Concord School District Joint City Council / School Board Committee

School Board Committee: Joint City Council/School Board

Date: August 16, 2013

Committee members present: Barbara Higgins, Chairperson, Tom Croteau and Nick

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Other Board members present: Kass Ardinger, Tara Reardon

City representatives present: Mayor James Bouley, City Councilor Fred Keach, City

Administrator Tom Aspell

Administrators: Chris Rath, Jack Dunn, Matt Cashman, Terry Crotty

Chairperson Higgins convened the meeting at 7:35 a.m. The first agenda item was a discussion of a concern about traffic in the Abbot-Downing School area during drop off and dismissal times of the day. Mayor Bouley introduced a neighbor who explained his concern about buses coming down Conant Drive and turning left onto South Street, traveling back in front of Abbot-Downing. The neighbor was concerned for the safety of children walking to and from school. Further discussion led to the fact that the majority of these buses were coming to and going from Rundlett Middle School. The School District's Transportation Director Terry Crotty explained the current routing of buses from Abbot-Downing and Rundlett on the map. Various members of the Committee and the neighbor offered suggestions for alternative routes. After some discussion of alternatives, the Committee approved a motion to send the item to the School Board's Executive Committee, which will decide which Board Committee will take up this issue.

A City Councilor had noted a constituent concern regarding lights along the back of Conant Street from the ADS playground and driveway, but as he was not present at the meeting, discussion on that item was deferred.

Mayor Bouley asked to bring forward another issue – a request from City officials for a letter of support for the City Council's acceptance of the federal grant for the "Bear Cat" emergency vehicle. The Superintendent had not yet provided any letter on behalf of the School District, concerned that this was an issue before the City Council and that generally the school administration and Board did not comment as a school district on issues before the City Council. It was decided that the School Board would consider the Mayor's request at the upcoming Special School Board meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. [Note: the Special School Board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, August 19, 2013.]

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Barb Higgins, *Chair* Christine Rath, *Recorder*