

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 25, 2012
TOWN MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

Barry Hopping called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. with the following members present: J. Bauman, C. Nylén, and R. Roesler.

There were no citizens' comments and the group went into the business of the evening.

GOALS DISCUSSION

Using guides produced by Mr. Nylén and Mr. Hopping, the group reviewed each category in the ideas which had been brainstormed on September 22 at Turner Hill with Mike Gilbert, choosing, incorporating, or eliminating them (as undoable in the coming year).

The following draft was agreed upon by consensus and will be followed up when the whole complement of School Committee members convenes:

Goal #1: Develop and implement an Operating Budget that provides the programs and personnel that meets the needs of all learners.

- Establish long-term budget process for the system based upon needs and goals
- Increase funding for the district
- Minimize dependency on outside funding for operational budget

Goal #2: Ensure that students have the skills and knowledge to succeed and compete in an increasingly technological world

- Improve all standardized test scores district wide
- Implement all computer literacy standards from curriculum frameworks

In discussion, some categories were put aside to become questions to the Superintendent candidates when interviews are conducted:

- The Educator Evaluation system implementation
- The Early Childhood programs

Mr. Hopping felt that one of the goals should be to reinstate foreign language at the Middle School. Foreign language is a prerequisite for college, and it would be excellent to have fluency in a second language before graduation.

Another area discussed at length was early childhood education and a desire to promote evaluation of current early childhood programs in Ipswich. If School Committee makes it a goal, School Committee then has a role.

Mr. Hopping felt uncomfortable in going further without the full committee.
Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Mr. Nysten, to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. UNANIMOUS.