

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 5, 2016
HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Nylen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: H. O'Flynn, C. Whitten, J. Bauman, F. Krason . Dr. Hart was present as well.

READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Feruzza Krason read the Mission Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Nylen read the following announcements:

National Teacher Appreciation Week is this week.

May 6 – Operation Subcommittee Meeting, 6 p.m., Payne School

May 6, 7, and 8 – The Company presents Fiddler on the Roof, Dolan PAC

May 9 – Fine Arts Student/Faculty Recital, Dolan PAC, 7 p.m.

May 10 – Town Meeting, Dolan PAC, 7 p.m.

May 11 – Athletic Subcommittee, 6 p.m., M/HS Guidance Conf. Rm.

May 17 – Fifth-grade Parent Night, 6th-grade pod, MS, 6:30- 8 p.m.

May 18 – Payne Grant Committee, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

May 18 – High School Choral Concert, Dolan PAC, 7:30-9 p.m.

May 23 – BRIDGE Presentations, Dolan PAC, Time TBD

May 26 – HS Senior Prom, Castle Hill, Promenade, 6 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Dr. Hart acknowledged his phenomenal teaching staff on this Appreciation Week, one of the best staffs he has ever had. He has a great debt of gratitude to faculty. He also recognized Jen Bauman for her great effort in putting on the Feoffees Celebration, and the displays were just a fraction of the ways teachers and students are using Feoffee grant money.

Mr. Nylen acknowledged Kerry Zagarella who has been invited to join WGBH in a program called “Bringing the Universe to America’s Classrooms”, resources for STEM programs.

Reed Dolan, Student Representative, is studying for his AP History exam tomorrow.

A. SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Hart reviewed the district’s curriculum, another Learning Cycle Round having been completed on April 14 with strong feedback from teachers.

Summer curriculum workshops are being planned by Tracy Wagner.

Coordinated Program Review (CPR), part of the State accountability system designed to oversee local school system compliance with state and national education regulations, is being facilitated by Dr. Hegedus for the May 17 submittal to the State.

Mr. Nylen asked and Dr. Hart responded that it is a two-year review with five-year cycles so that it is never too far away from the beginning or the end.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

B. IPSWICH SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Regina King, volunteer for Ipswich Sustainable Education/IEF, introduced the volunteer adults and students (MS Green Team with 20+ members, the Winthrop SLC Green Team, and Doyon SLT Green Team and ISE). It is the third year of keeping foam out of the schools. The Ipswich Y has funded the part-time Food Services Director as a great collaborative piece. The Sustainability Scholars will be presenting at Town Meeting for a ban on single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam use in town. Miranda Russell of Russell Orchard is donating the purchase price of apples used in the schools (\$420) because of her huge apple crop this year.

Bonnie Kitsakos, Food and Nutrition Director, spoke of the Metro Collaborative (20 districts) which allows collaboration in purchasing paper products, food, and cleaning products, and the use of non-foam trays (compostable paper). She shared the wonderful results from DESE Administrative review and spoke of fresh fruits and vegetables received from the Department of Defense (\$4500). The Sustainable group is looking into Farm to School programs with Marini Farms, fish from Gloucester, and salad bars using the crops grown at the schools. Dr. O'Flynn asked about participation for school lunch and Ms. Kitsakos spoke of study in that regard. Mrs. Bauman asked about student-lunch payment deficits, and Ms. Kitsakos asked for a future agenda at a School Committee meeting to present a package and a policy to start the practice of "no hot meal" when money is owed.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to accept a check from the Ipswich Education Foundation for \$9,552 for 25 Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart at the High School (\$7,552) and non-foam products in the cafeterias (\$2,000). UNANIMOUS.

Dr. Hart and Mr. Nylen thanked IEF and the Green Team.

C. SCHOOL CHOICE 2016-17

In discussion on the subject, Dr. Hart reminded that NESDEC had said, after its full evaluation of Choice, that it was strong, successful, and cost effective. He reviewed NESDEC options 1(to end Choice), 2(magnified), and 3(magnified) showing estimated revenues until 2024-25. The administrative team advocates for a balance between accepting Choice and staff reductions, a voice in the Choice decisions, and decisions of allocations of Choice funds. Mr. Nylen recollected that a meeting with administration had allotted 25% to the Central Office and the

remaining to the school buildings. Choice Out would be subtracted. The SC reviewed last year's vote on Choice (12 in the secondary schools). In giving the history of Choice, Dr. O'Flynn was concerned about balance and the MS model. The incoming 6th grade (2016-17) is small. Following more discussion, Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to support Choice for the IPS in 2016-17 without specifying numbers at this time. UNANIMOUS.

D. DISCUSSION OF TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES

Mr. Nylén reviewed the following:

Article 3 – Stabilization. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to support the transfer to Stabilization of \$293,875 in Warrant Article 3. UNANIMOUS.

Article 7 – School Budget. There is a \$30,000 difference update to transfer \$58,164.

Articles 9 & 10. Sarah Player presents.

Articles 11 & 12. Charles Whitten presents.

Article 14. Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to support the article on Obstruction of Sidewalks, Brush, Debris, and Landscaping. UNANIMOUS.

Article 19. Consensus to leave the vote to support as is with an increase of \$100,000 to OPEB.

Article 21- Citizen Petition: Fiscal impact of fossil fuel investments. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to support the first part of the article, assuming that the article is being separated. UNANIMOUS.

E. PAYNE GRANT REVIEW

In discussion with Dr. Hart in his presentation of the 21 grant applications for 2016-17, totaling \$803,763 when \$500,618 is currently allotted, SC members have been told that the mini-grants of \$5,000 are too small in some areas.

Mr. Hopping joined the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Discussion included getting input from the Payne Grant Committee, getting discounts on requested equipment to stretch the money, "in kind" projects from some of the big funders, and technology which should be targeted on who is being given it (kids who don't have computers/Ipads, etc.). In establishing a game plan, what do we want students to know? What is the most powerful learning environment for students to build knowledge? Consensus was that as technology equipment increases, it gets harder to move forward.

F. SCHOOL BUILDING/IPSWICH EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Mr. Nylén stressed the importance of the Ipswich Public Schools Educational Program document with the time factor of the architect needing the document for MSBA. He outlined the work done to complete it with Hart and Wagner, faculty, and feedback along the way. Dr. Hart reflected on the good work that happens when people collaborate; Mr. Hopping expressed his opinion that it is exceptionally well

done. With suggestions on rewording from Mr. Hopping and Mrs. Krason and promises from others to send comments to Dr. Hart over the weekend, Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to accept the Educational Program document in concept as presented. UNANIMOUS.

G. APPROVAL OF 2016-17 CALENDAR

The IEA-supported IPS 2016-17 School Calendar, begins with teacher workshop days on August 31 and September 1 and opening of school on September 6. Mrs. Bauman and Dr. O'Flynn questioned why there were not two options available as there had been in the past. Dr. Hart said the IEA supports this one. Mr. Whitten moved, seconded by Mrs. Krason, to accept the proposed School Calendar 2016-17. UNANIMOUS.

H. POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping reported that there are no policies available until the next meeting. New recommendations are for Cori checks, auditing of student activity accounts, and a proposal for "policy support."

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE- May 11 meeting.
2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Nylén reported, having met on Stabilization and Capital funding and been told that there is a transfer of \$58,000 of available money to the school budget, the School Committee will expect that the remainder of the savings would come to the schools with the likelihood of depositing it in the Stabilization Fund.
3. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – May 11 meeting.
4. GRANT COMMITTEES: Payne – May 18 meeting
Mini - June 1 and 7
5. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE – May 6 meeting
6. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
7. TURF FIELD – Dr. O'Flynn spoke of a kick-off meeting discussion primarily to determine when the ground could be used: final decision regarding the new fields for next year, May 23 shut down of the stadium. Mr. Hodge supports a new custodial position at the M/HS, one fourth of which would be maintaining the turf field and thinks equipment is still needed at the M/HS. Mr. Hopping said the Turf Field policy for rental, etc. is being worked on.

8. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE/TRI BOARD meeting, May 12

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Krason mentioned that SEPAC is sponsoring a movie on Dyslexia sponsored by NEBiolabs at the Doyon PAC on May 24 at 7 p.m. free of charge.

Mr. Nylen reviewed Upcoming Events with the members for their attendance at end-of-year festivities.

III. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Nylen moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to approve the following:

Acceptance of School Committee Minutes of 4/7/16, Open Session

Acceptance of Tri-Board Minutes of 4/13/16, Open Session

Acceptance of donation of \$750 from Wellington Management

Company to be deposited in Winthrop School Gift Account

Acceptance of donation of \$750 from Connor Charitable Foundation to be used at the discretion of the High School Principal

Acceptance of donation of \$420 from Russell Orchards to cover costs of district purchasing apples for lunches in the cafeterias.

Acceptance of donation of \$1000 from 1080 Education, Inc. to be deposited into the High School Gift Account for the Student Racing Challenge Team.

Approval of transfer of \$65 from the Spanish Club account to the Global Languages Club account

Approval of Project Adventure Overnight Field Trip to Blackberry Crossing Campground on Kangamangus Highway, Conway, NH, on 6/10/16, returning 6/12/16

Approval of CloseUp Overnight Field Trip to Washington, DC on 3/5/17, returning 3/10/17

And: to Amend the Bean Counting Open Meeting Minutes draft of 4/9/16. UNANIMOUS.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy in preparation for collective bargaining with IEA, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to discuss deployment of security personnel, devices, or strategies with response thereto, not to return to Open Session. Roll call IN FAVOR- Hopping, O’Flynn, Nylen, Krason, Whitten, Bauman.