

## Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Scholarship Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting called to order by Mr. Joseph Chaves at 7:10 p.m. New committee members, Stacey Elmes and Eric Crone were welcomed.

Joe Chaves nominates Chris Mamakos as chairperson. Seconded by Sheila Vaughn.  
4 yes 1 abstained – Chris Mamakos is elected as chair and accepts.

Organization for now is as follows:

Vice Chair – Mr. Chaves nominated by Mr. Mamakos second by Mrs. Vaughn (all in favor)

Secretary – Mrs. Vaughn nominated by Mr. Chaves second by Mr. Mamakos (all in favor)

Mr. Mamakos requested holding off for further recommendations until next month due to the fact the new members just started tonight.

### **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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

### **ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE**

None

### **PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Paula Bartosiak, Elementary School Principal

### **ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. Dana Parker, Superintendent; Mr. John Tuffy, Business Manager; Cheryl Wrin, Intermediate School Principal

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

Bill Arrowsmith (Kingston Cable Advisory Committee); Nancy Pullia, KES; Colleen Fogarty, KIS; Barbara Carvalho, KES; Kate Jenkins-Brown, Parent; Erik Todd, KIS; Julia Kadlec, KIS; Coleen Kellogg, KIS.

### **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Arrowsmith (Kingston Cable Advisor Chair) addressed the committee requesting a letter of support to update the schools and bring educational public access television to them.

Mr. Crone asked if this would be an expense to the school system? Mr. Arrowsmith responded that the cable company picks up the expenses through a grant that can also allow for the school to obtain new equipment.

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

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

**VOTED** to accept the minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007. All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

The minutes of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 will be voted on at the next meeting.

**TEACHER'S CORNER** – no report

**PTO REPORT** - no report

**CORRESPONDENCE** no report

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES, the following:

- Enrollment numbers at 463
- Calendar of event was reviewed
- School Improvement Plan was handed out for committee to review and vote on at next meeting.

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KIS, (Ms. Wrin was absent) the following:

- Enrollment numbers at 692
- Building Usage
- MCAS is underway
- Calendar of event was reviewed
- School Improvement Plan was handed out for committee to review and vote on at next meeting.

Mr. Chaves commended the Band for their performance at the concert. Mr. Mamakos agreed.

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mrs. Blackwood reported (Mr. Tuffy was absent).

Budget going along as expected. Still waiting on insurance to even out deficit.

### **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Blackwood reported:

- Professional Development - 40 teachers district wide have signed up for the Reading Academy program. 16 of which are from Kingston. It is a positive impact that they are willing to dedicate their own time.
- Insert now available for the student handbook with new Mass. General law requirements. Will work with Mrs. Bartosiak and Mrs. Wrin to straighten out the handbook and present it for review at the June meeting.
- DIBELS- final round is now being evaluated and results should be received the final week of May or the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.
- Title One grant will allow for 3 teachers at KIS and 3 at KES for the summer program. That will run from June 25<sup>th</sup> until July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Title One staff was commended for the work they put into the Title One night.
- Kingston Kids Care handout discussed. Okay to put on website as community information.

### **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Blackwood reported: (Mr. Parker was absent)

- School Choice needs to be voted on each year.

**MOTION** – Mrs. Vaughn motioned to reject School Choice and Mrs. Elmes second motion, **VOTED** – (all in favor to reject School Choice 5-0-0)

Kingston will **not** participate in School Choice for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

- Calendar draft presented. Needs December 5<sup>th</sup> added as an early release day and school committee heading needs to be updated.

**MOTION** - by Mr. Chaves to accept the school calendar and allow for changes. Mrs. Elmes seconded. **VOTED** - All in favor 5-0-0

FYI – The report cards will be going home without teacher's names on them for the next year placement. Posting will be done on school's front doors prior to the beginning of school. Connect Ed message will go out with the date the teachers will be posted.

Next School Committee was rescheduled due to conflicts. It will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. Proposal will be drafted and sent to school committee for review and support. Administration would like to have support before they present it to selectmen on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW** – will be voted on at next meeting

**BYLAW** – no report

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – Mrs. Vaughn reported on meeting. Health benefits package being reviewed. One form for rental agreements with subject to ratification.

**UNION 31** – Joint Meeting, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. K-12 report

**NEGOTIATIONS** – Ready anytime to begin conversations regarding 3-year teacher contract and support staff contract. June 2008 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

**BUDGET ADVISORY** – no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – stream lining process. The ultimate goal is to come up with an agreement all committees can agree on. Policy review May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**K-12 Regionalization Ad Hoc Study Committee:** report to be presented at joint meeting

**Safety** – Mr. Crone was appointed as the alternate temp.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L039	Regular	\$164,812.31
Warrant #L040	Regular	169,808.20
Warrant #SC41	Shared Cost	73,614.94
Warrant #G042	Circuit Breaker	17,054.12
Warrant #V043	Vocational	19,584.00
Warrant #L044	Regular	131,785.43

Grand Total		\$576,659.00
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**Other Matters**

Mr. Mamakos thanked Ms. Jenkins-Brown for stepping up and helping when they needed her. Thank you and welcome to the new members.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 next School Committee meeting

**MOTION**

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee