Community Partnerships for Children Grant FY10: Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant, funds to be provided from the State of Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Budget:

1. CCRC, 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$150,575.00

#09-397, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for groceries for Food Service, funds to be provided from the Food Service revolving fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. Costa Fruit & Produce, PO Box 290574, Boston, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$460,904.04.

#09-398, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for transportation for students placed at Schools for Children, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. Schools for Children, Inc., 20 Academy Street, Arlington, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$244,344.00.

#09-401, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for rental of school bus yard, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget:

1. Canal Realty Trust, 303 Binney St., Cambridge, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$30,609.00. This contract has two option years: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$33,669.00 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$37,035.00.

#09-402, Contract Award: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for school bus repairs and maintenance, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. DATTCO, Inc., 86 York Ave., Randolph, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$99,000.00.

#09-404, Grant Award: that the School Committee accept and approve the Grant Award in the amount and for the period indicated:

1. Food Service Program, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$1,200,000.00, project/grant SC00402.

Description: Revenue generated from school breakfast and lunch programs, including Federal and State reimbursements, and receipts from paid meals. The revolving fund was initially set up to reflect 90% of the revenues received in the prior year.

#09-407, Report of the July 20, 2009 meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Office of the School Committee:

Called for the purpose of discussing the office of the School Committee and any and all business that may properly come before the committee.

Members Present: Mr. Grassi, Chair; Ms. Nolan

Mr. Grassi in the Chair.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Discussion took place around the agenda for the July 27th meeting:

- Enhance operations
- Formalize conversations
- Expectations
- Look at the City side
- This is not an evaluation
- Do we need to update job description
- Communication
- Committee reports
- Research
- Office hours
- Parliamentary procedure
- Professional development
- Technology
- Personnel

- Procedures
- Space

The Chair asked the secretary to forward Members copies of the job descriptions for the Executive Secretary, the Confidential Secretary and the office clerk. Mr. Grassi also asked that a history of the compensation to the Executive Secretary for sub-committee meetings be available for the July 27th meeting.

Adjourned 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Berry
Confidential Secretary

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT,
Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Non-Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted to divide the motion to separate the Academic School and School Committee Calendar, SY 2009-2010 from the Academic School and School Committee Calendar SY 2010-2011: Mr. McGovern asked that the vote on the 2010-2011 Calendar not be taken pending discussions on adding a Muslim holiday. Discussion took place around the dates of the 2009-2010 School Committee's September meetings. Dr. Turk and Ms. Bradshaw were heard. On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Ms. Nolan, it was voted to adopt **#09-390**, Academic School and School Committee Calendar, SY 2009-2010: that the School Committee approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the Academic School and School Committee Meeting Calendar for SY 2009-2010. Mr. McGovern placed on the Calendar **#09-390**, Academic and School Committee Calendar for SY 2010-2011.

On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Nolan, it was voted to bring forward together **#09-391**, Approval of Cambridge Food Service Employee Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012; **#09-392**, Approval of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1611, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012; and **#09-393**, Approval of Cambridge Professional Safety Specialists Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012. Mr. Fantini asked how the settlements worked out. Mr. Maloney was heard. On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Mr. McGovern, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-391, Approval of Cambridge Food Service Employee Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012**: that the School Committee approve the agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Food Service Employee Association for a collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012;

#09-392, Approval of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Council 93, Local 1611, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012: that the School Committee approve the agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFLCIO, Council 93, Local 1611 for a collective bargaining agreement for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012; and

#09-393, Approval of Cambridge Professional Safety Specialists Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012: that the School Committee approve the agreement between the Cambridge School Committee and the Cambridge Professional Safety Specialists Association for a collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012: Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Ms. Nolan asked Administration to insure that dairy products do not have growth hormones. Mr. Maloney was heard. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. McGovern, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-396, Contract Award**: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for dairy products for Food Service, funds to be provided from the Food Service revolving fund budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. Garelick Farms, 626 Lynnway, Lynn, for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Ms. Nolan raised a question on funding for Montessori and whether the program is on schedule. Mr. Maloney was heard and will send a report to Members. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Grassi, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-399, Contract Award**: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for instructional supplies and classroom materials for the Montessori Program at the Tobin School, funds to be provided from the General Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. The Juliana Group, Inc., 1610 Staley Avenue, Savannah, GA, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$38,885.16.

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Ms. Nolan raised a question on whether this contract is in line with our environmental purchasing policy. Mr. Maloney was heard. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Mr. Fantini, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-400, Contract Award**: that the School Committee award a contract to the following vendor for paper products for Food Service, funds to be provided from the Food Service Revolving Fund Budget, Chapter 30B of the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having been complied with:

1. Mansfield Paper Company, 380 Union Street, W. Springfield, for the period August 15, 2009 to August 14, 2010, in the amount of \$49,366.48.

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

Ms. Nolan asked that an evaluation report be received on the Summer Literacy Camp and other summer programs, and to insure that this \$30,000 is the most effective way to reach the 20 rising 8th and 9th graders. On a motion by Ms. Nolan, seconded by Ms. Tauber, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-403, Consultant Agreement**: that the School Committee approve the Consultant Agreement with the company or individual on the list, in the amount set forth, funds to be provided as shown:

1. Cambridge Housing Authority, Cambridge, in the amount of \$30,000.00, account 53101, fund 15000, org. 869415, prog. 415.

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi YEA, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons YEA.

#09-405, Grant Awards. Ms. Nolan asked that the 18% reduction in Title I Distribution be evenly shared among Title I schools. Dr. Turk was heard.

Mr. McGovern in the Chair.

Ms. Nolan raised a question on what the additional costs are for the Extended Learning Time Grant. Dr. Turk was heard. Ms. Nolan raised a question on whether the ARRA National School Lunch Equipment Assistance is energy-efficient and will help us to meet our energy goals. Dr. Turk was heard and will get back to Members with a response. Ms. Nolan raised a question on whether the Special Education PAC had any input into the use of the ARRA IDEA and ARRA Early Childhood Special Education funds. Dr. Turk was heard and will get back to Members with a response. On a motion by Ms. Tauber, seconded by Ms. Nolan, on the following roll call, it was voted to adopt **#09-405, Grant Awards**: that the School Committee accept and approve the Grant Awards in the amounts and for the periods indicated:

1. Title I Distribution, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$1,651,186.00, project/grant SC10604.
Description: In the 8 school-wide Title I schools, these funds will provide academic, instructional, and support services for all students, professional development activities for staff, support for parent involvement activities, as well as supplies and materials. Grant funds also support eligible Cambridge students attending private schools. (Note: allocation amount includes Castle School allocation.)
CPS Target Population: Students in Title I schools and students eligible for Title I services in non-Title I schools.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: At 8 school-wide Title I schools, the program will raise the literacy and math achievement of all students to enable them to meet State standards in ELA and math.
2. SPED 94-142 Allocation, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$2,480,287.00, project/grant SC10605.
Description: The purpose of this Federal Entitlement Grant Program is to provide funds to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free and appropriate public education that includes special education and related services designated to meet their individual needs. (Note: Amount requested is less than allocation as the membership fee of \$3,000.00 to Mass. Urban Project is paid directly by DOE.)
CPS Target Population: Approximately 1,100 students with Individual Education Plans.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Program will ensure provision of comprehensive, high quality educational services for all students with disabilities.
3. Occ. Ed. Vocational Skills, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$91,361.00, project/grant SC10606.
Description: Perkins Funds will be used to provide direct Career & Technical Educational instruction and supportive services to CRLS students who are enrolled both in Chapter 74 approved programs and non-Chapter 74 programs at RSTA, to purchase necessary industry specific technology and equipment, and to provide professional development for RSTA staff.
CPS Target Population: Approximately 800 students in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in Chapter 74 and non-Chapter 74 programs.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Students successfully complete RSTA programs and attain competency certificate.
4. SPED Childhood Allocation, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$55,929.00, project/grant SC10607.
Description: The SPED Early Childhood Allocation grant funds paraprofessional services in inclusionary classrooms, plus contracted specialist services and instructional materials. This award is for the full amount of the entitlement.
CPS Target Population: Special Education students in pre-school classrooms.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: The Office of Special Education will provide paraprofessional support to Office of Special Education students as outlined in the students' IEPs.

5. Drug Free Schools, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$36,810.00, project/grant SC10611.
Description: These funds will continue to support programs that prevent violence and the illegal use of tobacco and drugs in and around school through peer mediation training, Responsive Classroom and Developmental Design training, violence prevention education activities, and instructional materials. Services proportionate to enrollment are provided to participating private schools in the district.
CPS Target Population: All CPS students.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Program will continue to reduce risk behaviors by significant amounts as measured in the 2008 High School Survey and the 2009 Middle School Survey.
6. Kindergarten Enhancement, for the period July 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$286,364.00, project/grant SC10663.
Description: This grant provides professional development and support for kindergarten teachers in the areas of healthy psychological development, effective transition, and inclusion. Direct classroom curriculum support and guidance is provided by two staff developers and workshops/trainings target specific topics and areas of need. An early childhood positive behavior consultant will work with K teachers at three sites. The grant also supports the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation process.
CPS Target Population: All kindergarten classrooms as well as any classroom that may include kindergarten children (such as SPED, ELL).
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Improved environments in kindergarten classrooms and greater continuity of curriculum across pre-school through grade 2, resulting in improved educational outcomes for kindergarten students and improved transitions to the first grade.
7. Teacher Quality, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$456,790.00, project/grant SC10731.
Description: This grant program is to increase student achievement through a comprehensive district initiative that focuses on the preparation, training, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified educators, to help meet NCLB goals. Funds provide for 3 FTE district-wide coaches (2 in math; 1 in ELA) and the lead teacher for Professional Development. Participating private schools are served in proportion to their enrollment.
CPS Target Population: The literacy coach will provide professional development for all teachers of grades 3-5; the 2 math coaches serve all teachers of grades K-8. The lead teacher for PD serves all teachers in the district.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Teachers will continuously improve instruction, deepen their content knowledge, and become able to implement more comprehensively the ELA and math curricula.
8. LEP Support, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$89,178.00, project/grant SC10737.
Description: This grant will provide funds to improve the educational performance of Limited English Proficient students in K-12 by assisting these students to learn English and to meet State academic content standards. It will also provide support for training for mainstream teachers in the 4 required categories of training to support mainstreamed ELL students.
CPS Target Population: All of the approximately 400 Limited English Proficient students enrolled in the district.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: In Sheltered English Immersion classes both during the school year and the summer, students will receive intensive instruction which will accelerate their English Language acquisition and improve their academic

outcome as measured by performance on the pre and post tests in summer school, and the MEPA, MELA-O and MCAS.

9. Enhanced Education Through Technology, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$13,711.00, project/grant SC10741.
Description: This grant is an entitlement grant that will be used to partially support the technology specialist position at the Cambridgeport and Haggerty Schools; these people provide training and support for the integration of technology into the curriculum both at their schools and district-wide. Participating private schools are served in proportion to their enrollment.
CPS Target Population: This grant will serve the 500+ students in two schools.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: Teachers in these two schools will be able to effectively integrate various forms of technology into their curricula to enhance instruction and to improve students' engagement and achievement.
10. Expanded Learning Time, for the period September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$702,000.00, project/grant SC10829.
Description: This grant is for Expanded Learning Time program at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School. It will provide additional compensation for teachers working additional electives provided by educational partners.
CPS Target Population: Approximately 500 students at the Fletcher-Maynard Academy and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School.
Outcomes and Measurers of Effectiveness: It is expected that the additional learning time will lead to improved academic achievement as measured by the MCAS results and other criteria being used by the DOE Evaluation Team.
11. Coordinated Family and Community Engagement, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$335,609.00, project/grant SC10851.
Description: This CPC grant supports pre-school-aged children and their families through the continued work of the Cambridge Community Partnership for Children (CPC) Council which coordinates all 4 CPC grants. Working together, agencies and families create a seamless network of programs and services that are responsive to needs of working parents and that enhance children's healthy learning development through implementation of State guidelines for early Childhood Education.
CPS Target Population: The Community Partnership for Children Council works with approximately 38 child care centers as well as family based centers in the City of Cambridge.
Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: Children in childcare in the City of Cambridge are well served by a seamless network of programs and services that supports healthy development during the early childhood years.
12. Program and Practitioner Supports, for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$54,870.00, project/grant SC10853.
Description: In this program, Cambridge childcare centers receive professional development and other forms of support to achieve and maintain NAEYC accreditation.
CPS Target Population: Approximately 38 Child Care Centers participate in the CPC and are supported in the accreditation process; additional support is provided to family based centers, both those in the Catholic charities system and those independently run.
Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: The number of NAEYC and NAFCC (Family Child Care) accredited centers in Cambridge will continue to increase.
13. Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program II, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$111,750.00, project/grant SC10858.
Description: Funded by the US Department of Agriculture, this grant will provide for fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to be served in the early afternoon, 5 days a week, to the

students at the King, Amigos, Fletcher/Maynard, Tobin, and Kennedy/Longfellow schools. The program will build on the success of the CitySprouts gardening program and the Tasty Choices Food Service program, which have paved the way for students to be accepting of new produce.

CPS Target Population: CPS students at the King, Amigos, Fletcher/Maynard, Tobin, and Kennedy/Longfellow schools.

Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: This project will enhance the health and well being of all CPS students and improve their ability to concentrate and learn. The range of fruits and vegetables accepted by students will grow as they learn to enjoy new types of fruits and vegetables, leading to improved eating habits and better overall health.

14. ARRA National School Lunch: Equipment Assistance, for the period July 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$45,461.00, project/grant AR10862.

Description: These ARRA funds will be used to purchase a Blast Chiller at the King School, and a Tilt Kettle and Convection Oven at the Tobin School.

CPS Target Population: Students at the Kennedy/Longfellow and Tobin schools who participate in the school lunch program.

Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: The three pieces of equipment will allow a wider variety of dishes to be prepared in the kitchen from fresh foods, improving the nutrition and overall variety of fresh foods on the district menu.

15. ARRA Title I, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$380,199.00, project/grant AR10863.

Description: These ARRA funds will be used to supplement the Title I allocation grant which was cut substantially in FY10; positions to be supported are still being determined based on district-wide need in Title I schools. The budget will be submitted by the end of July.

CPS Target Population: Students in school-wide Title I schools and those eligible for services in non-Title I schools.

Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: As with the entitlement grant, the program will raise the literacy and math achievement of all students eligible for Title I services to enable them to meet State standards in ELA and math.

16. ARRA IDEA Funds, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$612,427.00, project/grant AR10864.

Description: These ARRA funds (representing half the allocation) will be used for capacity building to supplement the IDEA allocation. The funds will support professional development in a range of special education areas, including multi-cultural. They will also be used for 1 FTE psychologist to assist with district wide services as well as provide services for students at the Amigos School. The grant will also support a teacher and teaching assistant in the new high school Special Education Transition classroom for students who have aged out.

CPS Target Population: All CPS special education students and staff.

Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: Students with IEPs will be better served by the provision of testing and placement services, as well as through individual and family counseling services. Students in the new Transition classroom will be well served by new staff, and both regular and special education staff will benefit from the additional professional development opportunities.

17. ARRA/IDEA Early Childhood Special Education, for the period September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010, in the amount of \$47,610.00, project/grant AR10865.

Description: These ARRA funds will be used to increase opportunities for quality inclusionary practice and to provide a staff trainer for inclusion classrooms to coach staff in strategies for working with students on improving positive social emotional skills; it will also be used to provide music in classrooms.

CPS Target Population: 48 pre-school children with disabilities in inclusive EC classrooms.

Outcomes & Measurers of Effectiveness: Improved outcomes for pre-school children with disabilities as a result of improved inclusionary practices in EC classrooms.

Mr. Fantini YEA, Mr. Grassi ABSENT, Mr. McGovern YEA, Ms. Nolan YEA, Mr. Schuster ABSENT, Ms. Tauber YEA, Mayor Simmons ABSENT.

Mayor Simmons in the Chair.

Ms. Tauber moved for adjournment. On a motion by Mr. Fantini, seconded by Ms. Tauber, the motion to adjourn was withdrawn.

Mr. Grassi requested and received unanimous consent to be recorded as not present during discussion and not voting on the last roll call vote. Mayor Simmons moved a friendly amendment, seconded by Ms. Nolan, to Mr. Grassi's request that she also be recorded as not present during discussion and not voting on the last roll call vote.

On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Fantini, it was voted to refer to the Superintendent **#09-406, Motion by Mayor Simmons** that the School Committee, through Jim Maloney, advise the contractor that when and where possible, gender-neutral restrooms be installed at the high school.

Late Orders

On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Ms. Tauber, it was voted that the School Committee commission a portrait of Dr. Henrietta S. Evans Attles, first African-American female Cambridge School Committee Member (1980-1983), to be hung in the new School Committee meeting room along with the plaque naming the room in her honor.

On a motion by Mr. McGovern, seconded by Mr. Grassi, it was voted that the School Committee go on record affirming the diversity of our Cambridge community and our shared values around mutual respect and dialogue as well as our continued support of healthy school climates; and given the recent events of July 16 and the media coverage students may have observed, that the Superintendent of Schools work with Cambridge Public School staff, including Principals and teachers to help prepare staff to appropriately engage with students who may have questions or concerns about the incident.

On a motion by Mr. Grassi, seconded by Ms. Nolan, it was voted to adjourn (6:04 p.m.).

Adjourned
Marilyn Y. Bradshaw
Executive Secretary to the School Committee