

Kingston School Committee Meeting

Monday, May 11th, 2009

Kingston Intermediate School Library

PRESENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joseph Chaves, Mr. Christopher Mamakos, Mr. Eric Crone, Mrs. Stacey Elmes, and Mr. Scott Milbert

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent; Robert Hodge, Intermediate School Principal; Paula Bartosiak, Elementary School Principal

OTHERS PRESENT (signed in)

Brian Ferriera, Susan Ajemian, Susan Dempsey, Vicki Kelley.

Regular Meeting called to order by Mr. Joseph Chaves at 7:00 p.m. New committee member, Scott Milbert was welcomed.

Organizational Meeting

Mrs. Blackwood was asked to start meeting off.

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

Meeting was turned over to chair, Mr. Mamakos.

Organization for now is as follows:

Vice Chair – Mr. Chaves nominated by Mrs. Elmes second by Mr. Mamakos (all in favor) 5-0-0

Secretary – Mrs. Elmes nominated by Mr. Crone second by Mr. Chaves (all in favor) 5-0-0

Union 31 – Chair is automatic.

Mr. Mamakos nominated Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes (all in favor) 5-0-0

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Mr. Crone will remain the alternate

Safety Sub- Mr. Milbert

VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE

Susan Ajemian spoke to committee on books she had donated to KES about diversity. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Blackwood noted appreciation for what Mrs. Ajemian is doing.

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Motion by Mrs., Elmes seconded by Mr. Crone to accept the minutes from April 13th, 2009 with the following changes.

Under Teacher's Corner – acknowledge that Ms. Kadlec was the representative.

Under the Settlement Agreement, take out the details for both Teachers and Support Staff.

Minutes were accepted as amended, all in favor 5-0-0.

TEACHER'S CORNER

No Report

PTO REPORT (www.kingstonpto.com)

Mrs. Kelley reported that

- Upcoming field trips
- KPTO scholarship applicants reflections of their favorite school activities and events
- Mrs. Lauren Mello will take over as PTO president

Committee thanks Mrs. Kelley for her time in service and for her attendance to the meetings and keeping the committee updated.

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Bartosiak reported for KES:

- Enrollment and calendar of events were reviewed
- Field Trips and orientation reviewed
- Presented KES School Improvement Plan for review

Committee will review and vote on next month

Mr. Hodge reported for KIS:

- Upcoming events and enrollment were reviewed
- MCAS starting final round for the year
- KIS School Improvement will be presented by the new principal

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - Mrs. Blackwood reports:

- MCAS changes reviewed
- Title One summer program

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – Mrs. Blackwood reports for Mr. Tuffy:

- Financial report
- Circuit Breaker looks like it will be decreased for next year

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION REVIEW – next meeting May 14th

BYLAW – new one has been distributed

PILGRIM AREA COLLABORATIVE – new director not yet appointed but in the final stages.
The budget will not be finalized until September.

UNION 31 – will schedule meeting

NEGOTIATIONS – done

BUDGET ADVISORY – no report

FACILITY OVERSIGHT – no report

POLICY – Done (voted on last month)

SAFETY – meeting scheduled for May 21st

TECHNOLOGY – PAC TV will do inventory of both schools then come back with report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Student Handbooks reviewed. Corrections on page 4 (bullets moved up) and page 6 cannot change to will not.

MOTION – Mr. Chaves motioned to approve student handbooks as amended and Mr. Crone second motion,

VOTED – motion accepted 4-0-1 (Mr. Milbert abstained as he is a new member)

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Ferriera spoke about possibility of opening contracts to save support staff positions. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Chaves questioned the possibility of putting in some sort of flashing lights between the two schools to slow the traffic down. Paul Basler will be requested to look into this.

APPROVAL of the BILL SCHEDULE

The following warrants were presented for payments and signed.

Warrant #SC38	Shared Cost	\$90,161.41
Warrant #L039	Regular	\$377,279.47
Warrant #L040	Regular	\$41.79
Warrant #V041	Vocational	\$10,756.22
Grand Total		\$478,238.89

Other Matters

N/A

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next meeting is June 8th, 2009

MOTION

On a motion by Mr. Chaves, seconded by Mrs. Elmes, it was

VOTED to adjourn regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss negotiations and litigation, not to return to regular session.

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

Public meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Wendy Fox
Recording Secretary
Kingston School Committee