

Mission

Ipswich Public Schools aspires to empower ALL students to be global citizens who are effective communicators, analytical problem solvers and savvy consumers of information. We propose to do this through an emphasis on communication, critical thinking, creativity, self-management, perseverance and collaboration. Students will be active partners in authentic learning, offering voice and choice in demonstrating competency.

IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

7:30 PM

MIDDLE/HIGH ENSEMBLE ROOM

(School Committee Members only)

AGENDA

Public welcome to join Zoom meeting:

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I. OPEN SESSION

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

READING OF DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Caroline Jepsen, Student Representative

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

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| A. | STUDENT CLIMATE RESOLUTION
Ella Borgman, High School Student | 7:40 PM |
| B. | DEDICATION OF WINTHROP PLAYGROUND
Chub Whitten, Chair | 7:50 PM |
| C. | SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools | 8:00 PM |

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| D. | SCHOOL REOPENING UPDATE
Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools | 8:10 PM |
| E. | ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE
Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools | 8:15 PM |
| F. | FEOFFEES GRANT UPDATE
Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools | 8:25 PM |
| G. | SUPERINTENDENT VACATION CARRYOVER REQUEST
Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools | 8:35 PM |
| H. | SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
Chub Whitten, Chair | 8:40 PM |
| I. | PUBLIC COMMENT | 8:45 PM |

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

8:55 PM

- A. VOUCHERS/BILLS
- B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. ATHLETICS
 - 2. BUDGET
 - 3. OPERATIONS
 - 4. POLICY
 - 5. COMMUNICATIONS
 - 6. MUTUAL CONCERNS
 - 7. NEGOTIATIONS
- C. WORKING GROUP REPORTS
- D. LIAISON REPORTS
- E. NEW BUSINESS*

IV. CONSENT

- A. CONSENT AGENDA

V. ADJOURNMENT

<p>*All business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Agenda items may be taken out of order to fill time gaps and/or to accommodate presenters when necessary. All times are approximate.</p>

Announcements: 06.03.21

- The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th at 7:00pm.
- The last day of school for students is Friday, June 18th. This will be a full day.
- The School Facilities Working Group will be meeting remotely on June 7th at 5:30pm.
- The Negotiations Subcommittee will be meeting remotely on June 9th at 7:30pm.
- The Athletic Subcommittee will be meeting remotely on June 16th at 6:00pm.

Ipswich Can Lead: Climate Action Resolution

WHEREAS, our nation has been a forerunner in acknowledging humanity's most challenging and urgent problems and in advancing the cause of human rights and prosperity. Our state has been a key leader in finding solutions to these problems. One way is through the state's dedication to providing an engaging and quality education. Even in a global pandemic, our schools are committed to providing safe and enriching learning environments;

WHEREAS, Ipswich has a history with environmental challenges and its citizens have been leaders in confronting those challenges;

WHEREAS, as a coastal town, we are first-hand witnesses of climate change. Crane Beach is disappearing as a result of rising sea levels. Our clams are suffering from ocean acidification, and record high temperatures are impacting both Ipswich's flora and fauna. We realize the necessity to address climate change to protect and preserve Ipswich's unique ecosystems;

WHEREAS, there is a clear scientific consensus that climate change is real and rising CO2 levels are the result of excess extraction and burning of fossil fuels.

Internationally, scientists warn that it is critical to act now, and climate inaction will have disastrous effects on the planet;

WHEREAS, anthropogenic climate change is one of the greatest challenges faced by humanity;

WHEREAS, climate change is neither a partisan nor a political issue;

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of environmental justice. Climate change disproportionately impacts young people as well as communities of color and those in poverty, and limits opportunities for equality;

WHEREAS, we have the technology and the economic strength for bold climate action; all that we need is public and political will to meet the challenge;

WHEREAS, we have faith in the American people, our democratic processes, our elders, and our collective ability to lead the world out of this climate crisis;

WHEREAS, all Americans from all political parties, religions, ethnicities, rural/urban/suburban communities, and from all corners of the nation can unify behind climate action, for the good of current and future generations, and for all Americans and all people of the world;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions we take in the next few years will be critical if we want to reduce the damage of climate change.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT. . .

1. We declare climate change a generational justice and human rights issue;
2. We endorse equitable and effective state and national carbon pricing policies and call on all adults, voters, leaders, and institutions to join us in advocating for and implementing these policies rapidly;
3. We call on all youth, all adults, and all institutions to advocate for and to take climate action in order to protect our generation and future generations.
4. We encourage all individuals, all leaders, and all institutions to engage in non-partisan advocacy and outreach among peers and similar institutions as well as organizing bodies such as county, state, and national boards or associations; as well as across scales and sectors including engagement with local, state, and federal agencies, jurisdictions, and leaders.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. We celebrate our District's leadership in sustainable initiatives and education.

The School Committee has adopted the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Climate Resolution and endorsed the Ipswich Municipal Government Resolution for Zero Carbon Energy by 2040. Students have headed projects such as Generation Growers (which won the 2019 Presidential Environment Award), Ipswich's plastic and styrofoam ban, and hydration

stations around the schools. The Ipswich Middle/High School has also been recognized with a national Green Ribbon award;

2. We encourage our student council officers, teachers, school board members, and superintendent to engage with local, state, and federal jurisdictions and elected leaders to engage in non-partisan advocacy for science-based policies to restore the climate;
3. We encourage our school district to form a multi-stakeholder committee (students, school committee, teachers, facilities personnel, food servicers, director of teaching and learning, etc.) to develop a Climate Action Plan addressing these prioritized areas:
 - a. Climate Literacy and Climate Advocacy in the Curriculum
 - b. Direct Greenhouse Gas Measurements and Goals for Zero-Carbon
 - c. Institutional Advocacy for Climate Action
 - d. Building and Grounds
 - e. Operations/Waste Management and Food Service

Consent Agenda: 06.03.21

Move the Ipswich School Committee to approve the School Committee Open Session meeting minutes from May 6, 2021.