

# Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Mr. Joseph Chaves called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Was there anyone who wanted to discuss Budget? ~ no response~ Budget Meeting closed onto regular meeting.

## **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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

## **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

## **PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

## **OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)**

Teachers - Julia Turner, Vicky Kelley

Parents – Paul Gallagher, Scott Milbert, Casey Meserve, Vicky Kelley

## **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

None at this time

## **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Elmes to accept the minutes from **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

Minutes were accepted with the correction on the first page, second paragraph under *VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE*, replace the line noting, “that would average about \$800,000.00” with the line “that would impact the school about \$800,000.00”. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to accept the minutes from **February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

Minutes were accepted with the following corrections; 1) on the first page, second bullet under *VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE*, replace the line noting, “Classify full day K – solid foundation in technology” with the line “Support Full day K and Foundation in Technology”. 2) on the third page, third paragraph, replace the typo “ratificate” with the correct word, “ratify”. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

## **TEACHER’S CORNER**

None at this time

## **PTO REPORT**

Mrs. Kelley reported that

- website is up and running, [www.kingstonpto.com](http://www.kingstonpto.com)
- calendar sales underway
- bookfair made @ \$4500
- upcoming field trips and events
- next PTO meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 am KES

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed
- DI literature went home & 2 Kingston DI teams won at tournament
- Shared Math Mania presentation

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** - Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- MCAS schedule reviewed with history and science taken out of grade 5
- Assessment update- Cost savings- will still give Assessments but more efficiently. Kindergarten screening will be in the spring to better balance the needs of the students in the classrooms. Stanford testing will not be done.
- Attendance procedure reviewed and discussion ensued. Mrs. Blackwood recommended this procedure go into the student handbook.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos to accept the Attendance Procedure recommended by Mrs. Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent as part of the Student/Parent Handbook, seconded by Mrs. Elmes. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

- School Improvement Plan reviewed, corrections were made.

**Motion** by Mr. Mamakos to accept the School Improvement Plan as an addendum to the regular School Improvement Plan, seconded by Mrs. Elmes. Motion approved, 5-0-0.

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** – Mr. Tuffy reports:

- Greg Hanson was noted for his accomplishments as an Eagle Scout.
- Monthly Financial Statement reviewed, SpEd deficit has improved to zero due to student moving out of district.
- Insurance Co still working on claim and they understand the financial concerns
- Proposed Budget discussed - no vote tonight – Finance Committee is using this time to further investigate other options.
- New budget reflects loss of Pre K-6 Curriculum Director, position eliminated at Administration Building
- Principal search actively underway with many applications narrowed down to 4 names brought forward.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW** – no report

**BYLAW** – meeting held the recommended changes involved grammar and language.

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – no meeting.

**UNION 31** – February meeting voted on shared costs

**NEGOTIATIONS** – executive session

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – list distributed and reviewed. Changes made mostly typos. Policy to be adopted by all 4 committees April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SAFETY** – no report

**TECHNOLOGY** – no report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Attendance Procedure was reviewed and voted on.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Committee would support working with selectman and finance committee to separate the Out of District Education line item from the Kingston School Budget

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #V029	Vocational	\$483.56
Warrant #L030	Regular	\$28.16
Warrant #G031	Circuit Breaker	\$142,483.07
Warrant #L032	Regular	\$481,637.77
Grand Total		\$624,632.56

**Other Matters**

N/A

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**MOTION**

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

**VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss negotiations and not to return to regular session.

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

Public meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee