Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010 Kingston Intermediate School Library

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

PRESENT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Scott Milbert, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, Mrs. Christine Ward, Mrs. Martie Dwyer

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE:
None

PRESENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:
Mrs. Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Paula Bartosiak, Kingston Elementary School Principal; Dr. Lisa McMahon, Kingston Intermediate School Principal

ABSENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:
Mr. John Tuffy, Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in):
Mr. Mark Beaton, Selectman; Ms. Jill Meyers, Town Administrator; Lauren Mello, PTO President; Mary Pat Dodge, KIS Grade 4 Teacher, KTA Representative; Troop 199; Mr. Dick Steele

Mrs. Joy Blackwood welcomed Mrs. Christine Ward to the School Committee.

Nominations were opened for Chairperson:
MOTION
Mrs. Elmes nominated Mr. Joseph Chaves as Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Scott Milbert.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

Mr. Chaves opened nominations for Vice Chairperson:
MOTION
Mrs. Elmes nominated Mrs. Christine Ward for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mrs. Dwyer.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

Mr. Chaves opened nominations for Secretary
MOTION
Mrs. Elmes nominated Mr. Scott Milbert for Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Dwyer.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

I. Visitors Addressing Committee
   - Mr. Chaves welcomed Mr. Beaton and Ms. Meyers to the School Committee Meeting. Mr. Beaton informed the School Committee that the Town of Kingston is considered a Green Community. Seven million dollars is available in grant money. Ms. Myers would like the School Committee to endorse.

MOTION
Mrs. Elmes made a motion to support and endorse the energy reduction/action plan for the Town of Kingston. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Dwyer.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

- Mr. Chaves welcomed Troop 199. They were visiting to see Town Government and how it works.

- Mr. Dick Steele addressed the School Committee. He would like to distribute brochures concerning a local basketball camp.
  MOTION
  Mrs. Elmes made a motion to approve distribution of the pamphlet at the principals' convenience
  VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

II. Union 31

MOTION
Mr. Chaves nominated Mrs. Stacey Elmes to be a Union 31 Representative, seconded by Mrs. Dwyer.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved.

MOTION
Mrs. Dwyer nominated Mrs. Christine Ward to be a Union 31 Representative, seconded by Mrs. Elmes.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved

MOTION
Mr. Chaves nominated Mrs. Martie Dwyer to be an Alternate Union 31 Representative, seconded by Mrs. Elmes.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved

III. Kingston Parent/Teacher Organization Report
Mrs. Lauren Mello, PTO President, welcomed Mrs. Christine Ward to the School Committee. Mrs. Mello reported:

- March Madness raised $1,500.00
- 72 out of 83 girls attended the 5th Grade Mother/Daughter Tea
- PTO accepted as 501C3 by the state of Massachusetts so now can start to apply for grant money and donations
- NSTAR "Change a Light, Change the World" brought in by the Go Green Committee, which umbrellas under the PTO, received a 10% response at K.I.S. and raised $3000.00.
- Mini-Grant Program will fund money to every teacher that applied.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon with raffles
- Final Box Top Contest coming up
- Scholarship to High School Seniors
- Controversy concerning 6th Grade Celebration (Boat Cruise) – a discussion was held

IV. Resignation

The Kingston School Committee reluctantly accepted the resignation of Wendy Fox as Recording Secretary for the School Committee. The School Committee thanked her and accepted her resignation with much gratitude for her time.

V. Teachers' Corner

Ms. Mary Pat Dodge reported on:

- KTA
- MCAS
- Kiss a Pig Contest sponsored by the Kingston Public Library

VI. Principals' Reports

Kingston Elementary School, Mrs. Paula Bartosiak – Please see handouts
Kingston Intermediate School, Dr. Lisa McMahon – Please see handouts

VII. Committee Correspondence

No report.

VIII. Administration

A. Principals' Reports

Kingston Elementary School, Mrs. Paula Bartosiak – Please see handouts
Kingston Intermediate School, Dr. Lisa McMahon – Please see handouts

Mr. Chaves requested information concerning the task force for Anti-Bullying.
Mrs. Blackwood responded for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent:

- Addressed the Safe Schools Initiative Document
- Gave a history of MASC and how they develop their policies

B. Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Joy Blackwood reported on monthly financial statement:

- Will get through the school year
- Business Manager
- Finance Committee Meeting – received wonderful news, will receive money to add a new teacher:

Grade	# of Teachers	Students
K	7	20/21
1	8	20/21
2	8	22
3	8	22/23
4	6	26
5	7	24/25
6	7	24

- Revision Six of the 2010-2011 Budget

  MOTION

  Mr. Chaves moved that the Kingston School Committee approve the 2010-2011 operating budget of $10,019,274.23 as the amount deemed necessary for the operation of the Kingston Public Schools in the Town of Kingston for the 2010-2011 fiscal year

and the amount of $47,000.00 for Vocational Education for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Mrs. Elmes seconded the motion.
VOTED 5-0-0, so moved

- School Choice
  MOTION
  Mr. Chaves moved that the Kingston School Committee vote not to support school choice for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Milbert seconded the motion.
  VOTED 5-0-0, so moved

IX. Report of Standing Committees

A. Pilgrim Area Collaborative – Mrs. Elmes reported membership is up
B. Union 31 – no report
C. Negotiation Committee – no report
D. Budget Advisory – no report
E. Facility Oversight – putting committee on notice to eliminate
F. Policy – putting committee on notice to eliminate
G. Safety – no report
H. Technology – no report

X. Unfinished Business
No report

XI. New Business

Mr. Milbert suggested that the School Committee spend some time self evaluating itself at a annual/biannual retreat to set goals – "How can the Committee Do Better?"

Superintendent's Office to hold "Charting a New Course" for new School Committee Members.

MOTION
On a motion by Mr. Milbert, and seconded by Mrs. Dwyer it was unanimously
VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Paula J. Bartosiak
Principal
Kingston Elementary School