

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, June 12th, 2006

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Chair Joseph Chaves at the Kingston Intermediate School Library called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Paul Barry and Mrs. Sheila Vaughn

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

None (one open seat)

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dana Parker, Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Business Manager; Mrs. Doris Claypool, Elementary /Intermediate Principal, Mrs. Paula Bartosiak, Assistant Principal KES

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Beverly English, Parent; Rhonda Johnson, parent; Nancy Pullia, teacher; Fran Bevans, teacher; Christine Nava, parent; Liza Zona, parent; Colette Rossborough, parent; Kelly Lloyd, parent; Kate Jenkins-Brown, parent; Cathy Morrison, parent; Tammy Drake, parent; Jim Emmett, parent; Dylan Civale, teacher; Susan Dempsey, teacher; Brian Simmons, parent; Joanne Haugstad, parent; Linda Duggan, teacher; Linda Farnham, teacher; Michel Pitta, teacher; Elizabeth Emmett, teacher; Marypat Dodge, teacher; Erin Spurling, teacher; Missy Battista, parent; Walter Dyar, parent.

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Christine Nava of 181 Brookdale Street, Kingston addressed the committee as spokesperson for several parents, to read a letter in support of the teachers that were released from their contracts. However, she did hear that the teachers were reinstated and wanted to voice a note of thanks.

Mr. Barry questioned why this happened like this. He stated he has no problem with the teachers and his comments are not a reflection on them but he questioned why the administration was not supported when all were for this in the beginning and then the decision was changed. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Parker stated this was not the only school that had non-renewals but it is the only school that had appeals.

Mr. Chaves requested we move forward.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn it was unanimously **VOTED** to accept the minutes of May 8th, 2006. All in favor 4 – 0 – 0.

TEACHER'S CORNER The teachers noted the end of the school year events.

PTO REPORT - no report

CORRESPONDENCE

Approximately 25 letters were received to support certain teachers involved in the non-renewal of contract issue.

Letter from Kingston Police Dept. to request use of the fields for the Annual Kids Night Out on August 1st, 2006.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Mamakos it was unanimously voted to accept the Police Departments request to use the fields for National Night Out on August 1st.

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Mrs. Claypool reported the following:

- Enrollment
- Calendar of event was reviewed
- Building Usage was reviewed
- Thank you to the art teachers for the nice art exhibit in both schools
- Due to poor weather many events were rescheduled to be indoors such as DARE Day. Officer Neal did a great job in his first year especially with the re-routing of it being indoors.
- Grade 3 art work contest at the Bradford House
- Matthew and Lauren Mello were the recipients of the Diane Messina Volunteer award at KES and Doreen Reilly was the recipient of the Edward F. O'Neil Volunteer award at KIS
- The closing events for the school year went wonderfully. The Kindergarten Bridging and the Grade 6 Final Assembly.

Mr. Chaves thanked Mrs. Claypool for “Yeoman’s Work” and wished her good luck in her future job. He then welcomed Mrs. Bartosiak as the new principal of KES.

Mrs. Bartosiak said she looks forward to the new year and thanks Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. Claypool for all their help while she was assistant principal. She also thanks the committee for their support.

BUSINESS MANAGER – John Tuffy discussed budget is in the black. There are realistic numbers in all areas.

Mr. Tuffy looked into the tractor sold. He noted that it was a tractor that had not belonged to Kingston schools in many years. Back at least 6 years ago or so the school dept. had a tractor that was broken and did not run. It was turned over to the highway department and they couldn't get it running so that is why it was probably auctioned.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

New assistant superintendent - Joy Blackwood – begins July 1st, 2006

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Parker thanked Mrs. Claypool for setting high standards and doing a great job. He then reported the following:

- principal search still underway. The search committee consists of about 30 people, staff, parents and administrators.
- request to go into executive session to discuss salary limits in hiring new principal.
- Meeting schedule was presented.

MOTION by Mr. Barry and second by Mr. Mamakos to accept the meeting schedule. All in favor meeting schedule accepted.

On a MOTION by Mr. Mamakos and second by Mr. Barry it was agreed to accept the \$340.00 check received and give to the principals to use as they see fit.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

BYLAW

- New Building Usage form reviewed for 1st reading-current fee schedule and proposed fee schedule should be reviewed for increase. Members will bring back recommendations next month.
- Field Trip policy coincides with law we at elementary level do not do overnight trips.
- Wellness, Health and Safety adopt a new policy
 - 1) nutrition limits to healthy foods offered in schools
 - 2) required physical activity set a standard as what to expect.

Make copies available for viewing in the office.

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE meeting cancelled

UNION 31

NEGOTIATIONS – no report

BUDGET ADVISORY – no report

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Connect-Ed –

MOTION by Mr. Barry to accept the gift of \$4000.00 from the PTO as a portion donated to get Connect Ed up and running, second by Mr. Mamakos – all in favor.

School Improvement Plan –

MOTION by Mr. Chaves to accept School Improvement Plan 2006 – 2007, second by Mr. Mamakos – all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mamakos wanted to entertain a motion to band dogs from the school fields

Mr. Chaves amended motion to add during events – discussion ensued

Mr. Chaves postponed motion - Mr. Mamakos withdrew motion pending selectman's meeting.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L044	Regular	\$275,512.86
Warrant #L045	Regular	22,697.35
Warrant #V046	Vocational	30,325.50

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 10th, 2006 Next School Committee (tentative schedule may not hold July meeting)

MOTION

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

VOTED to adjourn regular meeting at 8:45 p.m. and go into executive session for negotiation purpose and not to return to regular meeting.

Roll call vote – Chaves – yes, Barry – yes, Mamakos – yes, Vaughn – yes.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Wendy Fox

Recording Secretary

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