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**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2002
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

OPEN SESSION**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. J. Arsenault, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following members present: Traverso, Sherwood, Sheppard, Loeb, Henry, and Hopping. Mr. Korb, Superintendent, and Mrs. Gail Zeman, Finance Director, were also present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Arsenault announced that there would not be an Executive Session and read the following list of meetings:

February 12: Joint meeting of School Committee, Finance Committee, and

~~Board/Selectmen, 7:30 p.m., Middle/High School Ensemble Room~~

February 25: Policy Subcommittee, 7 p.m., Payne School

February 26 and 28: School Committee Budget Workshop, 7 p.m., Payne School

February 26: Athletics Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Faculty Dining Room

March 2: Bean Counting, 9 a.m., Town Hall Meeting Room B

March 4: Capital Funds Campaign, 7 p.m., MS/HS Guidance Conf. Rm.

March 5: Health Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Payne School

Strategic Planning Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room

March 6: Tech Ed Subcommittee, 7 p.m., MS/HS Media Center

School Building Committee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room

March 7: School Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room

CITIZENS' QUESTIONS

Mrs. Susan Stendahl, mother of 8th and 9th-grade students and one of five parents on the block study committee, inquired about what they believed to be a presentation at the previous School Committee meeting regarding the block schedule. In discussion, they were assured that they will be invited to a formal meeting (presentation) with the School Committee sometime in March.

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**A. ARCHITECTURAL PRESENTATION: FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION**

Mr. Sid Bowen of the Flansburg architectural firm which designed the new school, Ms. Cheryl Forster, Principal of the Middle School, and Mr. Barry Cahill, Principal of the High School, showed a Powerpoint and video presentation of the conception, design, and construction of the new Middle/High School in Ipswich. This presentation has been shown in Denver, CO, among other places, illustrating the concepts of kivas, separate entrances of Middle and High Schools, areas where both schools share facilities, and a track which incorporates the gymnasium and cafeteria.

B. ELP SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Joseph Salah began the discussion of the report for the committee that has reconceptualized an instructional program for highly able elementary students. A program called the "Spark Project" is recommended with three components to meet the needs of exceptionally gifted, gifted/talented, and ALL students. While an initial budget of \$75,000 is requested to include a developer/coordinator and delineation of his/her duties accompanied the report, several Committee members felt that more information is needed before support could be given for inclusion in the budget. The School Committee thanked the subcommittee for its hard work and asked for additional figures.

C. COMMUNICATION SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE

Ms. Kathleen O'Reilly, Chair of the Communication SAC, reviewed the activities of the group over the year, their goals, and MCAS result analysis. Mr. Loeb repeated his request for a template of composition guidelines to be put in the hands of parents rather than on the website.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. VOUCHERS/BILLS****B. SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Loeb reported that the Conservation Commission approved the removal of the silt screen paper adjacent to School Street because of the blockage caused by ice and that the Cons Comm punch list is 90% complete while the interior punch list still continues to be worked on.

C. FEOFFEEES SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Mrs. Arsenault began the discussion by referring to a charge given to Barry Hopping and Ed Traverso by the School Committee to look into the process of possibly writing a new trust. Following discussion, Mr. Traverso moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to request the Superintendent to investigate finding counsel (up to \$5,000) for advice on whether or not the School Committee should ask for a rewriting of the Feoffees trust and, if the answer is "yes," what the requirement would be in any trust agreement to protect the school children of Ipswich. UNANIMOUS.

D. SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2001-2003

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to approve the school calendar for 2002-2003. UNANIMOUS.

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Korb asked the Committee for questions regarding the presentation of the budget at the upcoming joint meeting of Boards and told the Committee that he would be inviting the faculty to hear the budget presentation as well.

VOTE TO
SEEK
COUNSEL
FOR
FEOFFEEES'
ADVICE

VOTE ON
SCHOOL
CALENDAR
2002-03

IV. POLICY

A. ALCOHOL BREATHALYZER TESTING PROCEDURE

Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to accept the policy on alcohol breathalyzer testing procedure for first reading. IN FAVOR- Henry, Hopping, Arsenault, Sheppard, Sherwood, Traverso; ABSTAINING- Loeb, who had objections to certain portions of the process included in the policy.

B. SOCIAL WORKER/ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to accept the policy on the job description for social worker/adjustment counselor with a few words added for first reading. UNANIMOUS.

V. CONSENT

Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Traverso, to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

Acceptance of 1/10/02 Open Session Minutes

Acceptance of 1/17/02 Open Session Minutes

Acceptance of the gift of \$2,000 from the Burley Educational Fund for the Winthrop School to purchase books to update the Winthrop School's Library collection

Acceptance of the gift of \$1,000 from Mr/Mrs. Colas (grandparents of Winthrop School students) to upgrade the sound system in the cafeteria at Winthrop

Release of Executive Session Minutes from 6/26/01 through 12/5/01.

Approval of the hiring of an additional Teaching Assistant for a first-grade classroom at Winthrop School for the remainder of the 2001-02 school year.

UNANIMOUS.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. UNANIMOUS.