

## Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8<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

### **ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes

### **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**

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES**

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In favor 2-0-1  
Mr. Chaves abstained.

### **TEACHER'S CORNER**

Ms. Kadlec, speaking for the KTA, wanted to be sure that no one minded if they held a dunk tank (with the teachers in it) at the Welcome Back Social. Funds raised from this will benefit the KTA Scholarship. No one minded.

### **PTO REPORT**

No Report

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note was received from Amanda Gibbons for the scholarship she received from the committee. She is attending Colby Sawyer

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Great opening
- Smooth transition with shared staff
- Community Evening was well attended
- Id pictures and bus safety are complete
- Upcoming events were reviewed

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Great opening
- Community Evening packed, children left very comfortable
- Upcoming events were reviewed

- Conservation Commission Project underway and running smoothly

Mr. Mamakos thanked everyone for a smooth opening and noted receiving many compliments from the community.

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

- MCAS results should be received by the schools, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be sent home shortly there after.
- Acronym list came from Steve Levine, Halifax School Committee, to help with the abbreviations at meetings.

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

- Financial Statement was reviewed, deficit in maintenance reflects pending insurance claim from power surge.
- Surplus in account are not as negative as they appear due to the fact that not all placements are complete.
- Fall Tow Meeting, October 1<sup>st</sup>, discusses a number of articles. Space on article is reserved for Elementary School to ask for \$61,240.00 to restore to budget that town removed before budget was approved.
- First order of business is to determine if you (school committee) want to put amount as warrant before town? Discussion ensued

On a MOTION by Mr. Chaves to reconsider the vote taken August 11<sup>th</sup> Stating: *(On a MOTION by Mr. Mamakos seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was Accepted that the Kingston School Committee submit a warrant article (on amount cut from original budget) to the town to be voted on by the town at fall meeting. 4-0-0)*  
Seconded by Mr. Mamakos. All in favor 3-0-0

Floor opened for discussion on the amount to submit or not to submit to town meeting.

On a MOTION by Mr. Mamakos that \$27,940.00 be submitted for town administration for reinstatement to budget at town meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Vaughn. All in favor 3-0-0

Mr. Creed (Silver Lake Regional School Committee Chair and Legislative Agent) has requested the committee's support in trying to pass a ruling that non-funded mandates stop.

On a MOTION by Mr. Mamakos that the Kingston school committee draft a letter in support of not allowing non-funded mandates, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn. All in favor 3-0-0.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION REVIEW**

**BYLAW** – discussion for concerns being proposed

**PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE** – looking to replace director

**UNION 31** – no report

**NEGOTIATIONS** – executive session /Support Staff set for Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

**BUDGET ADVISORY**– no report

**FACILITY OVERSIGHT** – no report  
**POLICY** – it is in the mail  
**SAFETY** – no report  
**TECHNOLOGY**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Chaves would like to take concerns about the lack of financial representation from Finance Committee at town meeting to the selectman and see what they recommend. We need to have Finance Committee's support. We need to be sure they are on board and attend the school committee meeting when we discuss budget. So there is not repeat of this year where the Finance Committee didn't support our budget request and money was cut without support or warning. Is the committee in favor of Mr. Chaves, and Mr. Mamakos talking to the moderator?

**APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE**

The warrants were presented for payments and signed.

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #L004	Regular	\$131,460.72
Warrant #L005	Regular	146,819.97
Warrant #L006	Regular	22.51
Grand Total		\$278,303.20

**Other Matters**

N/A

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**MOTION**

On a motion by Mr. Mamakos, seconded by Mrs. Vaughn, it was **VOTED** to adjourn regular meeting at 8:20 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.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Fox  
Recording Secretary  
Kingston School Committee