

IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2013  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. J. Loeb, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were B. Hopping, R. Roesler, J. Bauman, S. Gresh, and C. Nylen. Also present were Superintendent R. Korb, Finance Director J. Cuff, SPED Director M. Gallant, and all four principals.

CITIZENS' QUESTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Loeb read the following announcements:

No Executive Session will be held this evening.

Policy Subcommittee will meet February 11, 5:30 p.m., Payne School

Technology Education Subcommittee will meet February 12, 3 p.m., Middle School  
Principal's Office

Schools will be closed for winter vacation February 18- 22, 2013

School Committee will meet on March 7 as a regular meeting and a Public Hearing  
on the FY14 School Budget, 7 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room

Mr. Loeb announced that Dr. O'Flynn would resume chairmanship after a basketball game, moved up because of the impending storm.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Nylen, to accept the Minutes of 1/28/2013  
FY14 Budget Workshop Open Session. UNANIMOUS.

B. RULE OF NECESSITY

Mrs. Roesler moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to invoke the Rule of Necessity.  
UNANIMOUS.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S PROFILE REVIEW

Mr. Hopping presented the "Leadership Profile, Ipswich Superintendent Search" which resulted from focus groups, online survey, interviews by FMS consultants, and thoughts from the current Superintendent and School Committee. This guideline will be the template that the eleven-person Search Committee, which is a cross section of the community, will be using for reviewing resumes and doing the initial round of interviews.

School Committee members discussed the document. Mr. Nylen suggested several additions to the wording. Mr. Hopping replied, to commentary from the Board, that this is just a framework. The interviews will take place during much of March. No fewer than three finalists will be interviewed in early April in Open Session with the goal of having a new Superintendent by May 1.

**D. MASC RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL SAFETY/GUNS**

Mr. Nylen explained that the MA Association of School Committees (MASC) has released a model for School Committees and a position paper by MASC rejecting the notion of staffing schools with armed security personnel. After discussion, Mrs. Roesler moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to adopt the resolution as follows:

In our role of responsibility in securing the safety and protection of our school children and staff,

- the Ipswich School Committee urges the U. S. Congress and Massachusetts Legislature to ban the sale and the possession of military-style assault weapons, ban the sale and possession of high-capacity magazines, and require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check.

Moreover, we urge the National School Boards Association (NSBA) to support this effort.

- the Ipswich School Committee rejects the assertion that staffing schools with armed security personnel is the most effective strategy for protecting our children and staff.

Further, the vote to adopt this position statement will be forwarded to MASC, to Representative Hill and Senator Tarr, to Congressman Tierney and U. S. Senators, and to local Ipswich Boards, following the signing by Mr. Loeb or Dr. O'Flynn.

UNANIMOUS.

**E. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP TO CHARLOTTE, NC, MAY 17-19, 2013**

Mr. William Gallant, Tech Ed teacher, explained his program of Engineering III and a grant last year which invited his class to the Ten80 National Finals in Charlotte, NC. Several of his students, ranging from sophomores to seniors, presented their portion of the project in engineering, business plans, and graphic designs. He presented his itinerary for the three-day event. Mr. Hopping advised chaperones on a 10 to 1 basis.

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Nylen, to approve the Engineering class overnight field trip to Charlotte, NC, to attend the NASCAR sponsored Ten80 student racing challenge, May 15- 17, 2013. UNANIMOUS.

**I. MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FY14 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS****A. MIDDLE SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. David Fabrizio, Middle School Principal, began his PowerPoint presentation by thanking his staff and equated his goal of improving student learning to the rivers of evaluation, instruction and curriculum. He reported on the academic focus in the spirit of collaboration. Community and after-school participation and MCAS data were presented. He presented budget and enrollment data, recommending that 20 Choice students be added for FY14. He recommended increased student support services personnel (Goal #1) including an adjustment counselor. He compared 14 area middle schools, only two of which have no world language instruction (Haverhill and Ipswich). Goal #2, to reinstate world language, means a new schedule at the Middle School to include two world language teachers in the eighth grade and cut two social studies teachers. Going to FY15 and beyond, he envisioned world language in the seventh grade, increased technology and blended classrooms.

School Committee members thanked him for his presentation and his leadership to reinstate world language. Mr. Korb thanked Mr. Fabrizio as well and the staff who felt empowered enough to take a look at the necessary educational program for the children.

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to take the FY14 Middle School budget under advisement. UNANIMOUS.

Dr. O'Flynn joined the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**B. HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Dalton, High School Principal, presented his FY14 budget by PowerPoint with the statement that Ipswich High School is a great place! Several slides depicted the various activities in several classes. His fiscal and building goals were reviewed, as were decreases/increases in the High School budget, mention of accreditation standards, MCAS comparisons of four years, and identification and academic support of high-needs students. He covered graduation rates and facsimile, athletics, and professional development. VHS/dual enrollment/independent courses allow a broad array of course offerings. He outlined the challenges and creative solutions in dealing with budget implications. A grant written by Mr. Carovillano, Assistant Principal, has been accepted for \$5,000 for September, 2013, for academic support.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to take the High School FY14 budget under advisement. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Korb extended thanks to Mr. Dalton for his hard work in a smooth transition to the principalship.

**C. BUDGET SUMMARY**

Mr. Korb thanked the Committee for their continued support and, with the School Committee, thanked the administrators for their work on the budget.

**B. STATE FISCAL OUTLOOK UPDATE**

Representative Brad Hill, delayed because of emergency measures at the State House, reported on a plan by the Governor to fund numerous things including bringing every school district up to the 17½% that Mr. Hill has been pushing for. The Governor proposes to fund all his betterments with increased taxes/lowered sales tax. Mr. Hill advised the Town, in its budgeting, to level fund and in late April he expects to know more about State funding for local areas. On another issue, he spoke of trying to implement a new public safety grant that schools with less than 5,000 population be upgraded with new security measures. Ipswich would have to be spending \$25,000-50,000, and he believes that the State could partner on that.

**II. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. UNANIMOUS.