

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 2, 2013
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

J. Loeb, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members present: J. Bauman, S. Gresh, B. Hopping, and C. Nylen. Also present were Sup't. Korb and Finance Director Cuff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Loeb read the following announcements:

Executive Session will be held this evening for the purpose of negotiations with non-union personnel, after which Open Session will resume

Budget Subcommittee will meet May 8, 7 p.m., Payne School

Policy Subcommittee will meet on May 13, 7 p.m., Payne School

Spring Town Meeting will be held on May 14, 7:30 p.m., in the PAC

School Committee will meet on May 16, 7 p.m., M/H School Ensemble Rm.

Town Elections will be held on May 21

IHS Senior Prom will be held on May 23, Castle Hill, promenade starting at 6 p.m.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Korb reviewed the distributed yellow pamphlet entitled "End-of-Year Events 2013" and asked for SC representation with 8th grade graduation, Doyon Grade 5 Move On Ceremony, and Winthrop Grade 5 Graduation. Dr. O'Flynn will be on hand at the High School and 8th Grade graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Korb reported on the School Safety and Security Task Force consisting of 12 – 14 members which met for the final time on May 3, and on May 16 will present their report and a series of recommendations. A comprehensive and detailed mental health program is coming this summer in a workshop where the school psychologist, the school resource officer, and the guidance director will be trained in CT in a three-day workshop in July (\$5,500) returning to train a 40-member team in this community consisting of school and town officials, police, and clergy for any type of emergency that might come up (\$10,000-20,000). A second piece will focus on installation of cameras and the coverages that must be included, either assigning existing personnel or bringing in new personnel to be within sight of exterior doors. The Task Force will be recommending putting together a grant proposal as a big-ticket item including installation of cameras in all four schools, estimated at \$17,900. There is \$20,000 in the School Capital Plan. While there will be no action taken at the May 16 meeting and Feoffee money will not be available until after September 1, Mr. Korb said Choice money could be used, to be reimbursed later.

Mr. Hopping asked for a formal response relative to the Chronicle article appearing on May 2, 2013, with inaccurate details regarding the outgoing and incoming Superintendents.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**A. MANNING FUND UPDATE**

Mr. Loeb introduced Alexander Colby, partner in Ipswich Investments, Inc., who manages \$350 million as a trust fund counselor in his 41st year. Colby's background is all financial: after college, he began on Wall Street in 1972 as a portfolio man. In 1976, after Bill Markos' death, he bought into a four-way partnership. He joined the Trust Fund Commission in 2008.

The Manning Fund has a \$350,000 principal and the current trustees no longer want to manage it. There are two potential places for it to go: with the Feoffees or with the Trust Fund Commission. Mr. Colby reported that the records on file in the Town Clerk's office show that the fund began in 1866 with \$35,000 and records end in 1913. Assuming that the Manning Fund is a trust, the pool of profitable money would be used as income. The Trust Fund Commissioners of Ipswich manage trusts that are run in perpetuity with the ultimate goal to maintain real purchasing power of those monies. The Cape Ann Savings Bank manages 19 accounts in the Ipswich trusts. Mr. Colby distributed a five-year summary (the time frame in which he has been a Trust Fund Commissioner) of the Ipswich trust funds whose assets are in one large pool with sub accounting of 45% equities and 55% bonds giving protection against volatility. The funds are intentionally very short-term maturities because it is a very unusual time in the world relative to assets and necessary to take risks. At some point this will reverse. He has structured these percentages to take advantage of what he believes will be increased rates over the next several years. Earnings average about 6% net over 5 years, currently running around 3% per year.

Mr. Loeb thanked Mr. Colby for coming. Dr. Gresh, Mr. Loeb, and Mr. Hopping spoke in favor of keeping the Manning Fund separate from the Feoffees, but no action was taken. Ms. Cuff questioned the delay for putting the funds into an investment while the management of the funds is worked out. Mr. Loeb stated that, as the representative of the beneficiaries (schools), the School Committee should make sure that that money is being invested properly without losing interest. Mr. Hopping questioned developing a policy around its spending. Mr. Loeb replied that the agreement has been to benefit the school libraries on a rotating schedule. The matter was placed on the May 16 agenda.

B. PREP FOR SPRING TOWN MEETING MAY 14, 2013

Mr. Loeb welcomed Tom Murphy, Town Moderator, who contributed to discussion.

ARTICLE 6: FY2014 SCHOOL BUDGET – H. O’Flynn will speak to the article

ARTICLE 7: FY2014 HS/MS DEBT PROJECT – J. Bauman will speak to the article.

ARTICLE 8: CAPITAL PLAN FOR FY2014 – C. Nylén will speak to the article if needed. Mr. Korb reviewed the items which apply to the schools for a total of \$211,200. Paul Bedard, Head Custodian, asked what happens if there is money left over, and Mr. Loeb replied that it will roll into a Capital Fund account. If one account is overspent, it cannot be borrowed from an underspent account. Mr. Bedard also mentioned that the M/HS item to be replaced (#4 on the list) is a domestic hot water heater, not a boiler as written in the Warrant. Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to support Article 8 as presented. Mr. Korb said that this article has unanimous support from administration. UNANIMOUS.

ARTICLE 9: LINEBROOK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION – H. O’Flynn will speak to the article. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to support Article 9. UNAN.

ARTICLE 11: FY2014 WHITTIER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET – Ray Morley, Representative to RVTHS, will speak to the article. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to support Article 11. UNANIMOUS.

ARTICLE 13: OPEB

The School Committee took no position on the article.

ARTICLE 18: RECALL ELECTIONS - no speaker was named. Mr. Murphy explained that this was a citizens’ petition last year which was debated and sent to Government Study Committee. In consultation with other towns, it now looks pretty tight. Mrs. Bauman moved to support, seconded by Dr. Gresh. UNANIMOUS.

ARTICLE 22: PAVILION BEACH EASEMENT

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to support the article. UNAN.

B. FEOFFEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE
2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE
3. BIRTH TO THREE SUBCOMMITTEE
4. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

5. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Gresh announced that there will be a presentation of specific items on May 16, talking about the grants and application process.

6. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

7. FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

8. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE

9. LONG-RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

10. OPEB

11. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. O'Flynn joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

12. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

(a) Nondiscrimination, AC

(b) Equal Employment Opportunity, GBA

(c) Procedure for Professional Staff Hiring, GCD-P

(d) Student-to-Student Harassment, JBA

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Nysten, to accept the four revisions upon recommendation of the Department of Education relative to the issue of gender equity. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Hopping thanked the ladies in CO for posting the applications for the two committees to select grant applications and the applications for the mini-grants. He said the Payne Grant is holding off until the new Superintendent is on board after July 1. Mini-grant applications go to all buildings and to the business community and the general public.

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC)

14. TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

15. OTHER

Dr. O'Flynn requested that the Board Consider a waiver of the requirements for using a school facility because there is no need for lights, police, use of a building, and only the track is requested for the Muscle Walk Challenge to take place Friday, May 10, @ 6 p.m. to Saturday, May 11, @6 p.m. There will be no cost to the School Department, and Ken Spellman will make sure it is cleaned up. Donations support the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to approve a waiver for the \$600 fee to use the Ken Spellman track on May 10-11 from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the 24-hour Muscle Walk Challenge. UNANIMOUS.

Dr. O'Flynn announced that the pressbox lift is up, commenting that the location and height are perfect. Full funding is expected from the golf-ball drop fundraiser to come.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss strategy relative to non-union collective bargaining after which Open Session will resume. Roll call IN FAVOR- Loeb, O'Flynn, Hopping, Bauman, Gresh, Nysten.

Open Session resumed at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for the new Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the Ipswich School Committee with Dr. William Hart. UNANIMOUS.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. UNANIMOUS.