

**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2012
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O'Flynn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present: J. Loeb, B. Hopping, S. Gresh, C. Nylén, R. Roesler, and J. Bauman. Also present were Superintendent R. Korb; Student Representative M. Werner; and D. Dalton, High School Principal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Session will be held for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session Minutes for release, after which the meeting will return to Open Session
Long Range Financial Planning Subcommittee will meet November 7, 7 p.m., Town Manager's Conference Room, Town Hall, and will be discussing Ipswich Schools' capital plans
Athletic Subcommittee will meet on November 14, 6 p.m., Middle/High School Guidance Conference Room rather than on November 13
School Committee will meet on November 15, 7 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room for a regular/budget meeting with administrators

CITIZENS COMMENTS

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mr. Korb announced that Diana Stackhouse of the Class of 1959 has donated \$255.26 to the High School Gift Account to be used at the discretion of the principal. Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to accept the generous donation of the Class of 1959 to be deposited in the high school gift account. UNANIMOUS.

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Maddie reported that due to the destruction from hurricane Sandy in New York City, the Interact team trip to the UN has been canceled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Korb, referring to the canceled trip by the students, stated that funding has been waived by the hotel and transportation company. The hope is that there will be rescheduling in the near future. The Interact Club members discussed the situation and made their own recommendation that the trip be canceled.

He reported the first evaluation training of professional staff was held in the Performing Arts Center with MTA research development personnel.

He reported on a cooperative meeting with Robin Crosbie, Town Manager, regarding capital projects and a long telephone conversation with Diane Sullivan of Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA). She will be sending a Statement of Interest (SOI), a 46-page documentation for each school building to be completed between January and April, 2013. When received, MSBA will evaluate the priorities after sending

out a crew to examine the needs themselves. Lists of Massachusetts Towns' needs are prioritized (30-80% reimbursements to the Town). MSBA will inform Ipswich of the results. The Board of Selectmen will identify funding or non-funding of the Town's portion.

Mrs. Roesler questioned and Mr. Hopping and Mr. Loeb shared the concern that once SOIs have been filed, the opportunity for a School Building Needs Committee (SBNC) to study consolidation of elementary schools is gone. While Mr. Korb commented that by Town charter the Town Manager appoints the SBNC, Mr. Loeb suggested that the School Committee could create its own subcommittee to study the needs at the school buildings and put together a proposal at the same time as the SOIs are being done.

Mr. Korb reported that the Town Manager and he have been meeting on the IT initiative and researching how other communities' IT directors are structured including how much to budget for a director.

Mr. Korb reported for Ms. Cuff that, after extensive research, they have found a 2003, 4-wheel drive, extended-cab pickup truck with 60,000 miles and 4 new tires for \$8,997.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, BY THE GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, JANUARY 18-20, 2013

Dr. O'Flynn recognized Mandy Zegarowski, Girls' Varsity Football Coach, who presented her request, with support from students' parents and Micki McVann.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Dr. Gresh, to approve the field trip request by the girls' varsity basketball team to go to Brooklyn, NY, on an overnight field trip, January 18-20, 2013. UNANIMOUS.

B. NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (NEASC) ACCREDITATION OVERVIEW

Principal Dalton made a PowerPoint presentation on the NEASC evaluation coming in 2015. The overview depicted the thoroughness and expense of the three-year process to prepare the high school for a group of peers who will make a three-day evaluation of the culture and standards and make recommendations for improvement. Mr. Dalton said he would appreciate some budgetary monies for stipends and summer work related to the self-evaluation/curriculum process in preparation for the 2015 evaluation. Dr. O'Flynn thanked Mr. Dalton and offered support from the School Committee.

C. APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIUS INTERNATIONAL TUITION-BASED PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Mr. Dalton, in referring to his previous mention of international students, introduced Dr. Jenkins, Director of Academic Partnerships, who explained the firm Educatius International of Boston, MA, with offices in several other countries. He explained the benefits of partnering with Educatius, explaining that international students come on a tuition-paying basis after the host families are visited and screened. Students' progress is

monitored each month with the school and the home-stay family. The application fee for the interested school is \$2,355.

School Committee members had comments and questions for Dr. Jenkins. Mr. Korb reported that the application fee money is available from unemployment monies budgeted and not needed.

Mrs. Bauman moved, seconded by Mrs. Roesler, to support funding for the Educatus application. Dr. Gresh wished to delay action because the financial aspect bothered him when diversity and cultural experiences counted for more in his mind. Mr. Hopping said he would not support the motion because he is philosophically opposed to outside funding (Choice) for the school budget. Mr. Korb asked for support because of the ethnic and cultural benefits beyond the finances. Vote: IN FAVOR – Loeb, O’Flynn, Roesler, Bauman, Nylen; OPPOSED – Gresh, Hopping.

D. FEOFFEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dr. O’Flynn reported that Attorney Perry emailed the denial by the Supreme Judicial Court of the interveners’ appeal. His recommendation is to wait for the appellees’ filing by November 30.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. VOUCHERS/BILLS

B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ATHLETIC SUBCOMMITTEE
2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE
3. BIRTH TO THREE SUBCOMMITTEE
4. BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

5. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Dr. Gresh reported on and distributed to the full Board the information regarding the survey to be undertaken by the School Committee to assess and understand the community’s need for communication with the School Committee. He and Mr. Nylen explained the plan to the Board. Mr. Loeb suggested that the timeline being too short, the survey should be completed by the end of the first semester.

6. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE
7. FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
8. FEOFFEES SUBCOMMITTEE
9. LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING
10. OPEB SUBCOMMITTEE
11. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

12. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping reported that with regard to the policy concerning “grey areas” for enrollment in elementary schools, good discussions have been held with the two elementary principals and Ms. Cuff in an attempt to clear up persistent problems. Principals should not be affected with difficult parental conversations and the policy should be more effective. Principals are being asked to provide statistics for numbers of enrollees in the grey areas in the next two years.

Mr. Hopping has tweaked the Feoffees disbursement policy presentation in his PowerPoint and will present in early December. Following that, administrators and IEA will consider the policy. “New” Feoffees come to School Committee later in December.

Mrs. Bauman left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

13. SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC)

Dr. Gresh asked Mr. Korb to let parents know of a Hamilton SEPAC group gathering, time TBD with Gresh’s further investigation.

14. SUPERINTENDENT’S SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping reported that the deadline for receiving proposals from search firms is November 2. Three have been received thus far.

Dr. O’Flynn and the Board discussed another workshop date and settled on November 12, 7 p.m., at the Payne School, as a workshop date when superintendent’s search and goals (workshop edits of October 25) will be discussed.

15. TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

16. OTHER

Mrs. Roesler inquired about the Manning Fund and the Ipswich Education Foundation. Mr. Loeb asked for a change of December 6 meeting because of Taste of Ipswich event. The School Committee date was moved to December 5. Dr. O’Flynn brought up the pressbox matter which Mr. Beauchamp, Mr. Spellman, and Mr. Dalton are eager to move on for installing the cement slab before the winter. Mr. Loeb felt that the Athletic Director should be asked to present a formal proposal for the three phases. He will be asked to do so on November 15 at the School Committee meeting for action by the School Committee.

III. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. O’Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented:

Acceptance of Minutes of October 18, 2012, Open Session

Acceptance of an anonymous donation of \$2,500 to the Winthrop School to be used toward the Grade 5 Plimoth Plantation field trip.

UNANIMOUS.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to go into Executive Session at 10:10 for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session Minutes for release after which Open Session will resume. Roll Call IN FAVOR – Roesler, Loeb, Hopping, O’Flynn, Gresh, Nysten.

V. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Dr. O’Flynn, to release Executive Session Minutes of January 19, Approval of Executive Minutes, Approval of Litigation Bills; February 27, Release of Minutes, Policy Subcommittee; March 15, 2012, Release of Minutes; May 3, 2012, IEA Negotiations; June 7, 2012, Feoffees Legal Bills; June 7, 2012, IEA Collective Bargaining, Non-Union Personnel; September 20, 2012, Superintendent’s Salary Increase.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m. UNANIMOUS.