

# Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Boy Scouts lead the pledge - Mr. Joseph Chaves called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Before meeting begins Mr. Tuffy announced that Dr. Lisa McMahon was appointed the new KIS Principal to begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Dr. McMahon spoke of thanks and that she is looking forward to her new adventure. Mr. Chaves thanked all for their work and welcomed Dr. McMahon.

## **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, and Mrs. Sheila Vaughn.

## **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

## **PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

John Tuffy, Superintendent; Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Robert Hodge, Intermediate School Principal; Paula Bartosiak, Elementary School Principal

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

Victoria Johnson, Donna Sullivan, Colette Walkins, Theresa McCaffrey, Julia Kadlec, Judithe Mason, Marlene Daly, Jody Mathewson, Barbara Edlund, Heidi Feldheim, Amy Roy, Janet Rosenthal, Beth Splaine, Catherine Jankowski, Elizabeth Emmett, Lisa Whitemore, Sharon Magliano, Stacia Leavitt, Colleen Fogarty, Fran Bevans, Allison Donovan, Caitlin Howard, Lisa Whitcomb, Kathryn Weeks, Linda Duggan, Marilyn Watson, Bonnie Hopkins, Nancy Veaudry, Paula Marino, Brette Blette, Dylan Civale, Andy Karparis, Erin Smith, Deborah Dallaire, Lisa McMahon, Kathy Rebello, Joe Rebello, Cheryl Guidoboni, Mark Guidoboni, Scott Guidoboni, Julie Bonscon, Lauren Mello,

## **MOTION**

A motion by Mr. Mamakos was presented to ratify the contract settlement agreement between the Kingston Teachers Association and the School Committee as presented by the Superintendent here on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chaves seconded this motion.

School Committee moves to ratify the tentative agreement met by the Kingston Teachers Association. Which include the following:

- Article I –
  - Mentors receive small stipend
  - Professional Development cap on amount
  - Particular courses will be required for course approval
- Article II
  - Teachers are done the same last day as students and that day after is actually moved to the beginning of the year where they will come the day before and it will be used for Professional Development
  - Minor language changes
  - How longevity is dealt with – more money from one part to salary
  - Nurses salary increased to reflect the teachers pay scale
  - Raise of 2% (2008-09) – 1% (2009-10) – 1% (2010-2011)
  - Sick leave remains the same amount but 5 days will reflect family illness
  - Relatively modest pay scale raise for the nurses
  - Stipend for speech therapist (treated as mentor)
  - Not to schedule more than 5 night meetings, 6 possible but only if a must
  - Curriculum night will be 3 or 4 weeks after school starts

**VOTE:** taken and motion passed, 5-0-0. Roll Call Vote- Joe Chaves – yes, Chris Mamakos – yes, Eric Crone – yes, Stacey Elmes – yes, Sheila Vaughn – yes.

### **MOTION**

A motion by Mrs. Elmes was presented to ratify the contract settlement agreement between the Kingston Support Staff and the School Committee as presented by the Superintendent here on April 13<sup>th</sup>. This motion was seconded by Mr. Chaves;

- Raise of 2% (2008-09) – 1% (2009-10) – 1% (2010-2011)
- Job postings in the summer will be mailed out
- Before employee comes to sick bank all days need to be exhausted (i.e.: personal days, vacation days, ect.)

**VOTE:** taken and motion passed, 5-0-0. Roll Call Vote- Joe Chaves – yes, Chris Mamakos – yes, Eric Crone – yes, Stacey Elmes – yes, Sheila Vaughn – yes.

### **MOTION**

A motion by Mr. Chaves, in honor of the Guidoboni Family’s dedication to the community and in memory of Laura Guidoboni the school committee would like to name the athletic fields, “The Guidoboni Fields”. Mr. Mamakos seconded this motion and discussion ensued with each member of the committee voicing thanks and admiration of all the Guidoboni family has done for the community and what a positive impact they have on so many.

**VOTE:** taken and motion accepted, all in favor 5-0-0.

Mark Guidoboni spoke of thanks to all. He shared memories of Laura’s love for sports and accident prone days on the fields of KIS.

Now onto the regular agenda.

### **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

Leslie Ann McGee who coordinates “Go Green Committee” presented a slide packet explaining the program and a quick update on what’s happening with “Go Green”.

Ms. McGee asked for the committee to support the selling of light bulbs to the community as a fundraiser for the “Go Green Committee”. Discussion ensued.

Committee is not saying they don’t give their support however, they feel it is a bit pre-mature for fundraising as they would like to learn more about the program.

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Elmes to accept the minutes from March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with the following changes.

The opening paragraph should reflect that Mr. Chaves opened the Official Budget Meeting at 7:00 pm and asked for comments. With no response the Budget Meeting was closed and the Regular Meeting was opened.

Mr. Gallagher was in attendance as a representative from the Kingston selectman.

Vicky Kelley was in attendance as PTO rep and parent and removed from teacher list.

Minutes were accepted with corrections, all in favor 5-0-0.

### **TEACHER’S CORNER**

Thank you for ratifying the contract. Support the Guidoboni Fields and it shows what a great community we have.

## **PTO REPORT ([www.kingstonpto.com](http://www.kingstonpto.com))**

Mrs. Kelley reported that

- March Madness Calendar sales brought in \$5700
- Upcoming field trips
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Staff Appreciation Week with PTO daily drawings and a luncheon at weeks end
- PTO Calendar prizes end April 15<sup>th</sup>

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed
- Thank you to staff and applaud their support of the kids

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed
- Grade 6 teachers gave the Middle School placement tests
- Grade 3 teachers have given DIBELs testing

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** - Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- NCLB report card reviewed
- School Improvement Plans- KES possible for next month and KIS will be waiting for the fall when the new principal is in place

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Mr. Tuffy reports:

- Proposed budget:

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Elmes that the Kingston School Committee approves the 2009 – 2010 elementary school operating budget of \$10,296,079.00 as the amount deemed necessary for the operation of the public schools in the Town of Kingston for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, and the amount of \$70,500.00 for vocational education for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Discussion ensued: Amount was determined from working with the town selectmen, finance committee and all the board. Stimulus not included in this figure. Town Meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

**VOTE:** taken and motion accepted, all in favor 5-0-0. Budget passed.

Mr. Tuffy recommended not to participate in school of choice.

**MOTION** – Mr. Mamakos motioned to reject School Choice and Mr. Crone second motion,  
**VOTED** – all in favor to reject School Choice 5-0-0

- Review draft calendar
- Financial statement ok for the rest of the year  
Mr. Chaves asked about the insurance company claim and Mr. Tuffy commented that he feels they will come to terms.
- PAC TV discussion of available services and plan to access their services and have meetings shown. Mr. Tuffy asked the committee to be involved. Mrs. Elmes and Mr. Crone are interested in participating in this knowledge of service. Will work into slowly.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW** – next meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>

**BYLAW** – new one has been distributed

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – new director appointed

**UNION 31** – will schedule meeting for May

**NEGOTIATIONS** – done

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – Mr. Chaves questioned if they should wait for new committee member but Mrs. Blackwood noted it has been a 2-year project and a new member wouldn't be familiar with the goal.

**MOTION** – Mr. Mamakos motioned to accept the policy manual with an adopted date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mrs. Elmes seconded motion.

**VOTED** – all in favor to adopt Policy Manual with the date of April 30, 2009. 5-0-0

**SAFETY** – to be scheduled

**TECHNOLOGY** – no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

This is Shelia Vaughn's last meeting. Thank you for her time of service.

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L033	Regular	\$268,299.59
Warrant #V034	Vocational	\$1,894.40
Warrant #G035	Circuit Breaker	\$8,207.72
Warrant #L036	Regular-Burke	\$21.46
Warrant #L037	Regular	\$214,620.18
Grand Total		\$493,043.35

**Other Matters**

N/A

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 16<sup>th</sup> at Silver Lake Middle School-District Attorney's office to present information on Internet Safety, at 7 pm

Next meeting is May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**MOTION**

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting.

Public meeting ended at 9:05 p.m. with no executive session.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee