

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2007

Kingston Intermediate School Library

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mrs. Sheila Vaughn

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Kathleen Jenkins-Brown

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Dana Parker, Superintendent; Mrs. Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Paula Bartosiak, Kingston Elementary School Principal; Ms. Cheryl Wrin, Kingston Intermediate School Principal

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Mr. John Tuffy, Business Manager.

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Judy Lewis, Eric Crone, Sue Corcoran, Sarah Asnes, Kim Froio, Brett Marcotte, Stacia Leavitt, Shelly Morgan.

Tom Calter recognized as State Rep.

At 7:00pm. Chair Joseph Chaves called Public Budget meeting open to questions and or comments.

Chair of Finance Committee – Judy Lewis – explaining need for the over ride. Ms. Lewis noted the governor’s budget allows a 1.4% increase however Kingston needs 4.9%. Town is loosing on the revenue side due to lack of town growth, the capital budget is at a historical low and the major drive is that the town continues to struggle from the break with Pembroke and all the new school renovations and repairs. An over ride would give Silver Lake \$533,780.00 and KES/KIS 736,220.00. This portion would add \$148.05 to tax bills with an over all \$328.00 added all together.

It will be proposed at town meeting for a 1.6 million dollar over ride. April 12th is the town meeting. If the over ride is voted against the budget will be cut immediately. If in favor of over ride then it will go as a question on the ballot.

Close Budget Hearing.

Regular meeting called to order by Mr. Chaves at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Chaves noted that “we lost one of our extended family members, Walter Troup.”
A moment of silence was observed.

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Support for full day kindergarten

APPROVAL of MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn it was unanimously

- **VOTED** to accept the minutes of February 12, 2007 - All in favor of 3-0-0.

TEACHER’S CORNER Stacia Leavitt reported on upcoming reading events, MCAS and conferences.

PTO REPORT

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

A bill was received but it was passed on.

ADMINISTRATION
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak (KES) reported the following:

- Enrollment – numbers at 475
- Calendar of events reviewed and it was noted the web site has been updated

Mr. Chaves noted that the Barn Dance was a great success.

Mrs. Wrin (KIS) reported the following:

- Enrollment – numbers at 693
- Calendar of events reviewed
- This month is all about getting ready for MCAS

Mr. Mamakos noted the Aladdin performance being a great success and Mr. Chaves agreed.

BUSINESS MANAGER – Mr. Parker reported in John Tuffy absence.

- Deficit in maintenance account is waiting on insurance to come through and the rest of accounts look good.
- Mr. Tuffy wants to look into size and maintenance of grease traps and be sure it's up to code.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Blackwood reported:

- Graduate courses for teachers will be offered this summer sponsored by a Special Education office grant
- K-3 literacy course in August
- Grant for All Day Kindergarten committees are to be formed to include parents and teachers. Reason for committees 1) transition for full day K and 2) curriculum
- MCAS schedule has gone out (March 19th – 30th)
- Presentation done at all 3 elementary schools on giving the MCAS tests

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Parker reported:

- Tim Fogarty said the donated defibulator has been shipped
- Budget timeline – is busy from this point forward – draft has been presented
Pressure to come to a number that makes sense 1) reasonable proposal if over ride passes and 2) reasonable proposal if over ride fails
- Staff positions carved out – not prepared to make recommendations at this time but possible solutions will be reviewed incase override fails.

Proposed budget discussion ensued. Tom Calter spoke in favor of voting on the proposed budget seeing hours of deliberation went into preparation. He said to “vote it and defend it.”

MOTION: *by Mr. Mamakos that the Kingston School Committee approve the 2007-2008 elementary school operating budget of \$10,173,501.00 as the amount deemed necessary for the operation of the public schools in the Town of Kingston for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, and the amount for vocational education for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be \$66,000.00 Second by Mrs. Vaughn, all in favor. VOTE 3-0-0*

This is the budget that will go to the town meeting on April 9, 2007

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

BYLAW

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE

UNION 31 - shared cost

NEGOTIATIONS

BUDGET ADVISORY

FACILITY OVERSIGHT

POLICY – meeting scheduled for March 22nd at 7 pm in the High School library

K-12 REGIONALIZATION AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE – meeting scheduled for March 27th at 7 pm High School to make final revisions

SAFETY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Sick bank meeting needs to be scheduled, Mr. Chaves requests an evening meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

Set meeting for Thorndike Developmental. Impact study wants to present at next meeting

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L033	Regular	\$200,181.85
Warrant #L034	Regular	84,275.14
Warrant #V035	Vocational	<u>16,060.00</u>
Total		\$300,516.99

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4, 2007 next School Committee meeting.

MOTION

On a motion by Mrs. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Mamakos, it was unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee