





**IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2002  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM**

**OPEN SESSION  
CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. J. Arsenault called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: E. Traverso, M. Sherwood, N. Sheppard, B. Hopping, D. Henry, and J. Loeb. Also present were D. O'Leary, Student Rep.; Mr. Korb, Sup't.; and Mrs. Zeman, Finance Director.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Arsenault announced that there would be no Executive Session and read the following meeting schedule:

- March 26: Athletics Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Faculty Dining Room  
Community Forum, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room
- April 1: School Committee, 6:30 p.m., MS/HS Faculty Dining Room before start  
of Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center
- April 3: Technology Ed Subcommittee, 7 p.m., MS/HS Media Center  
School Building Committee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room
- April 4: Strategic Planning Subcommittee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Guidance Conf. Rm.
- April 10: Ipswich Coalition for Youth, 5:30 p.m., MS/HS Guidance Conf. Rm.  
School Committee, 7:30 p.m., MS/HS Ensemble Room

**CITIZENS' QUESTIONS**

**I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS**

**A. FINE ARTS AWARDS**

Ms. Katherine Murphy, Fine Arts Coordinator, presented music awards as follows: Junior District Band/Chorus, Senior District Band/Orchestra/Chorus, All States Orchestra, gold medals for three outstanding musician awards, Most Valuable Player (trumpeter) and outstanding musician at state level (same boy); seven submissions to the Boston Globe for art awards where there were several awards and one Gold Key to Robbie Sheldon whose work is on exhibit in NY; and to Gerald Dolan of the faculty on receipt of a prestigious award in music. He spoke of four factors which were responsible: the staff, the administration who support the program and give financial support, parent involvement, and the students themselves. The School Committee gave its congratulations to all the students whose talents are amazing.

**B. WINTER SPORTS AWARDS**

Stephen Lamson, Athletic Director, presented MIAA student athlete awards in basketball, swimming, and track. All had received either the silver or gold certificates for scholastic achievement. He recognized individuals for achievement in ice hockey, boys' track, and girls' track. Mrs. Arsenault remarked at the pride in these athletes for excelling in sports and academics.

**C. SOCIAL STUDIES SUBJECT AREA COMMITTEE**

Scott Ames, Social Studies SAC Chair, made a Powerpoint presentation, commenting that the frameworks have undergone considerable changes with some as yet undetermined. He outlined many of the changes in curriculum and showed some "Social Studies events" with the teachers on the screen. Board members made comments following the presentation.

**D. FEOFFEEES TOWN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Robert Bonsignore, Chair, spoke briefly about the history and that the Feoffees need to come up to modern times. Mrs. Arsenault thanked the committee for their work and announced that the School Committee has retained an attorney and will be looking into rewriting the trust. The Town Committee is not in an adversarial role, and the School Committee looks forward to working with them. Mr. Hopping, who is a member of both the Feoffees Town Committee and the School Committee, commented that the Feoffees have been very supportive and receptive to the reorganization of the trust. Mrs. Arsenault reaffirmed that the School Committee is eager to continue and to work together for the same goals.

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

No meeting was held.

**C. SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S POSITION ON WARRANT ARTICLES FOR TOWN MEETING**

Mr. Engel, Board of Selectmen Chair, requested consideration of Article 25 of the Town Warrant and explained the desire to have the ability to move line item figures after May 15 and through July 15 of each year without changing the bottom line of the municipal budget. This will not affect the school system's budget in any way.

After discussion, Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to support Article 25 of the Warrant as recommended by Mr. Engel. UNANIMOUS.

After discussion, Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Sherwood, to indefinitely postpone Article 6 which will be read by Mr. Hopping. UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Sherwood, to support Article 10, to be read by Mr. Traverso. UNANIMOUS.

Mrs. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Hopping, to support Article 11, to be read by Mrs. Arsenault. UNANIMOUS.

Decision was made to put off a vote on Article 12 (Whittier School) until just before Town Meeting.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mrs. Sherwood, to support Article 19 and Mr. Loeb will speak to it. UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to support Article 21.  
UNANIMOUS.

### **III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Mrs. Gail Zeman, Financial Director, spoke to the financial report of March 15. Discretionary spending has been frozen since March 1.

Mr. Korb commented that there has been a request from ITA to convene the Mutual Concerns Subcommittee regarding elementary conference time. A meeting will be set up with members from the School Committee and teachers in April.

### **IV. POLICY**

#### **A. POLICY STATEMENT OF PARENT AND ELIGIBLE STUDENT PRIVACY RIGHTS CONCERNING STUDENT RECORDS**

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, to accept the policy for adoption.  
UNANIMOUS.

### **V. CONSENT**

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

Minutes of 2/26/02 Budget Workshop Open Session

Minutes of 2/28/02 " " " "

Minutes of 3/7/02 Open Session

Minutes of 3/13/02 Open and Executive Sessions

Gift of \$2,200 from the Ipswich Little League to make improvements to the backstop at the Green Street fields (closest to the river).

UNANIMOUS.

Mrs. Henry asked to have a report on the Performing Arts Center at a future meeting.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mrs. Sherwood, to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.  
UNANIMOUS.