

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, December 14th, 2009

Kingston Intermediate School

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

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, Mr. Scott Milbert

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

John Tuffy, Superintendent; Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Lisa McMahon, Kingston Intermediate School Principal

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Paula Bartosiak, Kingston Elementary School Principal.

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

No Report

APPROVAL of MINUTES

MOTION

On a motion by Mrs. Elmes, seconded by Mr. Crone, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of August 10th, 2009 – Vote 5-0-0

MOTION

On a motion by Mrs. Elmes, seconded by Mr. Milbert, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of September 14th, 2009 with the following changes; under Report of Standing Committees – Policy should read, *changes on some wording – 1st reading tonight* – and next to Safety - no report. Also, the first paragraph on the last page should be replaced with the following paragraph; *Mr. Milbert asked the school committee to consider requesting special municipal employee status from selectman.* Vote 4-0-1 (Mr. Crone abstained)

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mr. Milbert, it was **VOTED** to amend the minutes of October 19th, 2009. Vote 3-0-2

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Milbert and seconded by Mrs. Elmes it was **VOTED** to accept the amended minutes with the following changes; under Report of Standing Committees – Policy should read, *2nd reading of Special Education Observation Policy*– and next to Safety - no report. Vote 4-0-1

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of November 9th, 2009 – Vote 4-0-1

TEACHER'S CORNER

No Report

PTO REPORT

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

No Report

ADMINISTRATION PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. McMahon reported for KES and KIS:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed

Mr. Chaves noted that Primary Day was smooth running at KES and Mr. Tuffy added the message that The Kingston Police Department a big part of that.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- Newsletters from KES an KIS had an article “Stop That Bullying” by Mr. Reynolds that was well done. Mrs. Elmes commented, “Due noted.”
- Kingston Intermediate’s School Improvement Plan Addendum was presented for vote of acceptance but vote was not taken during the summer. At this time Dr. McMahon recapped her procedure in the preparation of the addendum.

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos and seconded by Mrs. Elmes it was voted to accept the Kingston Intermediate School Improvement Addendum with the substitute of the *NEW GOALS*, that were adapted by Union 31, in place of the old goals currently in the plan. All in favor, 5-0-0, plan accepted.

- Coordinated Program Review (CPR) was reviewed and explained
- PBIS – Tiered Instructional Model explained and reviewed

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. Tuffy reports:

- Monthly Financial Statement reviewed with discussion of circuit breaker percentage and procedure
- Fiscal 2011 budget discussed with committee noting it’s desire to bring forward level service budget as starting ground
- Town meeting most likely will be pushed to June after initial April meeting
- Finance Committee looking to begin process mid to late January
- Budget draft prep discussed with new format presented as 3 separate budgets: 1)KIS 2) KES and 3) Special Education
- Flu Clinic for ages 4 – 18 being held at KES

Mr. Tuffy explained the receipt of an email regarding “The Race to the Top”. Which is a program that will be giving grant monies to some of those that apply. Commonwealth is asking to sign on to a level of understanding. In which Mr. Tuffy is asking the support of the School Committee as he see’s it as no risk just getting your name on the list.

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes it was agreed to support the presentation by the Superintendent and allow the chairperson to sign on. All in favor 5-0-0, Superintendent and Mr. Mamakos both signed.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – reminder to complete the Superintendent evaluation to be turned in on January 15th so that they can be reviewed and suggestions can be made at the January 31st meeting

BYLAW – no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – met last week, good turn out, standard business

UNION 31 – meeting February 11th Silver Lake Library 7 pm

NEGOTIATIONS – contract sub committee met with teachers regarding some of the challenges they were met with

BUDGET ADVISORY – no report

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – final reading last month

SAFETY – wind turbine donation accepted and working towards details

TECHNOLOGY – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

no report

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Milbert attended a presentation on *Amber Vision*, a student id and identifying program. He would like committee or PTO to consider a presentation from the company. Mr. Milbert will get more information and get back to committee. Mr. Chaves asked that principals also look into it. Dr. McMahon suggested getting the PTO involved.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The warrants were presented for payments and signed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next School Committee meeting set for January 11th, 2010.

MOTION

On a Motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes to adjourn regular meeting without holding an executive session. All in favor 5-0-0 Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee