

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2016
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair S. Player called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Attending were J. Bauman, B. Hopping, F. Krason, C. Whitten, Dr. Hart and J. Cuff.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to move to Executive Session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices or strategies with respect thereto after which the meeting will return to Open Session. IN FAVOR- Bauman, Player, Krason, Whitten, Hopping.

II. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

V. Chair Player called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. announcing that Mr. Nylen is out of town. Attending were C. Whitten, F. Krason, J. Bauman, and B. Hopping. Also present was Dr. Hart, Superintendent; Finance Director J. Cuff; and R. Dolan, Student Representative.

READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Reed Dolan read the Mission Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 22 – Budget Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Payne School
November 23(Early release)--28 – Thanksgiving Holiday
November 28 – Turf Field Committee, 7 p.m., Payne School
November 30 – School Building Committee, 7 p.m., Town Hall
December 1 – School Committee, 7 p.m. M/HS Ensemble Rm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Hart spoke of the dedication of the HS gymnasium court to Douglas Woodworth on an evening with a downpour of rain outside and a packed audience in the gym who loved and appreciated all his work with the Town, expressed by AD Tom Gallagher and Dr. Hugh O’Flynn.

He spoke of the Chronicle’s coverage of Doyon’s Makerspace, thanking Principal Conley.

Ms. Player mentioned three of the staff at Winthrop who gave a presentation on inclusion at a Down Syndrome conference and thanked them for representing Ipswich.

She also thanked the teachers who came to the Community Forum at the 6th Grade pod and participated in the breakout sessions re the elementary school project.

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Mr. Hopping spoke of the TV Channel 4 visit here and in Gloucester relative to the whale/drone project with the high school robotics group and expressed pride in their outstanding work.

Dr. Hart reported that Dr. Hegedus had an organization come to speak at the M/HS on bullying. It was a good first step on respect for each other, treating one another, not only in person but on social media.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Reed Dolan reported on high school sports achievements in one of the most successful years: girls' field hockey, which is on the way to the finals of the North Division and Izzie Primack is Cape Ann Player of the Year. The cheerleaders have just won Cape Ann North division for the sixth year in a row and will be participating Sunday in the State Competition in Sturbridge. Volleyball made quarter finals; football, semi-finals; soccer, playoffs; and the cross-country team last Saturday at the State Division Championship made 4th out of 25 teams. In Fine Arts, there will be a 5K run/walk on Sunday at Bradley Palmer Park.

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Hart reported that the State-mandated Wellness Committee, being reintroduced, is required to provide developmentally appropriate nutrition, physical education, and a reasonable amount of physical activity. He would like to have a member of the School Committee on the Wellness Committee.

The School Building Education Leadership Team (ELT) is active and sending communications to parents on need, project progress, and upcoming events. On November 7, principals facilitated sessions with elementary staff reviewing the education plan and three proposed building-design options. Input was recorded.

The Professional Learning Community training was completed on November 2 with Meg Anderson. They encouraged the Superintendent to ensure that training continues to build and maintain systems so that this work is embedded in daily school life.

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

B. FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director J. Cuff presented her Financial Report for the fall and was welcomed back. She reported that, while two areas are in the negative (\$31,964 overage in Assessments to be negated when the Town Finance Director adds the assessment budget into MUNIS) and the Doyon School has had to add 3.7FTE personnel in SPED which was unanticipated but necessary when school sessions began, the district remains in solid financial position.

She provided specific information on the Feoffees Grant Status - \$680,073 having been awarded this past year for supplemental enrichment programs and uses for enhancement for Ipswich Public School students.

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The FY16 End of Year Report has been submitted to DESE (\$32,393,552 expended --\$3,494,557 from grants, revolving, and gift accounts and \$28,898,995 from the appropriated budget). New areas of spending were the turf field, the new elementary school project, the stabilization fund, and Birth-to-Three money.

In discussion re the added SPED personnel, Mr. Hopping asked if any thought had ever been given to creating a SPED stabilization fund for years when savings were realized to have some monies beyond the budget for other years. Ms. Cuff suggested that Circuit Breaker funds cover that.

C. IPSWICH AWARE – ADULT ATTITUDES SURVEY

David Clark, representing the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative, explained that it is a grass-roots movement around the opioid crisis with expansion to include youth prevention around alcohol, marijuana, and pills. Locally, substance abuse and education for the residents of Ipswich includes the launching of a website.

The regional collaborative includes all of Cape Ann. Most funding comes from the State DPH. To get towns together is the goal. Gloucester has been at it since 2005. DPH wants data to codify the different projects of education that they want to implement; hence, the survey. It isn't focused on just high school students and will be submitted to Ipswich churches, YMCA, and maybe at banks and/or Zumi's. The Collaborative now has five police officers in crisis-intervention training, sharing a crisis intervention specialist with shared costs to every community. Tools are being developed to assist potential risks for students before they become bigger issues.

Mr. Hopping, citing the survey as only involving alcohol use, asked about expansion and was told that in the Spring more will come. Mr. Hopping said that this is part of all of our vision and better response will result if people anticipate this. After discussion, Mr. Whitten moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to authorize the Superintendent to send out a cover letter to inform the public and include the Adult Attitudes Survey – Perception of Risks as presented by David Clark of Ipswich Aware. UNANIMOUS. The link allows results to go right to the Substance Abuse Collaborative and be delivered to DPH in Boston.. The Board thanked Mr. Clark.

D. SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT – TRANSPORTATION, SBC and ELT UPDATE, COMMUNITY FORUM REVIEW, FACULTY MEETING REVIEW

Ms. McAdams, Ms. Conley, Principals, and Winthrop teacher Lauren Goozie on the Educational Team with the school building project reported on meetings. Ms. Goozie reported on the November 7 faculty meeting feedback on the

three interior space designs with documentations from teachers re the benefits and challenges.

The community forum on the 15th also netted benefits and challenges on the three designs. The third design appeared to have fewer challenges and more benefits.

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To Ms. McAdams' question of what SC wants done with the surveys, Mr. Hopping asked to look for redundancies and pare the survey down. Mr. Whitten and Mr. Hopping wish to contact parents of pre-schools at Cuvilly and other pre-schools, and go to the senior center, EBSCO, etc. Ms. Goozie suggested thinking about the challenges and how they could be solved in groups. A joint Winthrop and Doyon forum will be held on December 6; an abutters' meeting will be held on December 8.

Willie Whitmore (audience member) suggested comparing square foot numbers to the status quo. Mr. Whitten commented that the Fin Com and BOS need to tour the current Winthrop and Doyon while they are in session to solve the "Why" question. Ms. McAdams suggested that there be videos of the kids in the classrooms.

Transportation: Mr. Hopping reviewed his Elementary School Parents Transportation Survey consisting of ten questions regarding forecasting of possible bus transportation needs. Ms. Cuff had provided numbers of buses needed if all Doyon and current Winthrop riders are transported to the Winthrop site and revenue numbers from transportation fees.

J. Cuff left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

E. SUPERINTENDENT GOALS 2017

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to accept the Superintendent Goals 2016-2017 as presented. UNANIMOUS.

F. SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS 2017

The Board reviewed and revised the five goals drafted. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to accept the revised School Committee goals as presented. UNANIMOUS.

G. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE CONTRACT

Postponed.

IV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. VOUCHERS AND BILLS
- B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE
 - 2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
 - 3. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
 - 4. GRANT COMMITTEES

5. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – Ms. Player announced that the initial memo went out for internal interest in the Superintendent’s position. The RFP is being posted this week. The Search Committee questionnaire will be posted before Thanksgiving to solicit for community members.

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6. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE – Dec. 6 meeting with M. Gilbert

7. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

8. TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE – asking J. Frash to be on the SC agenda

9. TURF FIELD – November 28 meeting

10. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Whitten requested that the Director of Facilities attend a SC meeting about the M/HS sewer pump, the Winthrop boiler, the M/HS blueprints that cannot be understood, and maintenance updates.

Mr. Hopping asked when the dedication of the Gerald Dolan Performing Arts Center will be done.

Mr. Whitten reported on his attendance at the MASC conference recently held with its focus on social/emotional learning.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Player moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Acceptance of Open Session Minutes of November 3, 2016

Acceptance of Tri Board meeting Minutes of September 20, 2016

Approval of the high school request for a new student activity account for a newly created club, DECA, a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit student organization which prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools. UNANIMOUS.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. UNANIMOUS.