

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

J. Arsenault, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: D. Ross, E. Traverso, H. O'Flynn, and J. Loeb. Also present were R. Korb, Superintendent; J. Cuff, Finance Director; Principals Cheryl Forster-Cahill and Barry Cahill; and Matthew Roberts, Student Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Arsenault read the following announcements:

There will be Executive Session after which Open Session will resume.

School Committee will meet at Middle/High Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m., May 12, before the start of Town Meeting.

Spring Town Meeting will be held on May 12, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Junior Prom, May 15, Hellenic Center, promenade starting at 6:30 p.m.

Policy Subcommittee has cancelled its May 18 meeting.

High School Honors Reception will be held on May 19, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Election Day is May 19, 2009.

School Committee will meet on May 21, 7 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A. PLAQUE TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER DIANNE ROSS

Mrs. Arsenault presented a plaque to Dianne Ross for her six years of service. She commented that it was an honor to work with the superintendent, faculty, and staff and was proud to have served.

B. CERTIFICATE TO MATTHEW ROBERTS, IHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Arsenault presented a certificate to Matthew Roberts and thanked him for his distinguished service and items which he has brought to the School Committee's attention. Matt thanked the School Committee members and commented that he had a better appreciation for how the schools operate.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. TIGER TOTS LEARNING CENTER TUITION RATE INCREASE/BUDGET ANALYSIS

Jennifer Bovio, Director, and David Dalton asked for approval of a 4% increase in rates built into the budget sheet (provided to the Committee). The loan to EDP is paid. Mr. Loeb asked for clarification of the projected rates, and Ms. Bovio responded that they wanted to make it comparable to other daycare centers and to encourage the use of 5-day-a-week care. After discussion, Mrs. Ross moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to approve the 4% increase in Tiger Tots day care rates for the FY10 school year. UNANIMOUS.

With Mrs. Ross' comment, Mr. Loeb promptly moved, seconded by Mrs. Arsenault, to appoint Dianne Ross as a citizen representative on the Day Care Subcommittee. UNANIMOUS.

B. ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Mrs. Karen Langlais (Middle School) began the PowerPoint presentation with the challenges of MCAS and AYP and with a weak open-end question response and topic development in the long composition in Ipswich. Lou Charette, Erin Smith, Elyssa Brand, Mrs. Langlais, and Dr. Cooper spoke of achievements made within their five goals and reviewed their new goals and challenges. Members asked questions as the group moved through the presentation. Lou Charette extended thanks from the group to Dr. Cooper and wished him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

C. CHINA TRIP PRESENTATION

Mrs. Cheryl Forster-Cahill, Virginia Eaton, Gerry Dolan, Barry Cahill and several students participated in a slide show of the trip to China by Middle Schoolers and the High School jazz band. Mrs. Arsenault, who took the trip with Dr. O'Flynn from the School Committee, commented that it was one of her most incredible trips, complimented the students for their behavior and representation of Ipswich and the U.S., and gave accolades to the administration.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE

2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ross said she missed a meeting because it wasn't posted. The next meeting is May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

3. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

4. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

5. DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE

6. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE

7. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

8. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

a. Dedication of Accompanying Facilities, FFB

(1) Wing 100 of the Doyon School Dedicated to William Waitt

(2) The Doyon Library Dedicated to Dr. Kenneth Cooper

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to accept the Policy Subcommittee recommendation "a". UNANIMOUS. They recognized Kevin Murphy for his work with dedications.

- b. Equal Employment Opportunity, GBA
Proposed Adoption (first reading)
- c. Equal Opportunity Employment, GBA
Proposed Rescission (first reading)
- d. Universal Precautions, JHCC-R
Proposed Revision (first reading)
- e. Examples of Infectious Agents, JHCC-E
Proposed Revision (first reading)

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to accept policies “b – e” for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

9. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

10. TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

11. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE

The warrant article will possibly be postponed until the fall town meeting.

12. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Matt Roberts spoke of student volunteers who worked in reconstruction of the Great Neck Playground. Dr. O’Flynn followed up with a brief report of the work done on May 1–3 on the playground dedicated to his brother Michael’s late wife.

13. OTHER

III. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. SUPERINTENDENT’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Korb reminded of the retirement party for Diana Minton and Kenneth Cooper. He cited upcoming activities and reviewed with Committee members their attendance at the various activities. Mr. Korb reported on the “Day on the Hill” meeting. He reported that the Governor has decided to use federal stimulus money to restore Chapter 70 funds. FY10 and FY11 State Fiscal Stabilization Fund monies will not change.

Mr. B. Hopping joined the meeting at 9 p.m.

IV. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Acceptance of the Minutes of April 16, 2009, Open Session

Approval of the High School Advanced Project Adventure overnight field trip to Conway, NH, June 12-14, 2009

Acceptance of the donation of \$3,500 from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Catalyst Fund to the Birth to Three Family Center to be used to implement a community-based pilot program

Accepted the donation of \$4,500 from the 2 Depot Square Ipswich Charitable Foundation to support the Birth to Three Family Center
Accepted the donation of \$2,500 from the Discretionary Fund at the Essex County Community Foundation to support a capacity building project at the Birth to Three Family Center

UNANIMOUS.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of ongoing real estate matters. IN FAVOR - Ross, Loeb, Hopping, Arsenault, O'Flynn, Traverso.

VI. OPEN SESSION

Resumed at 10:15 p.m. with Richard Howard and Jamie Fay of the Finance Committee in attendance.

A. MAY 12, 2009 SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT ASSIGNMENTS

a. Article 23: Special Act: To Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1775

Mr. Allen recommended that the School Committee take no position because he feels that local government should not be trying to amend a State statute. Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to take no position on Article 23. After much discussion with the Finance Committee members' comments that there is now a Plan B, another path to achieving the goal, in place, and School Committee members' comments that there must be a position taken but that it could wait until the night of Town Meeting, Mr. Loeb moved the question. Vote on the motion: IN FAVOR - Loeb, Arsenault, Ross; OPPOSED - Hopping, Traverso.

b. Article 22: Lease-Purchase Agreement of the Voice Over Fiber Telecom

Mr. Loeb moved to recommend Article 22, seconded by Mrs. Ross.
UNANIMOUS

c. Article 19: Public Consumption of Marijuana

Mrs. Ross moved to support Article 19, no second. Mr. Hopping moved to NOT support Article 19, seconded by Mr. Traverso. IN FAVOR - Traverso, Loeb, Hopping, Arsenault; OPPOSED - Ross.

d. Article 13: Citizens Petition: Funding for the 375th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Loeb moved to oppose Article 13 as written and as amended, seconded by Mrs. Ross. UNANIMOUS.

e. Article 10: FY10 Whittier Regional High School Budget

Mr. Hopping moved to support Article 10, seconded by Mr. Traverso.
UNANIMOUS.

f. Article 8: Wind Turbine Project Debt
No action taken.

g. Article 7: High School/Middle School Debt Project
Mr. Loeb moved to support Article 7, seconded by Mr. Hopping.
UNANIMOUS.

h. Article 6: FY10 School Operating Budget
Mrs. Ross moved to support Article 6 at the correct number, seconded by
Mr. Loeb. UNANIMOUS.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn at 11:32 p.m. UNANIMOUS.