

KINGSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Kingston Intermediate School Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Christopher Mamakos at the Kingston Intermediate School Library.

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE: none

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dana R. Parker, Supt. of Schools; Ms. Joy Blackwood, Asst. Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Director of Business Services; Ms. Paula Bartosiak, Principal; and Ms. Cheryl Wrin, Principal.

Also Attending:

Mr. Paul Maloney, President of Kingston Youth Sports Organization; and Mr. Dan Sapir.

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Paul Maloney, on behalf of the Kingston Youth Sports Organization, presented the School Committee with the donation of a defibrillator. Mr. Andy Davis, who could not be in attendance, also was instrumental in the donation of the defibrillator. The main design is for adults with additional pads for children.

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

VOTED to accept the donation of two defibrillators—one from Kingston Youth Sports Organization.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

VOTED to accept the minutes of May 14, 2007, as presented.

Chair Mamakos announced the School Committee Subcommittee appointments (see attached) and stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone.

TEACHERS' CORNER

Mrs. Nancy Pullia discussed the following activities that have taken place: Variety Show, First Grade Science Fair, field trips sponsored by the PTO and the Invention Convention. "We thank everyone for that."

PTO REPORT: no report

COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE none

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak – KES

School Improvement Plan

Ms. Bartosiak asked the school committee for feedback concerning the School Improvement Plan.

Ms. Elmes mentioned the consistency across grade level. Mr. Mamakos stated it was a nice plan with good objectives outlined. He questioned Page 17 regarding specific class size and he suggested maintaining “reasonable” class size. Ms. Bartosiak stated that the School Council feels it is a goal and still aim to achieve what is reasonable.

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

VOTED to accept the Kingston Elementary School Improvement Plan

Parent/Student Handbook

The following changes to the Handbook were made to make the draft strictly for Kingston Elementary School.

Page 5	KIS name, address, telephone number deleted
Page 8	<u>Dismissal from School</u> KIS information deleted Addition of KES parent pick up location
Page 8	<u>Homework</u> KIS information for Grades 3-6 deleted
Page 9	<u>School Newsletter</u> Information pertaining only to KES
Page 11	<u>Lockers</u> Deleted—no lockers at KES

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

VOTED to accept the Parent/Student Handbook for the Kingston Elementary School as presented.

Ms. Bartosiak discussed the summer building usage, enrollment and calendar of events.

Ms. Cheryl Wrin – KIS

School Improvement Plan

Ms. Wrin asked the school committee for feedback concerning the Kingston Intermediate School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Mamakos asked about putting a specific number on class size.

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

VOTED to accept the Kingston Intermediate School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Mamakos asked if newsletters and test results would be included? Ms. Elmes questioned if Page 2 will be read? Ms. Wrin responded that yes it is part of the agenda.

Ms. Wrin discussed the following calendar of events: the testing of MCAS on May 14 through May 31; May 25 was D.A.R.E. Day; May 29 was Principal for the Day; May 30 Grade 4 – Lars Anderson; May 30 – June 1 Carolyn Kay; May 31 will be the variety Show; June 1 Invention Convention; June 5 Volunteer Appreciation Coffee; June 6 Step Up Day (Gr. 2 to Gr. 3); June 7 Step Up Day (Gr. 6 to Gr. 7); June 11 Final Assembly and June 12 Last Day of School.

Voluntary charity donations have been instituted at KIS which is a tribute to the teachers. The impact was that the staff raised \$720 this year to be donated to a variety of charities. A KIS Yearbook was presented to each school committee member.

Mr. Mamakos stated that the fourth graders' behavior on the field trip was amazingly good.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

Mr. Tuffy stated that the outside project on the Rain Gardens was continuing this summer. An Eagle Scout has marked the various drains with "No Dumping" stencils.

Mr. Tuffy gave an overview of the monthly financial statement. There will be a surplus as a result of having less out-of-district vocational students. The maintenance costs were high which were related to an insurance claim. The accounts for the financial statement next year will be separated by school—Kingston Elementary and Kingston Intermediate. Allocations for the 2007 – 2008 school year will be by line item for each school individually.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Blackwood announced that 47 have signed up for the Teaching Reading Academy which includes 21 Kingston teachers. The Math Class had 13 sign up, eight of which were from Kingston.

She announced that DIBELS is going very well. Title One will be having a Summer School with six Title One tutors funded by grant money.

SUPERINTENDENT of SCHOOLS

Mr. Parker discussed the town of Kingston's override to be voted on June 9, 2007 in relationship to the schools. He reviewed the Impact Plan and asked the school committee for their input on the Impact Plan—recommendations, changes, etc. Further discussion occurred. A special meeting will be posted for June 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m., to meet after the override vote should the override fail to review the Impact Plan.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW: none

BYLAW: none

PIGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE: next meeting scheduled for June 14, 2007

UNION 31: regionalization sub-committee has a lot more work that needs to be done.

NEGOTIATIONS: no report

BUDGET ADVISORY: none

FACILITY OVERSIGHT: no report

POLICY: next scheduled meeting is June 8, 2007, 1:00 p.m., at the High School

SAFETY: Mr. Crone reported on the June 6, 2007 meeting; meetings have been scheduled for August 28, 2007, 3:15 p.m. and November 14, 2007, 3:15 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Mr. Mamakos asked if there are changes to the school calendar? Mr. Parker stated that Mrs. Neil is making the changes and it will be going to the printer soon.

NEW BUSINESS The children of the residents attending town meeting are being allowed to be in a daycare situation while their parents were attending town meeting. Mr. Chaves brought up for discussion the safety element involved in babysitting and the fact that it looked like we were in support of the articles. Mr. Dan Sapir who was attending the meeting spoke in opposition to babysitting. He has emails that show that this babysitting was done for people on one side of the question. Mr. Chaves further stated that the committee should try to be as fair as we can with the use of the buildings.

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

VOTED to allow the Kingston Arts the use of the school's risers.

OTHER MATTERS: none

DATES TO REMEMBER: Next meetings will be June 13, 2007 (special) and July 9, 2007 (regular).

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was unanimously
VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Bartosiak and Cheryl Wrin
Secretaries, pro tem