

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

J. Loeb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members present: N. Sheppard, H. O'Flynn, B. Hopping, J. Arsenault and E. Traverso. Also present were R. Korb, Superintendent of Schools; J. Cuff, Financial Director; Principals Cheryl Forster-Cahill and Barry Cahill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Loeb read the following announcements:

There will be an Executive Session to discuss strategies in regard to collective bargaining and strategies with respect to non-union personnel, after which we will adjourn A School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen Tri-Board meeting will take place on December 8, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Room A
Public Safety Study Committee will meet on December 10, 7 p.m., Town Manager's Conference Room

Early Childhood Study Committee will meet on December 16, 3:30 p.m., Payne School

Demographic Study Committee will meet on December 16, 7 p.m., Payne School

School Committee will meet on December 17, 7 p.m., Middle/High Ensemble Room

CITIZENS' QUESTIONS

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. FALL SPORTS AWARDS

Mr. Tom Gallagher, Athletic Director, presented certificates to qualified students who achieved recognition in fall athletics; namely, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, football, boys' soccer, and girls' soccer.

B. SECONDARY SCHOOLS MCAS PRESENTATION

Mrs. Forster-Cahill, Principal, began her PowerPoint presentation on MCAS results of the Middle School by presenting the aggregate subgroup AYP history of ELA (English/Language Arts) and Math as a total success in 2009. She reviewed the great scores and the strategies employed to attain them. Committee members commended the Middle School staff and its leadership and urged continued support at budget time.

Mr. Cahill, Principal, presented his MCAS results of the current eleventh graders at the High School who are now 92% in the advanced/proficiency categories, over a five-year period of progression in English/Language Arts and 88% in math. There was discussion with the Committee in regard to MCAS results in Ipswich with the per-pupil cost (\$10,186) and the other eleven top North Shore schools whose top range ran at \$12,998/per-pupil cost and rankings of the same districts in English, math and science.

The Committee thanked both principals for their presentations.

B. FY10 MID-YEAR BUDGET ISSUES UPDATE

Mr. Korb reported that Ms. Cuff is fine tuning the report for the Tri Board meeting on December 8. Having met with Senator Tarr and Representative Hill, he reported on 10-15% cuts in Chapter 70 coming up for the FY11 budget.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE

2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping will give a report at the next meeting.

3. AD HOC TOWN/SCHOOL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

4. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

5. DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Korb reported that this committee will be meeting on December 16. He anticipates 3-4 meetings with the hope that there will be a report to the School Committee by March 1.

6. EARLY CHILDHOOD SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Korb reported that a December 16 meeting agenda has plans for brainstorming with a potential breakdown into subgroups and a further study of potential sites.

7. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE

8. NORTH SHORE COALITION FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

Mrs. Dietz will make a presentation at the next meeting. Questions were asked of its costs and merits.

9. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

10. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to accept the following policies for second reading:

b. Ipswich Middle School Assistant Principal Job Description, Proposed Adoption

c. Ipswich High School Assistant Principal Job Description, Proposed Adoption. UNANIMOUS.

11. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

12. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Korb reported that there will be an update at the Tri-Board meeting on December 8.

13. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

14. OTHER

Mr. Traverso mentioned an informational meeting sponsored by MASC on Saturday, December 12, regarding the debate on the law passed regarding discretionary schools. He will attend and report in two weeks.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Korb reported on the collaboration between Paul Bedard and Joanne Cuff on potential grants for education which include solar panels atop the Doyon School and EMS money at the MS/HS complex.

IV. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Arsenault moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Acceptance of Minutes of November 19, 2009, Open Session

Acceptance of Minutes of November 19, 2009, Executive Session

Acceptance of the anonymous donation of \$17,700 to Ipswich High School for the purchase of textbooks in math and science

Acceptance of the donation of \$3,000 from New England BioLabs for the "Build a Box" computer project at Ipswich Middle School

Acceptance of the donation of \$1,840 from New England BioLabs to purchase digital cameras and GPS receivers for the grades 4 and 5 science program at Winthrop School

Acceptance of the donation of \$2,000 from the New England BioLabs for the "Involving Fathers Program" at the Birth to Three Center

UNANIMOUS.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Arsenault, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of strategy in collective bargaining, after which the meeting will adjourn. Roll call vote IN FAVOR: Traverso, O'Flynn, Sheppard, Loeb, Hopping, Arsenault.

Mrs. Arsenault moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of strategy with respect to non-union personnel, after which the meeting will adjourn. Roll call IN FAVOR: Traverso, O'Flynn, Sheppard, Loeb, Hopping, Arsenault.