

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2016  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair C. Nylen called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Attending were J. Bauman, B. Hopping, S. Player, and Dr. Hart.

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**II. OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nylen called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. Attending were S. Player, J. Bauman, and B. Hopping. Also present was Dr. Hart, Superintendent.

**READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Mrs. Bauman read the Mission Statement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- November 8 – Election Day voting at the YMCA
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day—no school
- November 15 – Community Forum on the School Building Project, joint meeting with School Building Committee and School Committee, 7 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup>-grade pod, Middle School
- November 17 – School Committee meeting, 7 p.m., M/HS Ensemble Rm.
- November 22 – Budget Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Payne School
- November 30 – School Building Committee meeting, Town Hall Rm. A

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Mr. Hopping announced that Paula Eben of TV Channel 4 News will be interviewing the Robotics group who have teamed with Ocean Alliance on the whale project. Dr. Hart commented that this is a truly vigorous type of STEAM.

The High School athletic teams in tournaments are boys’ soccer, volleyball, field hockey, and football playoffs (with Stoneham on 11/4/16). Mr. Hopping and Dr. Hart spoke of the viable athletics and the leadership of Tom Gallagher, Athletic

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Director. The athletes have commented how excited they are about playing on the Ipswich turf field and how great it is.

**A. SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Dr. Hart reported on Subject Intensive Experience (SIE) week at the Middle School, 10/24-28. The seventh grade spent the entire Tuesday on projects dealing with Successful Habits of Mind. On Friday, based on the Socratic questioning by teachers, they experienced canoeing on the Ipswich River (in the pouring rain!)

On October 26, MSBA officials visited the Middle/High School as a part of comprehensive analysis of school buildings across the state. The Superintendent spent 30 minutes and the principals, two hours on a physical tour. The Facilities and Technology Directors answered a written survey, all as a part of a comprehensive report on the conditions of Mass. school buildings.

A strong school culture through the High School administration and Dr. Hegedus is focusing on building student awareness and leadership by having (a) mid-November high school assembly, (b) Bridgewater State conference, (c) January anti-bullying and training presentation for teacher and parents, and (d) April Peer Leader Training at Bridgewater State for student leaders and selected staff.

Dr. O'Flynn joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; Mrs. Bauman left the meeting due to illness.

### **III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

#### **B. TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE REPORT - ISTE**

Dr. Hart described the funding for the international conference in Denver, CO, last summer, one of the initiatives in technology. The presentation, said Mr. Fabrizio, MS Principal, validated what the Ipswich district already is doing, but we cannot grow and change if we do not know what is possible. The conference was based on three areas: global prospective, measure of where we stand, and learn, learn, learn. The Ipswich educators agree with the nine standards presented by the global collaborator and realized that Ipswich is on the cutting edge. Vision is spot on; Ipswich's technology is changing and must continue to change. Teachers have time to combine classes now in the MS with flexible learning, innovation, focus on thinking and learning. We remove the teacher and emphasize on the student, focusing on the vision. It is not about getting devices; it is the devices (tools) which help the vision.

Mrs. Burke spoke about digital citizenship having a positive impact on a student's life. Other conference attendants spoke about global learning in social studies, about global awareness by researching topics, about using online textbooks. Teachers should be purposefully "vague" rather than exact, they said. All felt it was a chance for them to be teacher learners. They had been urged to be positive about social media and to be connected on "Twitter". Dr. Hart stated that the primary focus is on what you want the kids to know—content standards are pretty well

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defined, habits of mind are defined, and collaboration is only important with the desired outcome.

#### **C. SCHOOL IT UPDATE**

Postponed.

#### **D. SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT – TRANSPORTATION**

The Board studied Ms. Player's considerations and the study of regular education transportation statistics (10/28/16) done by Ms. Cuff.

In discussion, there were several suggestions: Dr. O'Flynn considered trying free rides from one mile out rather than the two miles out. Mr. Nylen wants to have Salter (bus company) calculate the length of the rides. Mr. Hopping wondered about the number of kids transported to Doyon now in the flex area. Mr. Hopping announced that he will speak to Ms. McAdams and Ms. Conley prior to the joint elementary faculty meeting on November 7 at 3:30 p.m. about a parent survey on children riding the bus. He will also speak to the architect.

#### E. SUPERINTENDENT GOALS 2017

Dr. Hart and the Board reviewed his proposed goals. A few additions/substitutions were made. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Ms. Player, to accept the Superintendent's goals in draft form with the understanding that a final presentation will be forthcoming. UNANIMOUS.

#### F. SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS 2017

Mr. Nylen will post online the draft of Budget, Elementary School Building, and Communication goals for finalizing at the next meeting.

#### G. STATE BALLOT QUESTION 2

The Board discussed the ballot question regarding allowing charter schools to be funded more. Dr. O'Flynn, having direct experience with a person involved in charter schools, was in favor. Mr. Hopping cited his experience with the Newburyport charter school and felt the bill would be taking away from the communities which should be looking internally to fixing their own problems. Dr. Hart said that two of his three children attended charter school and favored collaboration. Ms. Player cited the failed charter school in Gloucester. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Ms. Player, to take the position of not supporting Question 2 on the ballot at the upcoming election. Vote IN FAVOR- Hopping, Nylen, Player; OPPOSED – O'Flynn.

### **IV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. VOUCHERS AND BILLS
- B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE

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2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Nylen reported working on revamping the budget calculator for the TriBoard meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

4. GRANT COMMITTEES - The Feoffees request a meeting with the School Committee.

5. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
6. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE – Mr. Hopping reported continuing to look at internal policies that MASC doesn't include in their manual and working with Mr. Gilbert on Dec. 6 with the C and D sections of the new manual.
7. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE – meeting on November 15
8. TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE
9. TURF FIELD
10. NEW BUSINESS

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Acceptance of Open Session Minutes of October 20, 2016
- Acceptance of donation of \$1,520 from the Institution for Savings to support funding of staging for the IHS Fashion Show
- Approval of the HS Student Racing Challenge Overnight Field Trip to the National STEM League Finals, May 19-21, 2017.
- Approval of the MS Grade 6 Ferry Beach Ecology School Overnight Field Trip from April 25 to 28, 2017. UNANIMOUS.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Ms. Player, to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. UNANIMOUS.