

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, October 9th, 2007

Kingston Intermediate School Library

Chair Chris Mamakos called meeting to order at 7:00pm

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

ABSENT FROM THE COMMITTEE

None

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

ABSENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

None

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Lisa Whittemore (teacher/parent), Julia Kadlec (teacher), Paula White (parent), Michael Donovan (parent), Nichelle Armstrong (parent), Vicky Kelley (parent), Matthew Mello (parent).

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

- Mike Donovan and Michelle Armstrong voiced concerns regarding kindergarten full day sessions verses half-day sessions.
- Paula White spoke of the “Destination Imagination” program expanding to include KIS this year and requested approval to send home letters explaining the program.

MOTION: By Mrs. Elmes to make an exception for this particular program (Destination Imagination) to be allowed to send home information in the student backpacks. Mr. Crone seconded motion, Mr. Mamakos opposed, motion past by majority vote. 4-1-0

APPROVAL of MINUTES

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

VOTED to accept the minutes of **September 10, 2007** with the following corrections, first, on page 2, 3rd paragraph should read *Mass. Superintendent Conference* not School Committee. Last correction on page 3 top line it should read ‘*information on the educational programs related to Federal Reserve.*’ All in favor 5 – 0 – 0.

TEACHER’S CORNER

PTO REPORT

PTO questioned whether they need approval for any of their fundraising activities. It was noted that PTO has not and does not need to run things through the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The committee received a letter from the Kingston Teacher’s Association noting that they are ready to begin talks on negotiation.
- Kingston Fire & Rescue (Robert Heath) sent a copy of the complaint filed against the Kingston Elementary School for 3 PTO members that refused to evacuate the building during an unknown fire alarm. The committee requested that a copy of this citation be sent to the 3 members. Mrs. Bartosiak said she would take care of that.

Mr. Mamakos requested in the future if anyone refuses to leave the building that the Kingston Police be called.

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES, the following:

- Enrollment numbers (503)
- Kindergarten
- Upcoming events

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS, the following:

- Enrollment numbers (665)
- Upcoming events

BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Tuffy reported the following:

- Review of financial statement
- Deficit in text book – grant money didn't come through in time for this month will show for next month
- Funding for out of district placement all even
- Circuit breaker explained – monies come from the rears to cover reactive staff

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Blackwood reported the following:

- Kindergarten update – grant due October 22nd – competitive grant, no guarantees
- New kindergarten report card developed by K-committee over summer-final draft submitted for approval. This year is transition year for the new report card. Work for a new grades 1-6 report card to begin this year.

MOTION: Mr. Chaves motioned to accept the new presentation of the kindergarten report card in the Kingston Schools - Mrs. Elmes seconded motion. All in favor 5-0-0.

- Adequate yearly has not been posted (doesn't exist for KIS) because the DOE counted KIS & KES as one school. That needs to be corrected.
- MCAS discussion
- Professional Development reviewed

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Tuffy reported:

- Principal update – Mr. Hodge has agreed to stay the year as principal of KIS. Administration is working to finalize the paperwork so this happens.
- October 1st enrollment info review as it is the foundation for budget assessments.
- School directory handed out to committee
- Budget discussion has begun

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – no report

BYLAW – no report

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – last meeting October 4th discussed health benefits for retiree’s

UNION 31 – no report

NEGOTIATIONS – will discuss in executive session

BUDGET ADVISORY– September 19th, 10 a.m.

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – section G & H done, section I progress is being made

K-12 Regionalization Ad Hoc Study Committee: no report

Safety – need to schedule meeting

Technology- tentative meeting at Administration Building at 1 pm October 19th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Inquiry into liability for use of the KIS building - Liability to Town of Kingston
- Mr. Crone posted to Kingstonmass.org – discussion on when to post minutes
- Would like to look into Gifted & Talented Programs

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L008	Regular	\$202,188.18
Warrant #L009	Regular	119,842.71
Warrant #L010	Regular	64,400.74
Warrant #L011	Regular	19,876.03
Warrant #G012	Circuit Breaker	51,615.00

Grand Total \$457,922.66

Other Matters

MASC conference held at KIS. Special thank you to Lydia for

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next School Committee meeting for November 13, 2007.

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, it was **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. and proceed into executive session for contract negotiations and will not return to regular meeting. Mrs.Elmes seconded. Roll Call: Mamakos-yes, Chaves-yes, Vaughn-yes, Elmes-yes, Crone-yes

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee