

# Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Kingston Intermediate School Library

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

## **PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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

## **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)**

## **VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE**

Paul Weller, Norwell band director of 37 years, spoke of his experiences in teaching over the years and his support for the program.

## **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

**September 8, 2008** - Motion by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to accept the 09/08 minutes. Motion approved. 3-0-2 (Elmes & Crone abstained)

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008** - Motion by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to accept the 10/01 minutes. Motion approved. 5-0-0.

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - Motion by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to accept the 10/14 minutes. Motion approved. 5-0-0.

## **TEACHER'S CORNER**

Upcoming Thanksgiving Feast is on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Field trips are underway.

## **PTO REPORT**

Mrs. Kelley spoke on upcoming events and fundraisers.

- \$1200.00 made from Election day bake sale
- Yankee Candles raised approx. \$18,000.00
- December 6<sup>th</sup> is Breakfast with Santa

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed
- Mr. Gene Wyatt gifted KES by writing a grant to receive refurbished computers

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed

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

- MCAS presentation will be held November 25<sup>th</sup> at SLRHS at 7 pm
- Attendance Policy submitted for review – Developed for all 3 towns to get early intervention in place and show consistency. Studies believe if attendance is addressed early in may help lower the drop out rate.

- Professional Development Day- successful day, teachers were sent to targeted areas

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

- Financial Statement was reviewed. Not much change due to spending freeze. Grim revenue picture noted by Senator Murray so spending freeze was put into place by district and town. Still expected the electricity claim will solve the deficit.
- The final budget was enclosed in the packet to the committee. (It was realized the final never was sent to them).
- Selectman asked for 5% reduction in budget proposed for next year. That alone may result in the need for staff reduction.
- Mr. Tuffy feels everyone should have a sit down with the Finance Committee so that everyone is on board as to what the schools need.

Mr. Chaves noted he spoke to Mr. Creed and the budget for next year looks even bleaker then first thought.

- Fourth Grade band discussion was reviewed and options were discussed. There is a lack of options and the existing schedule seems to be the best use of time. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Chaves noted that he would like to look into this further and not take a stand right now.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW** – No Report

**BYLAW** – No Report

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – New director search continues and will hold interviews in January

**UNION 31** – no report

**NEGOTIATIONS** – executive session

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report

**POLICY** – MASC moving forward

**SAFETY** – no report

**TECHNOLOGY** – Meeting on Friday to discuss the Education Foundation will bring about 39 new computers. Disbursement discussed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The warrants were presented for payments and signed.

**Other Matters**

N/A

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Next meeting is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**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 litigation and not to return to regular session.

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

Public meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee