

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

J. Loeb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: L. Dietz, H. O'Flynn, B. Hopping, J. Arsenault, and E. Traverso. Also present were R. Korb, Superintendent of Schools and Student Representative Abigail Skelton.

Mr. Loeb noted that 2 wall-mounted cameras now track the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Loeb read the following announcements:

There will be no Executive Session.

Policy Subcommittee will meet on October 5, 5:30 p.m., Payne School

Schools/Town Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Collaboration will meet on October 6, 7 p.m.,

Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall

Operations Subcommittee meeting has been canceled

School Committee will meet on October 15, 2009, 7 p.m., Middle/High Ensemble Room

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Mr. Korb wished to thank Beth Meyer of ICAM for the approximately \$55,000 installation of cable TV (Comcast) for School Committee meeting broadcasts.

**I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

**A. BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mr. Kitt Cox, Director, gave his annual update at the 9-year anniversary of the group. Funding loss from the State has necessitated reductions in staff and programming, but family efforts, community funds and time continue to provide support. He outlined programs and interactions in multi areas and mentioned the association with parents who, with involvement in Birth to 3, then go on to be involved in the elementary school. Talks are ongoing in regard to Ipswich's early learning center. Mr. Korb gave kudos to Mr. Cox for his leadership and positive vision.

**B. UPDATE REGARDING FIELD, STADIUM AND TRACK NAMING**

Mr. Tom Gallagher, Athletic Director, reported in discussions at the Athletic Subcommittee. Three ceremonies are recommended: dedication of the Doyon Field will take place at the November 6 football game; Thanksgiving Day game will be the dedication of the stadium to Jack Welch; and the dedication of the track for Ken Spellman will take place in the spring on May 1 at the freshman/sophomore track meet.

Discussion ensued regarding signage and plaques. Designations for signage have been made and individual plaques with the individual's image, description and contribution will come in the next phase. Suggestions were made for signage standardization and contacting the bank who sponsors the scoreboard. Mrs. Arsenault moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to approve the

process and signage as laid out in Mr. Gallagher's presentation for the Doyon Field, Jack Welch Stadium, and Ken Spellman Track. UNANIMOUS.

**C. SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SECRETARY/CLERK TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AN AGREEMENT ALLOCATING THE CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS (CREBS) TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE WIND TURBINE**

Mr. Korb explained that Tim Henry and legal counsel have requested that all 3 Town Boards sign this certificate so that assurance is made that the CREBs are being allocated for that project when a company (investor) is interested in signing. The Electric Department has signed; Board of Selectmen will sign next week. The payment is now \$120,000 rather than \$112,000. The draft form says that the first 3 months of production (April, May, June, 2010) will be 100% dedicated to the schools. Discussion ensued about authorizing Mr. Korb to sign when the Committee has not had a presentation through the Turbine Supply Agreement (TSA) as indicated in the certificate. After discussion, Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Arsenault, to authorize the School Committee Clerk/Secretary to sign the Certificate {with the following changes: (1) "The Committee hereby agrees ..." through "the Turbine Supply Agreement with AAER USA Inc. ("TSA")" ... eliminating the rest of (1) and eliminating (2) in its entirety} on behalf of the School Committee an agreement allocating the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) toward the purchase of the wind turbine. Vote: IN FAVOR - Traverso, O'Flynn, Arsenault, Dietz, Loeb; OPPOSED - Hopping.

**D. RECOMMENDED MOTIONS BY FEOFFEEES SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Trust Language, Section 4, Subsection (a), Paragraph 2, "Eligibility to Serve as a Feoffee"

Mr. Traverso moved, seconded by Mrs. Dietz, to accept the change to Trust language, Section 4, Subsection (a), Paragraph 2, "Eligibility to Serve as a Feoffee". UNANIMOUS.

2. Request Attorney General's Office Assistance in Acquiring Accounting of Feoffees LLC Account

Mr. Traverso moved, seconded by Mrs. Dietz, to petition the Attorney General's office to request from the Feoffees their financial statements of WSLN LLC from 2006, 2007, and 2008 as the office has done with requesting other financial statements from the Feoffees. Vote: IN FAVOR - Traverso, O'Flynn, Loeb, Hopping, Dietz; OPPOSED - Arsenault.

3. Request Attorney General's Office to Join in Support of School Committee's Position

Mrs. Dietz commented that, in light of the fact that a hearing at the State House will be held on October 6, she would prefer not to have to make the request at this time.

**E. PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER 19, 2009, TOWN MEETING**

1. Warrant Article 3, FY10 School Budget Amendments

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Arsenault, to support Article 3. UNANIMOUS.

In discussion of Warrant Articles for the Fall Town Meeting, there were opinions put forth by members about the use of over \$300,000 of “free cash” for multi money items in Article 2. Mr. Traverso argued that the \$100,000 appropriation (#10) with which to go to Probate Court in the Feoffees dispute is necessary. Mr. Loeb feels that the sense of this is that “free cash” ought to stay there for FY11 budgeting.

Mrs. Arsenault moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to put forth an amendment to remove #6, 7, 9, and 10 on Article 2. Mr. Traverso amended further to remove #10 from the motion, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn for discussion. After discussion, both motion and amendment were rescinded before a vote was taken in favor of waiting until after the legislature meets on October 6 at the State House on the Feoffees issue.

Further discussion will take place at the next School Committee meeting.

## II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

### B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Loeb said there was a concern regarding the athletic field maintenance. Mr. Bedard replied that he was talking to Mr. Gallagher in this regard.

#### 2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping said there will be a meeting next week. Dr. O’Flynn asked for assurance that more playing fields can be obtained and to that end requested that Mr. Korb send a letter with Tom Gallagher to urge the retention of athletic fields with the hope for more.

#### 3. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

#### 4. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE

#### 5. DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY COMMITTEE

#### 6. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE

#### 7. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Arsenault reported that the Superintendent evaluation will take place on November 5.

#### 8. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mrs. Arsenault moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to accept for first reading the following policies:

a. Legally Qualified Resident Student, JECA, Proposed Revision

b. Affidavits of Residency, JECA F-1, Proposed Revision

UNANIMOUS.

#### 9. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE

#### 10. TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

#### 11. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE

#### 12. NORTH SHORE COALITION FOR SCHOOL FUNDING

**13. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Abby Skelton reported that the year has begun well and, when Mr. Loeb reported that online grading at the High School has just become available, she was very much in favor of it.

**14. OTHER****A. Doyon School Inspection Report**

Mrs. Arsenault had gone through the whole Doyon School before the start of the new year with Mr. Archambault and Mr. Bedard and said it looked impeccable.

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Korb reported that the protocols for tracking H1N1 are aggressive with a campaign for cleanliness. Also, he reported that the Early Childhood Committee has begun meeting.

**IV. CONSENT****A. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Acceptance of Minutes of September 3, 2009, Open Session

Acceptance of Minutes of September 23, 2009, Open Session

Acceptance of the donation of \$970 to Ipswich High School from the Ipswich Citizens for Education to be used for a back-up server and classroom attendance module

Acceptance of the donation of \$1,000 from Robert and Carolyn Talbot to the Doyon School for the use of school supplies and/or furnishings in the first grade classroom of teacher Dorothy Nicholas

Acceptance of the New England BioLabs contribution to the Ipswich Schools per the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement for FY10 in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for Science Education

Approval of the overnight field trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada, for April 18-21, 2010, for Ipswich High School students enrolled in French 3 or higher

Approval of the Middle School eighth grade class overnight field trip to the Adirondack Mountain Region, New York State, June 2-4, 2010.

UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Hopping requested that, in future meetings, overnight field trips be treated separately because they deserve a longer discussion including relating the trip agenda with the curriculum. Also, he said, the impact on the remainder of the school population is important.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. UNANIMOUS.