

# Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2008

Kingston Intermediate School Library

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

## **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, and Mr. Joseph Chaves (7:20)

## **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Sheila Vaughn

## **PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

Vikki Johnson (band/music Teacher); Colleen Fogarty (classroom teacher); Dylan Civale (ALP teacher); Jody Mathewson (music teacher); Vicky Kelley (PTO president, parent); Mrs. Felix (parent); Mr. Shropshire (parent).

## **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Felix asked if there was any head way made regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> grade band.

Mr. Tuffy responded that John Smith was interested in given lessons after school but could not find a facility to do so.

Ellen Snoeyenbos and Edward Desharnais from the Silver Lake School Committee addressed the committee regarding "Sleep Needs Study" which shows the possibility of better performance in the middle school and high school levels with a later start to the school day. Discussion ensued about switching starts times with the elementary level. This will be discussed further at the Joint Regional Meeting in January. The potential of this would not take place until September 2010.

## **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mr. Crone to accept the minutes from November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Motion approved. 3-0-0.

## **TEACHER'S CORNER**

Teacher's conferences were well attended. Teachers did a great job helping parents understand the standard based report card.

## **PTO REPORT**

Mrs. Kelley spoke on upcoming events and fundraisers.

- December 6<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast with Santa
- Cultural Enrichment programs continue

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Standard based report cards were delivered with professionalism needed as no phone calls were received with questions.
- Conferences went well
- *Going Green* program introduced by Leslie-Ann McGee to create responsibility with the students regarding the environment. Ms. McGee may need to apply for a grant.

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed
- Thanksgiving baskets were given to families in the community
- Conferences went well

Mr. Mamakos introduced Mr. Felix who has volunteered as a PAC TV member to film committee meetings and play on PAC TV. Discussion ensued.

Committee would like to accept this offer and look into making it happen.

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

- Assessment Presentation Update was explained and reviewed
- Elementary Attendance Policy reviewed with KIS/KES charts made to reflect 2007 – 08 absences. Discussion ensued with concerns voiced from the committee. Will review and present concerns next meeting.

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

- Financial Statement was reviewed. Mr. Tuffy has spoken to Finance Committee and cuts in local aid next month will challenge the end of the year but everything should be in good shape.
- New Media Tech on board
- Level of service budget will be put together and more discussion will take place in January. Right now there is much left to the unknown. Level of service budget will be a starting point. Budget discussion ensued.

Kingston Education Foundation gave a check to Kingston Elementary/Intermediate Schools for \$25,000.00 for new computers. They also requested a flyer sent home about the fundraising for more computers for the schools.

**Motion** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mr. Chaves to accept the generous donation of \$25,000.00 from the Kingston Education Foundation. In favor to accept the donation 3-0-1 (Mr. Crone abstained)

Mr. Tuffy said there is not issue to distribute this flyer as it does not ask anything from the school community to get involved with.

**Motion** by Mr. Chaves to support the distribution of the Kingston Education Foundation flyer to classes. Seconded by Mr. Mamakos. Distribution approved 3-0-1 (Crone abstained).

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW** – no Report

**BYLAW** – no Report

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – no report, search for director extended

**UNION 31** – no report

**NEGOTIATIONS** – 7 pm Admin. Bldg. tomorrow

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – working draft still being reviewed

Does the committee want it on CD or paper? Mr. Chaves paper the rest CD

**SAFETY** – no report

**TECHNOLOGY** – no further report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No report

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mamakos asked about the homework detention notice that went home with students before the committee reviewed it. Mr. Tuffy noted that this was a procedure not a policy. Mr. Hodge explained it was to help students who fall behind in their homework get caught up.

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L017	Regular	\$190,560.84
Warrant #L018	Regular	\$181,031.07
Warrant #L019	Regular	\$ 65.81
Warrant #V020	Vocational	\$ 483.56

Grand Total		\$372,141.28
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**Other Matters**

N/A

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Next meeting is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**MOTION**

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was

**VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss negotiations and litigation and not to return to regular session.

Roll Call vote: Mamakos – yes, Chaves – yes, Elmes – yes, Crone – yes.

Public meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee