

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 16, 2016
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nylen called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Attending were J. Bauman, B. Hopping, F. Krason, and H. O'Flynn.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to move to Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel. IN FAVOR- Bauman, Krason, Nylen, Hopping, O'Flynn.

II. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nylen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Attending were C. Whitten, J. Bauman, F. Krason, B. Hopping, and H. O'Flynn. Also present was Student Rep R. Dolan.

READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Reed Dolan read the Mission Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 19 – Fathers' Day
June 21 – Last day of school

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Two citizens advocated for a return to the Doyon School property as an alternative site for the 775-student school.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Hopping had attended the Middle School instrumental production of band, orchestra, and jazz band for 2¼ hours which was incredible.
Crane's Beach picnic went well on the beautiful day.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Reed Dolan spoke of cramming studies for final exams on Monday and Tuesday. Lacrosse teams had a very successful season for both boys and girls.

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. SPRING SPORTS AWARDS

AD Gallagher spoke of the accomplishments of the boys' lacrosse as champions of Division 3 North and playing in the semi-finals and the achievements of the girls' lacrosse under Kerry O'Connor. Ipswich received the Cape Ann Award, Baker Division Highland Award for excellence in participation, sportsmanship and academic excellence. Certificates were presented to the All-Stars in baseball,

girls' softball, lacrosse, and outdoor track for boys and girls.

B. TURF FIELD: MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Hopping reviewed the Ipswich Public Schools Handbook for Use of Synthetic Field, Jack Welch Stadium draft to be given to interested parties in event/activity planning. No action will be taken on it until it is vetted through the School and Turf Field Committees. Before the Memo of Understanding is approved, the high school teams will schedule, then the youth groups, and then outside interested parties. An event administrator must take responsibility for each individual event at varying rates per hour depending on Ipswich non-profit, Ipswich for profit and non-Ipswich non-profit, and non-Ipswich for profit. The fields and facilities are highly regulated under a 14-point plan. School Committee members asked questions and made suggestions. Mr. Dalton urged a balanced prospective on "use" and realistic look at "breaking even" with respect to upkeep and money-making. Acceptance may take place on July 21.

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the Management and Maintenance Plan: The AD is the primary manager, a part-time custodian will maintain all grounds/facilities within the Institution for Savings (IFS) Athletics Complex, and an Athletics Complex Coordinator (10-hours/week initially) will work on scheduling, maintenance, and marketing. An Events Administrator will cover activities outside of the IPS Department. A marketing person is under discussion.

School Committee members will have input until Sunday, June 19.

Sarah Player joined the meeting at 8 p.m.

C. HIGH SCHOOL TRIP PROPOSAL TO COSTA RICA

Nicole Marotta, IHS foreign language teacher, explained her contacts, her reasons for selecting Costa Rica, and her intention to do funding raising. She explained the service component for the students. The trip is open to all students at the high school and will take place in 2017 between April 14 - 22. Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to support the proposed trip to Costa Rica, 4/14-22/17. UNANIMOUS.

D. CHOICE ALLOTMENT 2016-17

Dr. O'Flynn provided a brief review of the previous SC meeting's discussion of Choice. David Fabrizio, MS Principal, called in to contribute to the decision on allotments for FY2016-17, explained that the optimal MS enrollment number is 160 students, and every year about 13% (roughly 20 students) opt out, leaving 140 for Grade 9 at the High School. With Ms. Wagner, the MS has been restructured in project-based curriculum with ELA/social studies and math/science back to back, flexibility in learning forthcoming, with reduction in staff upon attrition as time goes

on. The MS model works very well. The social/emotional pieces are very necessary, and it will be lost if the model is changed. This new model will be used in Grade 6 next year. He advocated for bringing in Choice students. Mr. Dalton supports project-based learning at the High School. SC members were polled. Dr. O'Flynn felt that \$100,000 Choice money is needed; Mr. Dalton said several Choice students had just graduated. Mr. Hopping continued his non-support of Choice, his long-standing philosophy. Mr. Whitten, Mrs. Krason, Mrs. Bauman, and Mr. Nysten support Choice.

Dr. O'Flynn wished to clarify that a sibling of a Choice student can be accommodated.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to approve the addition of 3 Choice students in Grade 2 and 2 students in Grade 4, all at Winthrop, for a total of 5. IN FAVOR- O'Flynn, Whitten, Nysten, Krason, Bauman; OPPOSED- Hopping, Player.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to approve 21 Choice slots in Grade 6. IN FAVOR- O'Flynn, Whitten, Bauman, Krason; OPPOSED- Nysten, Hopping, Player.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to approve 4 Choice slots in Grade 9, 3 in Grade 10, and 3 in Grade 11, totaling 10 Choice slots. IN FAVOR- O'Flynn, Player, Nysten, Krason, Bauman, Whitten; OPPOSED- Hopping.

E. PAYNE GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW

Discussion ensued re the problem at the last meeting where a Payne Grant proposal had been cut by several hundred dollars. It seemed that the after-school Math Team was duplicative and the applicant, Emily Allman, had been confused in filling out her application. With concern about setting a precedent for different treatment from other Grant applications, Mr. Nysten spoke with Bandi Chen, the Payne Grant chairperson, noting that the Superintendent can take an issue to the School Committee, that Mr. Chen was concerned about sustainability of the Math Team after the current year, and about the 80% stipend included in this Grant whereas other stipends are usually \$1,000. Mr. Fabrizio responded that he is in favor of the proposal which will increase math numbers of participation from the elementary schools in the MS Math League. There is a stipend for the coach currently and, as the program expands and becomes fee-based, bus travel and competition will expand. After discussing the financial feasibility of the Grant, Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to support the Payne Grant request for Symphony of Math at \$10,359, provided Feoffee funding can accommodate. UNANIMOUS. Ms. Allman would be creating what she called a consultant fee for all 3 schools (Winthrop, Doyon, and Middle Schools) to foster the Math League.

G. SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT: SITE DISCUSSION

The Working Group has met a couple of times and presented the information (which the SC was about to receive) to the School Building Committee (SBC) and the Finance Committee. With the Alternative Site Investigation documents put together by 5 SBC members and 8 others (all knowledgeable in the Town as planners and members of committees), Mr. Murphy, who gave background info on the submission

to MSBA of 4 options (Winthrop addition, new Winthrop, and two variations at the Bialek site) and Mr. Engel, using downtown and walkability as the two major criteria, presented several sites, reviewed the pros/cons, and came up with four suggested sites. None were rejected, none were perfect, the purchase of any of them can be negotiated, and the size threshold is at least as large as Winthrop. In a process of attributing and scoring (by assigning weights to the criteria: i.e., walkability, traffic impact, size, buildability, access to a major road, and on-site parking (3 points each), the following sites and scores are as follows: 1. Bialek – 50 points; 2. Masonic Lodge area – 47 points (14 acres); 3. Wegyzn property – 43 points (8 acres, 5 owners); 4. Topsfield Rd – 41 points. The Winthrop School plus two homes in the immediate vicinity rated 32 points and Winthrop alone rated 30 points.

The plan has been sent to the Town Planner, Conservation Commission, Fire and Police Chiefs, etc. A title search is being done on Bialek site by Town Counsel. Bialek is a parkland. Article 97 denotes parklands in the Massachusetts legislature and Rep. Hill deals with these issues all the time.

The School Committee thanked Jim Engel who said that none of the alternatives is better than Bialek and any one of them would be an inferior site to Bialek. He said he is back to the expanded Doyon site where the school really fits. Several citizens spoke in favor of putting Doyon back on the table. Gary Champion of the Working Group spoke about due diligence, the multi-million dollar project, the multi generations who will use the school, a list of the best possible sites studied, need to maximize the money the State will give in a one-time deal, and disappointment with the Town Manager by disregarding the SBC recommendations

Mr. Murphy spoke of the community at Doyon, migration of town population and residences will probably change by 2020.

SC members were asked to comment. Dr. O'Flynn suggested continuing with Bialek, Masonic, and Wegyzn. Mr. Hopping expressed the opinion that, while everyone is never going to be pleased, his decision was always driven by equity need to provide the best education for students and the more talk, the further away it goes. He prefers Bialek with Masonic as an option.

Mr. Whitten likes the walkability and puts the children's needs first. Bialek's 2 90' baseball diamonds can be replaced. In the future walkability will be a more important practice. Mrs. Bauman wants to look at Wegyzn, Masonic, and the legality of Bialek. Mrs. Krason opined that she just wants to build a building to serve the whole town and the SC is doing its best to do that.

The recommendation is to pursue two or three sites, get landowner interest, approach the Cons. Commission, get the architect to do a "test/fit/cost" analysis, talk to Glen Gibbs re wetlands. SBC meets again on June 22.

H. POLICY

After brief discussion, Mr. Nysten moved to support the Narcan Policy advocated by Dr. Amesbury and the school nurses, seconded by Mr. Whitten. UNANIMOUS.

The proposed online policy manual needs clarification on where the amount for funding this service will come from.

Mr. Hopping reported that discussion on the Choice allocation policy will continue at the next Policy meeting.

IV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. VOUCHERS AND BILLS
- B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE
 - 2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE – July meeting
 - 3. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – meeting next week.
 - 4. GRANT COMMITTEES
 - Payne Grant Committee
 - Instructional Mini-grant Committee – meeting approved many applications
 - 5. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
 - 6. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE – meeting July 5
 - 7. TURF FIELD
 - 8. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
 - 9. NEW BUSINESS – Dates set for June, July, and August meetings as follows:
 - June 23 – 6 p.m. ; July 21 – regular meeting;
 - August 2 – workshop at Turner Hill on goals;
 - August 4 – regular meeting; August 25 – regular meeting

IV. CONSENT

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

Acceptance of Open Session Minutes of June 2, 2016

Acceptance of donation of \$2479.80 from Doyon Fries for 5 Chromebooks for Grade 3 teachers and classroom library books for Grade 1 teachers

Acceptance of donation of \$680.55 from Doyon Fries for purchase of recess equipment as requested by the Physical Education Department. UNANIMOUS.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Krason, to adjourn at 11:40 p.m. UNANIMOUS.