

**REVISED NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2008  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. J. Loeb, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following members present: D. Ross, E. Traverso and Dr. O'Flynn. Also present were B. Cahill, High School Principal, substituting for Superintendent Korb; J. Cuff, Financial Director; and Matthew Roberts, Student Representative.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Loeb read the following announcements:

There will not be an Executive Session this evening

The Working Group of the Feoffees will meet on November 11, 7: 30 p.m., Payne School  
Schools will be closed on November 11 in honor of Veterans Day

A joint meeting of the School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen  
will be held on November 12, 7:30 p.m., Middle/High Ensemble Room

Athletics Subcommittee will meet on November 18, 6:30 p.m., Room B229, Middle/High  
School

Budget Subcommittee will meet on November 19, 7:30 p.m., Payne School

School Committee will meet on November 20, 2008, at 7 p.m., in the Middle/High School  
Ensemble Room

**CITIZENS' QUESTIONS** None.

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

**RULE OF NECESSITY**

**I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

**A. EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Gooby, Extended Day Program Director for 12 years, believes in her creative staff and the before- and after-school program, a special place where the children gain more communication, cooking, and artistic skills. Adam Fyrer, Grade 4, Doyon, announced that EDP has donated \$86 to the Sacred Heart Church, Galveston, Texas, which was hit by hurricane Ike. He announced other upcoming charity donations. Members were treated to mini pumpkin cheesecake goodies, growing paperwhite bulbs, and bead crafts. Mrs. Gooby thanked her staff and the high school helpers (14 years and older). EDP'ers Shannon Halliday, Kia Castonguay and Carly Coughlin did a rap song about EDP, and Leah Curran read her self-written "Great Adventure at EDP."

Barry Hopping joined the meeting.

**B. SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE (SAC)**

Mr. Loeb announced that Dr. Kenneth Cooper has announced his retirement at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, his twenty-second school year. Mr. Loeb thanked Dr. Cooper for his guidance and service at Doyon through the years.

Mr. Cahill and Dr. Cooper reviewed the transformation of the Subject Area Committees with the change of the two-year reporting-out process to a three-year plan with the second year in an all-day curriculum day focused on that SAC. The agenda for the Science SAC December 10 all-day workshop including teachers at the High, Middle and elementary schools will take place at New England BioLabs. The agenda includes hearing from scientists in the field. This three-year psychology for the SACs allows broader visioning for the next 5–10 years. Mr. Cahill mentioned that stipends have not been increased since the SACs began in 1989 and \$5,000 allocations were given at that time as well. With prioritization of new funds, Dr. Cooper might hope to invigorate the SACs to new goals and enthusiasm for the new “year 2.”

Mr. Loeb felt that seeing only two SAC presentations per year means the School Committee is losing. In discussion, the School Committee requested that the Chair of the Science SAC make an informal report to the School Committee on December 18 with a review of the full-day conference and continue this process with SACs after their respective day-long workshops.

### C. WIND TURBINE UPDATE

Mr. Jim Engel and Mr. Tim Henry provided an update on the status of the wind turbine. Major changes discussed were the joint project with the Berkshire Wind Project (10 turbines), the CREBS that seem now to be a 15-year rather than a 20-year borrowing time necessitating a \$110,000 startup rather than \$80,000, RECs market value that may be lower (\$25/MWH vs. \$40/MWH), and future energy costs and operational/maintenance costs that may be lower. If all of these factors go the wrong way, Mr. Engel predicted that the Light Department will have a problem. The “Permit” phase has begun. The turbine will be repositioned in anticipation of a second turbine. The contract will be signed within the next week.

Mr. Loeb thanked both gentlemen for their presentation.

## II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

### B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE – meeting in two weeks.
2. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE - meeting in two weeks.
3. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE - not met.
4. DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE - not met.
5. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE - not met.
6. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - not met.

**7. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

a. Policy Regarding the Extended Learning Program, IGBBA

Proposed Rescission (first reading)

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the rescission of the policy for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

b. Student Fund-Raising Activities, IGDF-R

Proposed Revision (first reading)

Mr. Traverso moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to approve the revision of the policy for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

c. Bullying, JICFB

Proposed Revision (first reading)

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to approve the revision of the policy for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

d. School Committee Member Authority, BBAA

Proposed Revision (first reading)

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the revision of the policy for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

e. Executive Sessions, BEC

Proposed Revision (first reading)

After Mr. Loeb’s suggestion that the Policy Subcommittee take another look because of pending matters in regard to subcommittees of the School Committee falling under this policy, the Committee agreed to send the policy back to Policy Subcommittee.

**8. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hopping reported that a subcommittee (6 members) appointed by the Chair met and that he came with specifics provided him by Paul Bedard regarding school driveways and bus requirements. The subcommittee meets again next Thursday with an eye to giving the least impact possible on the Winthrop School property. Farley Brook’s impact appears to have an immense effect on the whole area of town where the Winthrop School and Fire Headquarters are located. The Fire Chief will attend a conference in North Carolina on firehouse design, and the full group won’t meet again until the first of the year.

**9. SPACE USE COMMITTEE - No meeting.**

**10. TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE - No meeting.**

**11. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**12. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Matt Roberts reported on student voting at the presidential election and the all-student school election. The Senior Fashion Show takes place on Monday, Nov. 10, and “Carousel”, the musical, the following Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**13. OTHER**

Mr. Loeb reported on the meeting with the auditors and gave kudos to Joanne Cuff who submitted a report with a level of detail and honesty surpassing all other Town departments and the only one there with copies for everybody on the committee. The audit is not final because other boards had not submitted all information. Mr. Loeb commented that, as a result of a request for focus on EDP, policies for the financial management will have to be put in place and a 2-hour time slot per week, to be paid for from EDP funds, will be put in place to audit all of the finances of EDP. This item will be revisited. Other areas in the Town audit including clarification on who has been using the Town's tax ID number on any bank accounts were reviewed.

The School Committee felt very comfortable for the future with Mr. Loeb's continued attendance at the auditors' meetings.

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – None.

**IV. CONSENT**

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Acceptance of Minutes of October 16, 2008, Open Session
- Acceptance of Minutes of October 20, 2008, Open Session
- Acceptance of donation of \$525 from Eric Josephson, Cheshire Consulting, to the High School Computer Club for the purpose of purchasing materials for recently donated computers
- Accepted the anonymous donation of \$4,600 to purchase uniforms for the Ipswich High School boys and girls basketball varsity teams
- Accepted the donation of a group of plantings for the Middle/High School grounds from Corliss Nursery, having an approximate value of \$1,000
- Accepted the donation from Doyon School parent, Kevin Murphy, of approximately \$770 in miscellaneous computer accessories for use in classrooms. UNANIMOUS.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to amend the Executive Session Minutes of October 16, 2008, to read "by Mrs. Ross" following "To a question" (Page 6) and to accept them. UNANIMOUS.

Mrs. Ross had concerns for overnight field trips to be put on future agendas. In discussion and majority agreement, the School Committee wishes to be on record that first-time trips of a non-repeating nature need to come before the School Committee as a separate agenda item. Mr. Traverso questioned the lack of information in the Quebec trip regarding how it fits into the French curriculum.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to approve the High School Foreign Language French Class Overnight Field Trip request to Quebec, Canada, on April 18-21, 2009. UNANIMOUS.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Ross, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. UNANIMOUS.