

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, June 8th, 2009

Kingston Intermediate School Library

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, and Mr. Scott Milbert

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

APPROVAL of MINUTES

May 11th, 2009 minutes approval waived until next meeting

TEACHER'S CORNER

No Report

PTO REPORT (www.kingstonpto.com)

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

2 Scholarships given out at SLRHS – Letter read from one of the recipients

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Enrollment (K-171) (gr.1-184) (gr.2 162)
- Summer building usage reviewed
- Discussion held on the distribution of flyers from Kingston Education Fund

MOTION

A motion by Mr. Chaves, that distribution of flyers for the PTO and Kingston Education Foundation should be allowed at the discretion of the principal, seconded by Mrs. Elmes. Motion was accepted 4-0-1

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Enrollment (gr.3 – 170) (gr.4 – 162) (gr.5 – 159) (gr.6 – 171)
- Volunteer Reception on June 2nd – pins were presented
- Recipients of the Edward O'Neil (Outstanding Volunteer) were Jeanne Royle and Kendra Garcia
- Stephanie Legg from the Kingston Public Library came to speak to all classes
- Calendar of Events reviewed with grade 6 Final assembly on June 15th
- Last day of school, students and staff June 16th

Mr. Chaves sends out thanks to the PTO Chairs for all their ideas, efforts and hard work. A tribute goes out to Mr. Hodge with memories and a gift was presented from the School Committee.

Bob Hodge spoke to how wonderful it was to work with John and Joy.

Mr. Steele asked permission to hand out flyers regarding the basketball camp he runs through Silver Lake during the summer. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

A motion by Mr. Chaves to allow Mr. Steele's flyers to be distributed at the convenience of the principal before the end of the school year was seconded by Mr. Crone. All in favor 5-0-0

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- Tribute and kind words about Mr. Hodge and she noted he will be missed
- *A Year in Review 2008 –2009* was read through each sub-heading
- Spread sheet of grants were reviewed

Mr. Chaves asked about stimulus money.

Mr. Tuffy noted that money should be received but the amount and what is can be used on remains to be seen. Discussion ensued on the money.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mr. Tuffy reports:

- Will finish the year in the black

Mr. Chaves asked about a number in maintenance

Mr. Crone asked about infrastructure and if stimulus money cold be used for renovations of old Building, (MSBA – Mass School Building Authority).

Discussion ensued. In order to move forward at KES it is going to take a significant amount of money.

Next School Committee meeting is scheduled for July 13th and it will be a closeout meeting.

Mr. Tuffy suggested holding the meeting before July 9th to vote budget and close out on the warrants.

Next meeting date will be July 8th at 4:30 at the Town Hall in lieu of July 13th.

Draft of the 2009 – 2010 School Calendar was presented and reviewed.

MOTION

A motion by Mr. Chaves to approve the 2009 – 2010 School Calendar was seconded by Mr. Milbert and VOTED to approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget discussion:

KIS will be renting out 2 additional rooms to PAC (Pilgrim Area Collaborative).

Mr. Mamakos asked if there is a need to reconsider and revote the budget.

Mr. Chaves suggested not voting to reconsider the budget number because Kingston School Committee voted a number already but the Finance Committee voted another number (lower then school committee).

Discussion held on budget numbers.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – no report

BYLAW – no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – no report, next meeting June 18th

UNION 31 – no report

NEGOTIATIONS – no report

BUDGET ADVISORY– no report

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – flashing lights discussion

POLICY – voted previously

SAFETY – report on May 21st meeting, however was cancelled by KTA

TECHNOLOGY – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION – Mr. Chaves motioned to accept the KES School Improvement Plan, Mr. Crone seconded.

VOTED – motion accepted 5-0-0.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Other Matters

N/A

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 16th – last day of school

July 3rd – Independence Day observed

July 8th - Next meeting, 4:30 Town Hall

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, not to return to regular session.

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

Public meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee