

Ipswich School Committee

REMOTE

Thursday, March 31, 2022

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mr. Stevens, Mr. Whitten, Ms. Cannon, Mr. Poirer, Dr. O’Flynn

Also Present: Cheryl Herrick-Stella, Director of Finance and Operations

Absent: Ms. Eliot, Ms. Kneedler and Dr. Brian Blake, Superintendent of Schools

2. Reading of the District Mission Statement

Mr. Whitten read the mission statement.

3. Announcements

- The next School Committee meeting will be held on April 7, 2022 at 7:00pm in the MS/HS Ensemble Room
- The Race and Equity Working Group will meet remotely on April 5th at 5:30pm.
- The Policy Subcommittee will meet remotely on April 7th at 5:30pm.
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4. Special Acknowledgements

Ms. Cannon recognized the All Town band concert. She also mentioned the Destination Imagination team qualifying for the national competition.

5. Citizens’ Comments

There were none at this time.

6. High School Student Representative Report

No report was presented.

7. Presentations

A. Overnight Field Trip Request

Members of the InterAct Club presented their request to host a sleepover at the high school as a means of recruitment. Student to chaperone ratio will be 10:1 with an administrator onsite. There will be separate sleeping areas for male and female students. Students would arrive at 7:00 PM and leave at 7:00 AM. This event has taken place in past years.

- *Motion to approve the InterAct Club’s overnight field trip request was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Ms. Cannon. The motion passed unanimously in favor.*

B. Bean Counting Debrief

It was noted that there was little discussion on the school budget and more on summer programming. Members were reminded by Dr. O’Flynn that the Finance Committee cannot dictate School Committee policy. It was suggested that Bean Counting take place on a weeknight, rather than a Saturday morning.

C. Vote on Town Warrant Articles and Speaker Assignments

Members discussed and voted on the Town Warrant articles. For articles relating to the school district, speakers were assigned. The votes taken were as follows:

#	Article	Assigned Speaker	Motion
1	Consent Calendar		<i>Motion to support made by C. Whitten and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
2	Finance Committee Election		

3	FY 2023 Municipal Budget		<i>Motion to support made by C. Whitten and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
4	FY 2023 School Budget	G. Stevens	<i>Motion to support made by E. Cannon and seconded by C. Whitten. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
5	FY 2023 Whittier Regional High School Budget	P. Kneedler	
6	FY 2023 Essex County Technical Institute Budget	P. Kneedler	<i>Motion to support made by J. Poirier and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
7	Transfer of FY22 Appropriated Budget Funds to Educational Stabilization Fund	G. Stevens	<i>Motion to support made by E. Cannon and seconded by J. Poirier. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
8	Stabilization Funding		<i>Motion to support made by J. Poirier and seconded by C. Whitten. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
9	Other Post-Employment Benefits Funding		
10	Annual Capital Plan	C. Whitten	<i>Motion to support made by C. Whitten and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
11	Home Rule Petition – Amend Charter – SECTION 1. Section 6. Town Manager		
12	Override – School Operating Budget	H. O'Flynn	<i>Motion to support made by E. Cannon and seconded by J. Poirier. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
13	Rescind/Repurpose Prior Water Article \$900,000 Tank Painting		
14	Wastewater Infrastructure Upgrades & Design Work (Aeration Project) (\$6,000,000)		
15	Land Disposition – 161 Topsfield Road		
16	Accept CDP Plan – Revise existing Language		<i>Motion to support made by C. Whitten and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
17	Open Space Bond Authorization List		Hold until next SC meeting
18	Amend General Bylaws – Chapter 35 – Create Government Study Committee		<i>Motion to support made by E. Cannon and seconded by C. Whitten. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>
19	Town Government Study Committee Appointments		<i>Motion to support made by C. Whitten and seconded by E. Cannon. Passed 4-0 in favor.</i>

D. Policy Review: Section I

Ms. Cannon presented the following policies for approval:

- IA: Instruction
- IB: Academic Freedom
- IC/ICA: School Year/Time in Learning
- ID: School Day
- IE: Organization of Instruction
- IGA: Curriculum Development
- IGD: Curriculum Adoption
- IHAM-R: Health Education Exemption Procedure

➤ *Motion to adopt Section I policies as presented was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Mr. Poirier. **The motion passed unanimously in favor.***

8. Superintendent's Administrative Report

No report was presented. The superintendent was not present at this meeting.

9. Subcommittee, Working Group and Liaison Reports

- **Budget Subcommittee:** The group finalized numbers for the override. There was discussion about Chapter 70 funding.
- **Communications Subcommittee:** The next installment of the newsletter will be released tomorrow.
- **Vision 2030:** The group will not meet their goals by the end of the school year. There was discussion about looking at the Elementary Education Plan in response to changes brought on by the pandemic.
- **Operations Subcommittee:** The meeting was postponed.

10. New Business*

There was no new business presented.

11. Vouchers and Bills

All were reviewed and signed.

12. Consent Agenda

- *Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Ms. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Whitten. **The motion passed unanimously in favor.***

13. Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Whitten and seconded by Ms. Cannon. **The motion passed unanimously in favor.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM