

## Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2006

Chair Joseph Chaves at the Kingston Intermediate School Library called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

### **PRESENT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mrs. Sheila Vaughn, Mrs. Kathleen Jenkins-Brown

### **ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Paul Barry

### **PRESENT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Dana Parker, Superintendent; Ms. Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Business Manager; Mrs. Paula Bartosiak, Kingston Elementary School Principal; Ms. Cheryl Wrin, Kingston Intermediate School Principal

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

Susan Dempsey, KIS teacher and Kingston resident; Mary Pat Dodge, KIS teacher; Dan Sapir, Kingston Observer

#### I. Visitors Addressing Committee

None

#### II. Approval of Minutes

##### MOTION

On a motion from Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the minutes with one change on page 3 under New Business from the word "band" to "ban".

#### III. Teachers Corner

No report

#### IV. PTO Report

No report

#### V. Committee Correspondence

Next Kingston Town Meeting to be held in October.

## VI. Administration

### A. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Paula Bartosiak, KES, reported on the following:

- Enrollment down approximately 40 students
- Calendar of Events including Kindergarten screening with a ratio of 3 children to 2 adults, Kindergarten orientation on September 5, 2006 including bus safety, and first day of Kindergarten on September 6, 2006

Some discussion was made concerning relationship of lower enrollment to half-day Kindergarten versus full day Kindergarten.

Also mentioned by Paula Bartosiak was a K-2 program called "Destination Imagination" brought to her attention by Paula Whyte. The program would consist of parents coaching student teams through problem solving activities. Town businesses would be solicited to support program. Tentatively an information night may be held in September.

Ms. Cheryl Wrin, KIS, reported on the following:

- Enrollment as of 8-14-06 was 684 down from 691 in June
- Calendar of Events including bus safety and evacuation will be held on September 14 with a rain date of September 15. Constitution Day is Sunday, September 17, 2006 and will be celebrated on Friday, September 15, 2006

### B. Business Manager

Mr. John Tuffy discussed brief overview and closeout of last year, 2005-2006. Also he reported that actual expenditures line for line look good for coming school year, 2006-2007. The budget will be split for each school, KES and KIS, in order to keep track of expenditures for each school.

### C. Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Joy Blackwood discussed focusing on grants and money for direct services to students. Also Early Literacy program being researched but waiting for MCAS results and will compare data before making any decisions.

### D. Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Dana Parker reported that this year Kingston Elementary School and Kingston Intermediate School will run separately with two strong principals, Mrs. Paula Bartosiak and Ms. Cheryl Wrin, and one assistant, Mr. Elliott Glass.

Mr. John Tuffy, Ms. Joy Blackwood, and Mr. Dana Parker will work on managing the two schools. There will be a district wide improvement plan focusing on instruction.

Mr. Parker reported that district doing better in ELA than Math. District Math Coordinator working hard and hopefully will see results in MCAS.

Also, district will try to be targeted more on grant work. Title I summer program will be returning this summer of 2007.

Mr. Parker summarized contracts adding that there is an additional cost with two principals and negotiation of Computer Technician will happen in Executive Session.

#### VII. Report of Standing Committees

- A. Administrative Review – no action taken
- B. Bylaw – no action taken
- C. Pilgrim Area Collaborative – new member, Mrs. Jenkins-Brown
- D. Union 31 – Mr. Dana Parker will meet in early September
- E. Negotiation Budget Advisory – after school year begins
- F. Facility Oversight – no action taken
- G. Policy – no action taken
- H. K-12 Regionalization Ad Hoc Study Committee – Mr. Dana Parker will summarize at September meeting
- I. Safety – Mr. Dana Parker proposed meeting for September 22 or 24. Mr. Joseph Chaves will schedule by phone.

#### VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Connect-Ed Phone System – Have not contracted sponsors, still going with same price structure, work ongoing between our database and theirs. Authorization for connection was made by principals and superintendent. It will focus on a specific group of children.
- B. School Improvement Plan – Accepted at last meeting.
- C. Defibrillator Project – Mrs. Jenkins-Brown questioned how it would work in a building at this scale (KIS). Mr. Dana Parker stated there should be a specific plan incorporating training and the adoption of a policy for its use.
- D. Organization Chart – Complete

#### IX. New Business

- A. Policy Regarding Banning Dogs from School Property

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was unanimously **VOTED** to ban all dogs from the Kingston Elementary School and Kingston Intermediate School complex and enforcement of the leash law consistent with the Kingston Selectmen's vote.

X. Approval of Bill Schedule – Three signatures

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos, it was unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and after a brief recess go into executive session for negotiation purpose and not to return to regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Lisa J. Turcotte  
Secretary  
Kingston Elementary School