

KINGSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2006

Kingston Intermediate School Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chair Joseph Chaves at the Kingston Intermediate School Library.

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mrs. Cynthia Lynch, Mr. Christopher Mamakos and Mrs. SueAnn Hurley.

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Paul Barry

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dana R. Parker, Supt. of Schools; Ms. Liz Sorrell, Asst. Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Director of Business Services; and Mrs. Doris Claypool, Principal.

Also Attending:

Ms. Judy Lewis and Mr. Fred Boughton, FinCom members; and Mrs. Judy Dolan, Kingston parent.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

VOTED to accept the minutes of January 9, 2006.

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE none

TEACHER'S CORNER no report

PTO REPORT no report

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE none

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

Superintendent Parker announced that the Principal of the Silver Lake Middle School is retiring at the end of this school year. Mr. Parker asked if there were any interested parents (school committee or PTA) who would like to serve on a search committee. He encouraged the school committee members to make suggestions for the search process.

Mr. Parker announced that the next Community Leadership Meeting is to be scheduled for March 28, 2006 which will be an opportunity for an informal discussion regarding budgets prior to town meetings. The meeting will be from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. prepared by the CTE Culinary Arts students.

Mr. Parker knows that there will be budget adjustments and changes but recommends that the School Committee approve the 2006-2007 elementary school operating budget of \$9,605,625.26 as the amount deemed necessary for the operation of the public schools in the town of Kingston for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and an amount for vocational education for the 2006-2007 to be determined. This is a 6.87% increase from last year's budget.

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Mrs. Hurley asked what the history has been of voting the budget amount. Mr. Chaves explained that in the past years the dollar amount has been close to the full amount. Mr. Mamakos explained the previous decrease in the Special Education Program With Others account. A discussion occurred regarding the dollar amount of the 2006-2007 budget that will be brought forward.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Claypool presented her report on the schools. Mrs. Jody Lunn has been hired as the School Nurse for the Kingston Elementary School. She is a Kingston resident. A Code Yellow was held on February 3, 2006. The D.A.R.E. Program is to begin at the Grade 6 level. Registration for Kindergarten begins on March 13, 2006. Mrs. Claypool thanked the custodians for their efforts in snow removal.

Mrs. Claypool reviewed the Calendar of Events

The School Committee asked that the substitute school nurse pay be placed on the March agenda. There was a discussion of Building Use. Mr. Chaves suggested that Kingston businesses be given a two-week priority—opened two weeks prior to any additional building use applications.

DIRECTOR of BUSINESS SERVICES

Mr. Tuffy reviewed the Shared Cost Budget which was included in the agenda packet. He stated that there were no major projects or changes from the previous year; except, the addition of a 12-month Assistant Administrator of Special Education.

Questions were asked regarding Professional Development and Contracted Services.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

Ms. Sorrell reviewed the Reading Task Force final report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW: none

BYLAW: none

PIGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE: no report

UNION 31: reports on the meetings of January 28 and February 1, 2006.

NEGOTIATIONS: no report

BUDGET ADVISORY: none

FACILITY OVERSIGHT: the Safety Committee met on January 30, 2006 at KIS.

POLICY: A meeting was held on February 14, 2006 with the chairs of the other elementary school committees and Asst. Supt. Sorrell.

AD HOC K-12 REGIONALIZATION STUDY: representatives need to be appointed from the Kingston School Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS none

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed:

Warrant #L025	Regular	\$144,431.98
Warrant #SC26	Shared Cost	74,427.32
Warrant #G027	Circuit Breaker	79,767.66
Warrant #R028	Revolving	60,738.96
Warrant #V029	Vocational	2,937.50
Warrant #030	Regular	133,073.66
Warrant #31	Regular	11,966.06

OTHER MATTERS:

There was a discussion of Title One After-School Program in Math. There are 15 participating.

DATES TO REMEMBER: Next meeting March 13, 2006

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Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Sorrell, Secretary, pro tem