

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, July 9th, 2007

Kingston Elementary School Library

Chair Chris Mamakos called meeting to order at 7:00pm

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

None

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

None

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Parents with questions regarding full day K to follow.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mr. Chaves it was unanimously

VOTED to accept the minutes of **June 7, 2007** with the correction of Ms. Elmes being changed to Mrs. Elmes. All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mrs. Vaughn it was unanimously

VOTED to accept the minutes of **June 13, 2007** with the correction on page 2, paragraph 2, last line should state *Mr. Parker stated that Kingston is actively looking for a Kindergarten teacher* (not Mr. Mamakos). All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mrs. Vaughn it was unanimously

VOTED to accept the minutes of **June 21, 2007** with the correction on page 5, paragraph 4, last line should state *Mr. Mamakos asked for a motion* (not Mr. Chaves). All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mr. Crone, it was unanimously

VOTED to accept the executive session minutes of **June 13, 2007**. All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

TEACHER'S CORNER – no report

PTO REPORT - no report

CORRESPONDENCE

Kingston Police Department request usage of the Kingston Intermediate School for the annual National Night Out on August 7th, 2007.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn it was unanimously approved to allow the use to Kingston Police Department. All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

ADMINISTRATION
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES, the following:

- Summer programs underway
- Enrollment numbers
- Kindergarten
- College & Grad courses coming up in July and early August

Ms. Wrin reported for KIS, the following:

- Quiet at KIS
- Enrollment numbers
- Custodians almost done up-stairs

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Tuffy reported the following:

- Review of financial statement
- KES/KIS has 40/60 split of student population and teacher distribution
- .08 cents is the amount returned to the Town of Kingston
- Vocational surplus is \$5,488.01
- Page 3 (financial statement) un-encumbered amount balances out from rental income
- Insurance claim still underway
- Legal fees increased due to litigation

School Committee acknowledges return of .08 cents to the Town of Kingston.

Mr. Tuffy explained that it was not recorded properly when the KIS was accepted by the town so the committee needs to accept it properly.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Chaves, *that the School Committee acknowledges that the Kingston Intermediate School has been in continuous use since September 2000*. Seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was unanimous. All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

The above motion was amended to say 'March 2000' instead of September 2000.
All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Blackwood reported on her year review, which included some of the following:

- 100 teachers and paraprofessionals have attended many professional development course and workshops that have been offered
- Literacy initiative, replacing Bradley One-way with 90 minute literacy block is underway (30 min. phonics & 60 min. reading)
- 2008 K-2 math edition being brought in
- Policies reviewed and updated
- Grants reviewed to make more impact
- Professional development
- Quality full day K

Full day K grant is a continuation of the first one. K classes are currently avg. 21. Furniture will be in soon. Full day K will have specialists along with lunch and recess. Full day K has the same curriculum as ½ day K but it allows for more in depth instruction.

Mr. Crone asked if furniture ordered was just for kindergarten. Yes it was. Amy Halloran asked about a 5th full day class being offered. Mr. Mamakos replied that the school committee voted 4 classes.

Mr. Mamakos thanked Mrs. Blackwood for her efforts to secure the .5 million \$ kindergarten grant that will increase 10% from the year before.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Parker thanked the administration for the job they have done in their first year, noted it was “pretty remarkable”.

Mr. Mamakos added his thanks noting it is a reflection of teamwork.

Mr. Parker announced that Mr. Elliott Glass (KIS/KES assistant) had agreed to take the position as Director of Career & Technical Program at Silver Lake High School and leave his Assistant Principal position. Search will open for a replacement.

Donated AED units being placed with the help of Deputy Chief Mark Douglas. He will work with the staff on how to use them. The 2 units were donated from Mr. Fogarty (gr. 3 teacher’s brother) and Kingston Youth Sports Organization.

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Elmes seconded by Mr. Crone it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the School Committee 2007 –2008 Meeting schedule.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – no report

BYLAW – no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – met last month and voted budgets.

UNION 31 – Organization meeting on July 12th

NEGOTIATIONS – no report.

BUDGET ADVISORY– no report

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – meetings scheduled

K-12 Regionalization Ad Hoc Study Committee: no report

Safety – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reorganizational chart was presented. Changes are:

- Bylaw Sub committee - no alternative needed
- Policy Sub committee – no alternative needed
- Safety Sub committee – no alternative, it’s 2 members
- Sick Leave committee - no alternative, it’s 2 members

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Crone presented a proposal regarding having a web site for the school committee.

Mr. Parker said it was a good proposal, who would do work and what would be involved?

Mr. Crone said he would volunteer to do the work as long as he held the committee seat.

Mr. Mamakos would like to run it by legal. Tech committee will review and for now maybe they can just post names.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L048	Regular	\$175,290.85
Warrant #G049	Circuit Breaker	38,416.30
Warrant #L050	Regular	99,479.34
Warrant #V051	Vocational	1,097.07
Warrant #L052	Regular	5,936.98
Warrant #SC53	Shared Cost	97,787.62
Grand Total		\$418,008.16

Other Matters

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next School Committee meeting for August 13th, 2007 will be announced whether or not it will be held.

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. and go into executive session to discuss litigation and not to return to regular session. Roll Call vote: Mamakos – yes, Chaves – yes, Vaughn – yes, Elmes – yes, Crone- yes.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee