

## Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Chair Joseph Chaves at the Kingston Intermediate School Library called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mrs. SueAnn Hurley

### **ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Paul Barry

### **PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Dana Parker, Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Business Manager; Doris Claypool, Elementary /Intermediate Principal

### **OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)**

Mr. Fred Dupere, Attorney; Mrs. Dawn Guidoboni, KIS teacher; Ms. MaryPat Dodge, KIS teacher; Stacia Leavitt, KES teacher and KTA President; Mrs. Lorner, KIS aide and parent; Mrs. Gallagher, Kingston parent.

### **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Gallagher spoke to committee to request permission to use the fields to sell refreshments during the weekend games. This will be done by a group of women who want to raise money for Breast Cancer.

**MOTION** – Mr. Mamakos motioned, seconded by Mrs. Hurley.

**VOTE** to support fund raising activities (concession stand) by this group of women that are raising funds for Breast Cancer. All in favor 3-0-0.

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Hurley it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**TEACHER'S CORNER** Mrs. Stacia Leavitt spoke about happening events in each school. She asked that 2 teachers be recognized, Mrs. Mary Spaulding for receiving Teachers Honors Award and Mrs. Nancy Veaudry for her published writing on ELL. She noted that there would be an upcoming MCAS night open to Kingston to learn more about the process and teachings of MCAS.

**PTO REPORT** Mrs. Hurley reported for Mrs. Howard that the Sampson fund approved a grant for \$1400 toward the phone system (for public announcements) for KIS and KES.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Chaves noted one bill came in to give to Mr. Tuffy.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** – Mrs. Claypool reported the following:

- Enrollment review with both schools totaling 1182
- Calendar of event was reviewed
- Building Usage was reviewed and noted still receiving usage requests

- Draft of School Improvement Plan was handed out for review. This is the work of Mrs. Claypool with Mrs. Paula Bartosiak (KES assistant principal) and Mr. Elliott Glass (KIS assistant principal). Mrs. Claypool asked the committee to review and ask questions next month and the final plan should be submitted in June.
- Thank you, to Mrs. Howard for her support and all the work she did for the phone system to get funded. The school will contribute \$1500. Next year they will need approximately \$4000, which will be reviewed on how to pay it through the budget.

Mr. Chaves asked if Community Night would happen again along with a separate Open House. He noted that it was well received and would like to see it continue. Mrs. Claypool said that before she commits she wants to talk to the teachers.

Mr. Chaves would like to bring in the civic groups (i.e.- Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Town sports etc.) on one of the nights to supply families with information. Mr. Mamakos said we could look into that further once we close out this year.

Mr. Chaves asked if staff can park on playground or that some special area could be designated just for staff when using this building for events with the public in order to free up more parking spots.

**BUSINESS MANAGER** – John Tuffy reported the following:

- Distributed new budget was approved at Town Meeting
- Utilities will be dropping due and it has already been noticed
- A surplus is projected in Out of District placement which will help off set accounts that run over
- Rental revenue is directed by school committee but is used on building needs/ it is unlikely there will be a surplus as in the past

Mr. Chaves asked about the deficit in maintenance account. Mr. Tuffy stated they underestimated the demand on repairs, especially at KES.

Mr. Chaves also asked if the English Language Arts coordinator that is not in the budget this year will be brought back. Mr. Parker said it is in a funny place right now but he believes it will come back.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – No report

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Mr. Parker announced that Ms. Sorrell was selected as the new Superintendent of the Carver school system. The process will be decided at the next joint school committee meeting on the selection for the next assistant superintendent.

Mr. Parker thanked the committee and the finance committee for the smooth order in which the budget was approved.

Middle School principal search is still underway. There were 25 applicants and one was forwarded. That candidate decided not to relocate in this area so the search will continue.

The budget process may change in the future but this is no time to be alarmed as there are many options to explore. Discussion ensued of possible ideas and proposals. Mr. Parker noted that April 25<sup>th</sup> will be an active day on the hill and there will be a rep there.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **ADMINISTRATION REVIEW**

**BYLAW** – Draft is being completed and Mr. Dupere will review

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE.**- Mrs. Hurley reported that she went to the open house in Plymouth to see the new building and it is very nice. The new collaborative agreement is in final form and the town of Carver has been voted back in so they need to revise the final agreement.

**UNION 31 - There** is an end of month meeting

**NEGOTIATIONS** – no report

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – no report

**K-12 Regionalization Ad Hoc Study Committee:** Mr. Chaves will be the rep for now until they can find a volunteer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Connect-Ed Phone System (as written earlier) funding as been approved with the Sampson fund and a small cost to the school.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- No information on the defibulator project brought to the committee earlier this year.
- Environmentalist group will work this summer on the project committed to last year.

Mrs. Lormer asked how the committee is formed to hire new principals, assistant superintendents, etc. A letter went out asking if anyone from administration, teachers, staff and a rep from the community would like to be onboard for the search for the new middle school principal. The joint committee meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 will discuss how to pick the committee for the assistant superintendent search.

### **APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L036	Regular	\$376,641.16
Warrant #L037	Regular	15,760.66
Warrant #SC38	Shared Cost	61,442.92
Warrant #G039	Circuit Breaker	32.78
Warrant #V040	Vocational	3,378.12

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 next School Committee meeting

### **MOTION**

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Hurley, it was unanimously

**VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss litigation and not return to regular meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

Voting YES: Mr. Chaves, Mr. Mamakos, and Mrs. Hurley

Voting NO: 0

Regular Meeting adjourns 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Wendy Fox

Recording Secretary

Kingston School Committee