

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, March 8th, 2010

Kingston Intermediate School

Mr. Mamakos called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Chaves announced that tonight is the public budget hearing posted for 7:05 pm

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christopher Mamakos, Joseph Chaves, Stacey Elmes, Scott Milbert, and Martie Dwyer

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Tuffy, Superintendent; Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Lisa McMahon, Kingston Intermediate School Principal, Paula Bartosiak, Kingston Elementary School Principal.

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Mr. Mamakos introduced Martie Dwyer as the new school committee member.

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Aggie Coleman – Vice President of Youth Soccer, addressed the committee and said they would like to give back to KIS for all the use of the fields. Field needs repair and seeding, 20,000sq. ft. contract out under bidding process. Target start date is June 15.

Mr.. Tuffy suggested Monday, June 21st, 2010

Mr. Mamakos asked that the Ms. Coleman comes back to the School Committee to let them know about the contractor because the committee needs to accept this gift.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Elmes, seconded by Mr. Chaves, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of January 11th, 2010. Vote 4-0-1.

On a motion by Mr. Milbert, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of February 8th, 2010. Vote 4-0-1.

TEACHER'S CORNER

No Report

PTO REPORT

Lauren Mello reported on the following:

- In the middle of the March Madness Calendar fundraiser, which is the last for this year.
- Mother/Daughter Tea will be held next week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Milbert – as a Kingston DI Team leader, read a thank you note for a \$3700 grant received from the Sampson Fund.

ADMINISTRATION
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed

Dr. McMahon reported for KIS:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed
- MCAS testing prep is all set and Grade 6 Middle School placement tests upcoming in April
- DI winners were noted; 1st Place – Harrington Team
 2nd Place – Moore Team
 Spirit Award – Milbert Team

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- Grant allocations for FY 10 discussed
- FDK grant may have a small cut
- *Race to the Top* was brought up by Mr. Milbert asking for status. School Committee supported it but Teacher's Union did not. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mamakos recognized the work that Mrs. Blackwood puts into grants for \$220,000- that Kingston will benefit from.

MOTION:

It was motioned by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Dwyer to accept the Motor Vehicle Idling on School Grounds Policy. VOTE 5-0-0

7:32 pm Open Public Budget hearing officially opened.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. Tuffy reports:

- Quick overview of the budget

Kingston School Committee was asked to produce a budget less 3% of what they spent last year. Fiscal Year 2011 Kingston Budget overview sheet discussed and explained how the final numbers were met. Budget discussion ensued.

Mr. Creed was noted to congratulate Administration and Finance Committee for getting the numbers ahead of last year.

Mrs. Fiore from Finance Committee, thanked Administration and School Committee for their efforts and also appreciation for their efforts in getting grants.

Motion by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mr. Milbert that the Kingston School Committee approves the 2010 – 2011 elementary school operating budget of **\$9,973,574** as the amount deemed necessary for the operation of the public schools in the Town of Kingston for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, and the amount of **\$47,000** for vocational education for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. VOTE 5-0-0.

Vote was noted at 8:06 p.m.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – March 13, 11:00 a.m.

BYLAW – no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – Budget is experiencing some hits

UNION 31 – met February 11th

- voted on accepting Superintendent Evaluation this past year
- voted shared cost budget

NEGOTIATIONS – no report

BUDGET ADVISORY – no report (discussion earlier)

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – *No Idling Policy* was voted on and accepted tonight 3/8

SAFETY – no report (next meeting 3/26)

TECHNOLOGY – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The committee's first action is to pick and vote Scholarship Recipients;

- In 2006 a letter from committee attorney stated specifications
- Still don't have definitive answers
- Should committee member abstain from voting
- Committee gives out 4 → 2 from Faunce (Chair will present scholarships)
→ 2 from Chandler

NEW BUSINESS

No report

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The warrants were presented for payments and signed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 12th, 2010 - Next School Committee Meeting

MOTION

8:25 pm a motion by Mr. Milbert, seconded by Mr. Chaves, it was

VOTED to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contracts and not to return to regular session.

Roll Call vote: Mamakos – yes, Chaves – yes, Dwyer – yes, Elmes – yes, Milbert – yes executive session. All in favor 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Wendy Fox (with information attained from Mrs. Bartosiak's meeting notes)

Recording Secretary

Kingston School Committee