

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

H. O'Flynn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7: 04 p.m. with the following members present: J. Loeb, L. Dietz, E. Traverso, N. Sheppard, S. Gresh, and B. Hopping. Also present were R. Korb, Superintendent of Schools; and A. Skelton, Student Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. O'Flynn read the following announcements:

Executive Session will be held to discuss strategies regarding collective bargaining,
after which the meeting will return to Open Session

Town Meeting will be held on May 10, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center

Junior Prom will be held on May 13, 6 p.m., Hellenic Center

Athletics Subcommittee will meet on May 17, 6 p.m., Rm. B229, Middle/High School

Teaching Assistant Negotiations Team will meet on May 18, 3 p.m., Payne School

Public Safety Facilities Committee will meet on May 18, 7 p.m., Town Manager's
Conference Room

School Committee will meet on May 19, 7 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Korb and Dr. O'Flynn spoke of the appreciation for the years of service given by Norman Sheppard (24 years) and Edmund Traverso (12) to the children of Ipswich and the undying support for the community. Mr. Brad Hill, Representative at the State House, during his presentation of their citations honoring their service, spoke of the compassion of Mr. Traverso and the support of Mr. Sheppard with athletics. Mr. Bruce Tarr, Senator, gave recognition of their dedicated service as well with a citation.

RULE OF NECESSITY

Mrs. Dietz moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to invoke the Rule of Necessity because four School Committee members have relatives on staff. The State Ethics Commission has made this ruling. UNANIMOUS.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. SOCIAL STUDIES SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE

Mr. Cahill, High School Principal, began the presentation by summing up the once-in-three-year cycle, the non-MCAS responsibility, and the updating of the web site on social studies.

Mr. Daignault, Chair, L. Manzi, K. Murphy, and M. Simms spoke with a PowerPoint presentation of the district’s Social Studies Day, the alignment of elementary curricula, the common assessments and primary documents work at the Middle School, and the high school videos (Matt Simms presented a four-minute video of 200 years of world history regarding length of life and amount of wealth). The goals and needs for Social Studies SAC are planning time, professional development, and funds for social studies teaching materials and texts.

School Committee members commented on the excellent presentation and the great job the social studies teaching staff does.

B. MAY 10, 2011, SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION/ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Korb explained that Town officials have met on two occasions in an attempt to improve the process of Town Meeting. Mr. Loeb reaffirmed that there are no changes in the municipal budget and they reserve the right to change at the Fall Town Meeting.

Article 8 – School Budget	O’Flynn presenting
Article 9 – HS/MS Debt Project	Gresh presenting
Article 10 – FY12 Whittier Budget	Hopping presenting
Article 12 – Citizens’ Petition	Traverso presenting
Article 24 – Local Option Tax on Restaurant Meals	Traverso presenting
Article 25 – Changing Quorum Requirement	Gresh presenting (if asked)
Article 26 – Feoffees Trust	Loeb presenting

After comments by Mr. Loeb on the School Committee position for \$500,000 rather than the recommended \$1.5 million, Carl Nylen and Wayne Castonguay spoke on behalf of the Athletic Field Study Committee and the Open Space Committee, to garner support for Article 19. Both men spoke to priority for more athletic fields. While the previous School Committee vote of 4-0 was opposed to Article 19 as written, and discussion ensued about a revote, it was not done.

Article 25, however, as a split 2/2 vote and moot, was moved to support the change in quorum to 0 by Dr. O’Flynn, seconded by Dr. Gresh. Vote: IN FAVOR - O’Flynn, Gresh, Traverso, Dietz; OPPOSED - Sheppard, Loeb, Hopping.

Mrs. Dietz reflected that the Board and the Finance Committee had voted 6-0 the previous evening on a motion to split the \$300,000 as put forth in Article 26 and submit \$50,000 for FY11 and \$250,000 for FY12.

C. FEOFFEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

While the agenda calls for a vote on the February and March litigation invoices from Casner & Edwards, Mrs. Dietz reported that the TriBoard will not vote on these until May 12.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE
- 2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE
- 3. AD HOC TOWN/SCHOOL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

4. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Gresh reported that there are several categories to be put on the website: 1. Awards and Recognition; 2. Policies (Mr. Korb reported that work at the Central Office to scan the Policy Manual into a PDF format has already begun); 3. Budget and Finance; and 4. Biography of each School Committee member.

5. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

6. EARLY CHILDHOOD SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Korb said that, due to reductions at the federal level, things are on hold. Dr. O’Flynn suggested that he make contact with Beverly Hospital in this regard.

7. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE

8. NORTH SHORE COALITION FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

9. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

10. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping reported that four policies are being studied for updating; next meeting is June 2.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

12. SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC)

13. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Korb reported that the turbine will be spinning in June. Members discussed a ribbon-cutting ceremony with School Committee members included.

14. SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ITA HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Korb reported a hold pending State litigation.

15. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

16. OTHER

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Members reviewed and put into their schedules certain dates for end-of-year activities within the four schools.

IV. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Acceptance of Minutes of March 22, 2011, Finance Committee/School Committee Budget Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of March 23, 2011, Finance Committee/School Committee Budget Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of March 24, 2011, Finance Committee/School Committee Budget Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of March 31, 2011, TriBoard Open Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of April 7, 2011, Open Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of April 7, 2011, Executive Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of April 14, 2011, Open Session
- Approval of the Project Adventure Overnight Field Trip Request to Bingham, ME, for white-water rafting and bicycling, June 10 – 12, 2011
- Acceptance of the donation of \$904 from the Winthrop FRIES to fund the Grade 5 field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts
- Acceptance of the donation of \$5,000 from the North Shore United Way to the Birth to Three Family Center to be used to support the work of the North Shore Postpartum Depression Task Force.

UNANIMOUS.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to go into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss strategy in collective bargaining after which the meeting will return to Open Session. IN FAVOR - Traverso, Gresh, Sheppard, O’Flynn, Hopping, Loeb, Dietz.

OPEN SESSION

10:14 p.m.

Mrs. Dietz moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to approve the Settlement Memorandum between the Ipswich School Committee and the Food Services unit and the Clerical unit until 2012 as presented. UNANIMOUS.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sheppard moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. UNANIMOUS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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In attendance: E. Traverso, S. Gresh, N. Sheppard, H. O'Flynn, B. Hopping, J. Loeb,
9:35 p.m. L. Dietz.
R. Korb

Collective Bargaining

Mr. Korb reported on the Clerical, Custodial/Bus/Van, and Food Services contracts, reviewing each on the same footprint and with the same increases over a three-year period.

He reviewed a change in status of the custodial supervisor. There were several School Committee questions; Mr. Kaitz, attorney, was telephoned; and the matter will be reviewed again at a later date.

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to approve the Settlement Memorandum between the Ipswich School Committee and the Food Services unit and the Clerical unit until 2012 as presented. IN FAVOR - Traverso, Dietz, Loeb, Hopping; OPPOSED - O'Flynn, Gresh; ABSTAINING - Sheppard.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to go out of Executive Session at 10:14 p.m. and return to Open Session. Roll call IN FAVOR - Traverso, Gresh, Sheppard, O'Flynn, Hopping, Loeb, Dietz.