

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2005

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Chairman Joseph Chaves called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Joseph Chaves, Paul Barry, Chris Mamakos, Sue Ann Hurley

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

Cynthia Lynch

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Dana Parker, Superintendent; Ms. Liz Sorrell, Assistant Superintendent; John Tuffy, Business Manager; Doris Claypool, Elementary /Intermediate Principal

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

None

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Barbara St. George, Carol Lormer

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Nothing to report

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Mr. Mamakos motioned to accept minutes of the October 17th, 2005 amended with the additional line at the end of minutes, after “go to executive session” add - *to discuss ongoing litigation*, - second by Mrs. Hurley - minutes were accepted. (4-0-0)

TEACHER’S CORNER

No report

PTO REPORT

No report

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No report

CORRESPONDENCE

No report

ADMINISTRATION

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Budget process underway, Mr. Parker asked if there was any concerns from the committee that they want looked into during the budget process.

- Mr. Barry asked if the secretaries are compensated appropriately
- Mr. Mamakos asked that now there is a new reading program underway we may need to look at updates for the math program (Ms. Sorrell informed committee that math and science are being reviewed for updates)
- Mr. Chaves requested that the one principal model verses the two principal model be reviewed and possible put back into the budget (Mr. Parker agrees this is an area that needs to be addressed.)

- Committee comments that the best education for our students be first priority and fight for money is second.
- Mrs. Hurley wants to review the need to set general terms for class size to allow for the possible increase in town population due to the proposed development in town. (Mr. Parker made note that discussion when not under pressure is a good idea. To put a plan in place before issue arrives.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Enrollment and calendar of events were discussed
- Received resignation from Karen Tringali (Title I tutor) interviews underway
- Updating technology still underway and making progress
- New Apple server ordered and on the way
- MEC updated
- Email updated
- Printers installed
- Several MAC application have been done that will migrate to new system
- Reading at the Lake Evening update with suggestions on increased reading. Was a successful night with over 200 in attendance.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Basically on target and much of what suspected.

Balance statement gone over with the following discussion;

- Page 6 Large number deficit from tuition of out of district special needs students will be worked out from the circuit breaker money
- Page 4 Contracted Services will be offset by the rental money
- Last page there is a vocational surplus because those who applied did not go due to the fact there was no room for them

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Computer inventory was done and there are several very old computers especially at KES. The plan is to move towards one form platform. Revolving fund money will be used to replace the old computers. Replacements will be done with PCs and any good condition MACs will still be used for the Arts programs. Plan is to replace any computer over 5 years old with PCs until they are all done. Approximately 130 at KIS and 120 at KES. This year is good timing because the High School is purchasing computers
 Revolving Fund money is used towards school needs not staffing. Such as computers, books and things that go hand in hand with supporting our curriculum. Proposal for purchasing computers will be presented at Decembers meeting.
- Tier II Audit will be the week of November 28th. The committee was supplied with an overview of all the documents delivered to the EQA for review and standards of how they will be judged. Our district is in good shape. Ms Sorrell thanks Karen Hayhurst and Josie Gore for all their extensive efforts and hard work.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW no quorum

BYLAW no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE alternate to attend meetings requested

UNION 31 next meeting December 7th at 7 p.m.

NEGOTIATIONS

BUDGET ADVISORY

FACILITY OVERSIGHT being discussed

POLICY – awaiting contact from MASE (Massachusetts Association of School Committees).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Barry stepping down from Union 31 but will remain as alternate. Mr. Mamakos will replace Mr. Barry's spot. Mr. Barry will step down from Administrative Review and Mr. Chaves will cover the spot until someone volunteers.

Mr. Chaves makes these appointments with no objections.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

Warrants were presented for payments and signed.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 12, 2005 next School Committee meeting

MOTION Mr. Barry motioned to adjourn meeting. – Mr. Mamakos seconded.

Meeting adjourns 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee