

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 21, 2012
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Loeb called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. with the following members present: J. Bauman, C. Nylen, B. Hopping, and H. O'Flynn. Also in attendance were Superintendent R. Korb, and Financial Director J. Cuff.

VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Nylen moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of strategy regarding ongoing litigation in relation to real estate matters after which the meeting will return to Open Session. Roll call IN FAVOR - Loeb, Hopping, Nylen, Bauman, O'Flynn.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Loeb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the additional presence of R. Roesler, Principals C. Forster-Cahill and D. Dalton, and P. Bedard, Head Custodian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Loeb made the following announcements:

- Budget Subcommittee will meet on July 10, 7 p.m., Payne School
- Feoffees Working Group will meet on July 17, 7 p.m., location TBA
- School Committee will meet on July 19, 7 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Korb introduced and welcomed Jeff Carovillano, the new High School Assistant Principal whose appointment is effective on August 1. Mr. Carovillano spoke a few words of enthusiasm to the audience.

Mr. Korb also acknowledged the newly voted Madeleine Werner who will be the new Student Representative to the School Committee.

RULE OF NECESSITY

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Mrs. Roesler, to invoke the Rule of Necessity so that all members may participate in collective bargaining negotiations. UNANIMOUS. Dr. O'Flynn questioned whether he should vote when he has a brother and aunt working in the system and was told that this vote negates his concern about voting unless he chooses to abstain.

III. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**A. FY14 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

Mr. Korb presented the Memoranda of Agreement for IEA teachers including coaches and teaching assistants. There was some confusion among the Board members that teaching assistants and coaches are included, but Mr. Korb assured the group that the TAs are a combined statutory unit under the terms of the Agreement.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn to authorize the Chair to execute on behalf of the School Committee the Memorandum of Agreement by the Ipswich School Committee and IEA, dated June 12, 2012. Ms. Cuff read figures for current staffing at 1.5% increases. UNANIMOUS.

B. INCREASE IN GATE FEES FOR ATHLETIC EVENTS

Tom Gallagher, Athletic Director, distributed information that cited 8 area schools out of 12 which have increased gate receipts in the Stadium to \$6 for adults and \$4 for students/senior citizens. Increasing costs, need to replace uniforms, and no increase in the past few years have generated the opportunity to increase revenue by \$6,000 - \$7,000 per year. After discussion, Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to accept the proposal to raise gate fees to a \$6/\$4 fee to take effect in the fall of 2012. UNANIMOUS.

C. EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENT SURVEY

Mrs. Forster-Cahill reviewed the data obtained from a survey taken of the students who had applied elsewhere for ninth-grade admittance. A significant number—one in five—had put out applications. Generally, parents were satisfied with the Middle School but unhappy with the loss of foreign language. Others wanted higher-level track courses. She wrote out 72 recommendations for some 40+ who applied out. Two pie charts gave statistics on the number of students who were accepted (15 to private high schools, 8 to Whittier Tech and Essex Aggie, 4 moving, 1 each of Choice and home schooled). Mrs. Bauman would have liked the whole class to be surveyed in a more comprehensive way.

Dr. Gresh joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

D. FY BUDGET STATUS UPDATE

Ms. Cuff read and explained from the FY12 Year End Status Report, dated 6/18/12, the estimated available resources, close-out expenditures, and unbudgeted needs. Mr. Korb reported that \$192,000 (without touching escrow money from the Feoffees) is available moving forward in the FY13 budget, \$100,000 of which will go to OPEB and the remaining \$92,000 will be available for other issues later.

With questions on Medicaid eligibility changes, which Mr. Hopping asked, Mr. Korb offered to ask Mary Ann Lucia, Municipal Medicaid Administrator, to follow up on the changes and how the student numbers have increased.

The managed-wireless system was explained by Chris Burke, Technology Director, and Tom Lohnes, Computer Network Coordinator. A control room will be aware when devices are on and off, it will have managed security of students' network and a faster, secure, and reliable system. On the connectivity piece, Mr. Lohnes explained that there are currently 26 access points in the building which cannot be tracked to individual users and cannot lock out certain devices and the new system will have this ability. Mr. Loeb asked that there be the ability for guest (School Committee) use with the new system.

Mrs. Roesler asked about upgrading Doyon kitchen equipment. Mr. Bedard replied that ovens are needed and a want list needs to be put together. Need for high school carpeting was mentioned (\$300,000) and further discussion of perceived priorities; that is, managed wireless system and retrofitted lights. Mr. Korb and Mrs. Bauman argued for the increased security of teachers and students and the advantage of collaboration of the Police and Utility Departments (\$2,500 - Police; \$4,000 grant from Utilities). Mrs. Roesler asked about the cuts at the libraries. Mr. Korb reported that administration is reviewing plans to staff the libraries.

E. FEOFFEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mrs. Bauman reported that the Working Group of the Feoffees has approved \$100,000 and she moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, that the School Committee approve the following invoices:

Casner & Edwards, Jan. 25, 2012	\$55,405.12
Finance Com. fees re Feoffees	26,402.25
Portion of Casner & Edwards, Feb. 28, 2012	13,464.00 (total:34,666.81)
Printing of copies	5,000.00

the funds for said bills to be paid from appropriated funds at Town Meeting. UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Korb recommended that legal services bills be authorized by the School Committee from the remaining uncommitted funds in FY12. Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, that the remaining unpaid bills just received be paid out of available funds as follows:

Casner & Edwards, Feb. 28	21,202.81 (Sch. Com. Portion)
Casner & Edwards, Mar. 29	10,251.24
Casner & Edwards, Apr. 13	4,884.25
Casner & Edwards, May 22	6,760.50
Casner & Edwards, June 13	4,494.06

and an additional line item of an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for services rendered by Casner & Edwards for the period ending June 30, 2012. UNANIMOUS.

F. MANAGED WIRELESS SYSTEM NETWORK UPGRADE

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Mrs. Roesler, to approve \$33,502 out of Choice funds for the proposed managed wireless system network upgrade. UNANIMOUS.

G. SECURITY CAMERAS/LED LIGHTING

Dr. O’Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to approve \$17,196 out of Choice funds for the proposed security cameras (with an additional \$2,500 to come from the Police Department). IN FAVOR – O’Flynn, Nylen, Hopping, Loeb, Gresh, Roesler; OPPOSED – Bauman.

Mr. Nylen moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to approve \$11,266 for LED lighting project (with an additional grant of \$4,000 from the Utilities Department). IN FAVOR – O’Flynn, Nylen, Hopping, Loeb, Gresh, Roesler; OPPOSED – Bauman.

H. FY13 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SOURCE

Dr. O’Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to authorize the spending of \$42,645 out of FY13 Medicaid reimbursement and the remaining balance of Professional Development costs of \$7,355 coming from Choice funds, for a total of \$50,000. UNANIMOUS.

I. BUS CONTRACT FOR FY13

Ms. Cuff recommended and Dr. O’Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauman, to accept the Salter Transportation Company’s three-year quote as follows: FY13-\$396,752; FY14-\$408,336; FY15-\$420,825. IN FAVOR – O’Flynn, Nylen, Hopping, Loeb, Bauman, Gresh; OPPOSED – Roesler.

IV. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
2. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE
3. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Nylen reported that D. Pancoast, Conservation Agent, feels that the Doyon field could be accommodated around the wetlands. Mr. Korb remarked that the land lab used by teachers is in contention and there should be conversation between the Athletic Field Committee and teachers and principal at Doyon. Mr. Swenson wishes to present a more definitive plan and wishes the School Committee to react to it because money was voted for both Doyon and Mile Lane fields.

4. AD HOC TOWN/SCHOOL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
5. BIRTH TO THREE SUBCOMMITTEE
6. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

7. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Gresh is close to getting all the photos, etc. online.

8. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

9. FEOFFEEES SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Bauman has become the Chair of the committee. There is no money to work with and nothing is happening with the lawyers. Probate Court must assemble the records according to Mr. Loeb who added that the new Feoffees have been collecting information so that they will be up and running when the situation is settled and wish to hire a secretary. Mr. Loeb will speak to Mr. Perry, the School Committee's attorney about the next move.

10. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING

Mrs. Bauman spoke of goals for the schools for FY13 and the upcoming retreat of the School Committee and administrators at the end of August which will be discussed at the July meeting of the School Committee.

11. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Loeb reminded that evaluations are due and agreed to let the School Committee have the weekend to do them.

12. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEEE

Mr. Hopping reported looking at language regarding enrichment when money comes from the Feoffees and the process by which funding would be requested for enhancements. The policy on assignment areas for the elementary schools will be revisited.

13. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

14. SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC)

15. OTHER

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

VI. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Bauman asked for a correction on June 7, 2012, Open Session Minutes to reflect \$6/\$4 rather than \$600/\$400 and the Minutes were subsequently accepted as amended. Mr. Hopping asked for further information on the proposed scoreboard on Mile Lane and the item was removed.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Acceptance of Minutes of June 7, 2012, Open Session as amended
- Acceptance of a donation of \$1,500 to the Ipswich High School Gift Account in appreciation of the superb teaching of High School biology teacher, Mary Ham.

Acceptance of the donation of \$5,000 to the Performing Arts Center for the purpose of purchasing a new Marley dance floor. This is a gift from the North Shore Performing Arts Center owned by High School parent, Marie McDermet.

Acceptance of the anonymous donation of \$500 to benefit the ballroom dancing program at the Winthrop School.

UNANIMOUS.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.
UNANIMOUS.

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED: FY12 STATUS REPORT
6/21/12 PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING TICKET PRICES
SURVEY OF EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS GOING OUT