

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2015
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chair C. Nylén called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: H. O'Flynn, S. Player, C. Whitten, J. Bauman, F. Krason and B. Hopping. Also present were Superintendent Hart, and Reed Dolan, IHS student representative.

MISSION STATEMENT

Reed read the Mission Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Nylén read the following announcements:

Executive Session will be held for the purpose of discussing personnel matters after which the meeting will adjourn

Wake for Doug Woodworth will be held on Dec. 18, 4-8 p.m., Hellenic Center

Policy Subcommittee will meet on January 5, 7 p.m., Payne School

Winter break: Dec. 24 – Jan. 3; schools open January 4

School Committee will meet on January 7, 7 p.m., M/HS Ensemble Rm.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mrs. Bauman mentioned a recent incident where Blake Emerson, a 10th grader, had saved the life of one of his classmates by conducting emergency measures and calling 911.

Dr. Hart commented on the workshops conducted by the Technology Integration Specialist teacher leaders in educating Ipswich teachers on ways to use technology to enhance instruction.

Mr. Nylén asked for a moment of silence in memory of Doug Woodworth and for his family. Dr. O'Flynn and Mr. Hopping each gave very personal and moving reminiscences of Doug W— great person/teacher/coach, the ultimate MC, Ipswich Hall of Fame inductee, unfailing sense of humor even to the end.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Reed Dolan reported on winter sports "off and running," in basketball and track, every team honoring Mr. Woodworth. Poetry Out Loud is in full fashion. The band, chorus, and symphony orchestra performed on Wednesday evening. Dr. O'Flynn added that the level of skill and performance was spectacular, a credit to the staff since Mr. Dolan's semi-retirement. Dr. Hart said performances (including the small ensemble earlier in the month) were angelic and incredible in comparison to other schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Hart reported on 25 curriculum development teacher leaders (Compass) in a full-day professional development workshop on December 9 working on "Thinking Routines" and the new "Learning Cycle" process.

He referred again to the "Technology Thursday" workshops facilitated by the Tech Integration Specialist teacher leaders.

He has rewritten the Director of Administrative Services job description and created a new .5 secretary job description which will, if adopted, allow the appointee to work with the district webpage, work as School Committee secretary, attend Policy Subcommittee meetings, facilitate School Choice, support professional development activities, create the school calendar, manage Feoffee Payne Grants and do other jobs assigned by the Superintendent.

On Friday, Dr. Hart, the newly appointed Designer for the Winthrop School, and the designer of the turf field will appear on the Superintendent's ICAM presentation.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**A. FALL SPORTS AWARDS**

Jeff Carovillano, Vice Principal, pinch hitting for AD Gallagher, gave out Cape Ann League All-Star awards to cross country, field hockey, football (first and second teams), golf (first and second teams), boys' and girls' soccer. He also mentioned Coaches of the Year Steve Lamson and Doug Woodworth, cheerleaders who are champions of the Baker Division, Emily DeMarco, cross country Player of the Year, and Jake Long, football Player of the Year.

B. DONATION OF PUBLIC ART TO TOWN OF IPSWICH

Glen Gibbs, Director of Planning and Development, and two lady members of the art committee spoke of an art show organized by TJ Sadowski where "American Dog" (8' wide, 10' long, and 11" thick) was on photo display and has been offered to the Town of Ipswich. The BOS has developed a policy regarding acceptance of public art. Mr. Gibbs said the sculptor, Dale Rogers of Amesbury, and others prefer a site at either of the elementary schools, and it would be more visible to the public at the Winthrop. After discussion, Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Whitten, to involve the two elementary schools with the likelihood of permanently erecting the "American Dog" sculpture on one of their grounds, decision to be made by February, 2016. UNANIMOUS.

C. EDUCATIUS PROGRAM – REVIEW OF CHINA TRIP

Jeff Carovillano gave a synopsis with photos of his 14-day trip to China, courtesy of Educatius International, the company that is involved with Ipswich High School and its 14 exchange students. The excellent program provides athletes and scholars from several countries including Brazil, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Finland and infuses \$50,000 a year into the high school budget. There is room for

about ten fulltime students. Ipswich has become a showcase of an American school, especially as a Fine Arts school. He traveled with other educators all over the United States learning from them and about international-school industries. The Chinese are basing their schools on American models, and wealthy Chinese parents and students seemed enthralled with Ipswich's bucolic surroundings with swimmable ocean, proximity to Boston, Celtics, and surrounding universities/colleges. Ipswich is waiting to hear from applicants from China. Their students can only get a one-year visa to a public school. Mr. Nysten thanked Mr. Carovillano for going on the trip and for coming to talk about the experience.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF CHILDREN OF NON-RESIDENT PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL POLICY

After a brief discussion with Mr. Hopping regarding the current satisfactory situation with the thirteen children enrolled in the Winthrop, Doyon, and Middle Schools, Mrs. Bauman moved, second by Mr. Whitten, to accept the policy entitled Acceptance of Children of Non-resident Professional Personnel as newly redrafted. UNANIMOUS.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S 2015-16 GOALS

The Board reviewed the goals projected on Powerpoint by the Superintendent. After reviewing the latest revisions made by the Operations Subcommittee, Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to accept the Superintendent's goals with the edits. UNANIMOUS.

F. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONFIGURATION OPTIONS

It being 10 p.m., Mr. Hopping opined that the subject deserves a full meeting with a strictly School Committee conversation, and he offered to send material on the subject to the School Committee for their study. The item will be put on the January 7 agenda in an early time slot.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE

2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

3. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE- Mrs. Bauman reported conversations with the principals re the Feoffee grant celebrations in the spring.

4. GRANT COMMITTEES

5. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

6. POLICY

7. TURF FIELD SUBCOMMITTEE – Dr. O’Flynn reported moving quickly on structure of the turf field and decisions about the building, moving onward to the Town Planning Committee, Conservation Committee, bidding in January, and construction in May. Fund-raising is in ongoing discussion.

8. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE- Dr. Hart reported that the design consultant has been selected after excellent presentations by the three finalists.

9. NEW BUSINESS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

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Mr. Nylen moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

Acceptance of Minutes of December 3, 2015, Open Session

Acceptance of NE Biolabs’ donation of \$500 to Ipswich High in partial support of the Math League travel fees.

Acceptance of donation of \$750 from Erik Vigsnes to Winthrop School.

UNANIMOUS.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Ms. Player, to go into Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Roll call IN FAVOR- Hopping, Player, Nylen, Krason, Whitten, Bauman, O’Flynn.