

IPSWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2010
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE ROOM



OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. O'Flynn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present: N. Sheppard, B. Hopping, J. Loeb, L. Dietz, E. Traverso, and S. Gresh. Also present were R. Korb, Superintendent of Schools; J. Cuff, Financial Director; and Principal Barry Cahill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. O'Flynn read the following announcements:

There will be an Executive Session to discuss strategies in regard to collective bargaining and strategies regarding litigation and real estate matters, after which we will adjourn

A Tri-Board meeting will be held on December 7, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Room A

Policy Subcommittee will meet on December 13, 4:30 p.m., Payne School

Public Safety Study Committee will meet on December 15, 7 p.m., Town Manager's Conference Room

School Committee will meet on December 16, 7 p.m., Middle/High Ensemble Room for a regular and budget meeting

I. SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. FALL SPORTS AWARDS

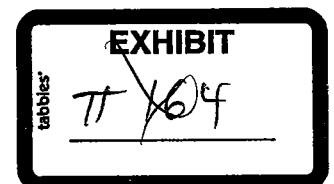
Mr. Tom Gallagher, Athletic Director, presented certificates to qualified students who achieved recognition in fall athletics; namely, cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, football, boys' soccer, and girls' soccer.

B. IPSWICH BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION PLAN

Mr. Korb introduced the subject by stating that a Bullying Plan for Ipswich Schools must be sent to the State by December 31, 2010, and thanked Barry Cahill, Mary Gallant, David Archambault and Kathy McMahon for heading the group. The document, which was reviewed in detail by the three Committee members present, comes with the recommendation and support of the Policy Subcommittee which has reviewed it.

Mr. Cahill, Principal, said that, while this is a plan, strategies are different in each school. Currently there is no curriculum from the State. Ipswich has approached the matter with presentations to staff and students in a proactive way. The plan follows State guidelines and includes resources, services, and incident report forms.

Mr. Loeb moved, seconded by Dr. O'Flynn, to support the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan to be submitted to the State. UNANIMOUS.



C. FEOFFEEES OF THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mr. Loeb received information that the Feoffees (7 of them) have filed a partial summary judgment seeking sale of Little Neck, requesting a hearing sometime in January. Mr. Loeb stated that, as a matter of law, the Feoffees have a right to sell and the right to mortgage that property at Cambridge Savings Bank. The School Committee, he said, would take the position that they don't have a right to sell. The School Committee has been against the mortgage concept by the Feoffees since the TriBoard meeting of February, 2010.

Mrs. Roesler (audience member) asked for clarification of Choice money going to pay legal bills. Mr. Gottlieb (of Little Neck) asked the School Committee to support the sale of \$29.15 million because of the figures from the several appraisals.

Mr. Hopping commented that he had always been open about the fact that he had relatives who own property on Little Neck. Dr. O'Flynn stated that, although his wife's cousin lived there also, he had never been there. Mr. Traverso apologized for his comments at the last meeting.

II. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. VOUCHERS/BILLS****B. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORTS****1. ATHLETICS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Dr. O'Flynn reported on concussion and hazing laws, Doyon field discussion, a flag-pole donation for the stadium, and \$100,000 for future projects.

2. ATHLETIC FIELD STUDY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hopping reported that Ken Swenson gave a report regarding athletic field use.

3. AD HOC TOWN/SCHOOL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Loeb mentioned that there is an item for the TriBoard meeting on Town/school cooperation.

4. COMMUNITCATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**5. DAY CARE CENTER SUBCOMMITTEE****6. EARLY CHILDHOOD SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Traverso reported that he had read two interesting articles in the Boston Globe on drop-out predictions and the advantages of the pre-school concept.

7. FEOFFEEES SUBCOMMITTEE**8. NORTH SHORE COALITION FOR SCHOOL FUNDING****9. OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE****10. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE****11. PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY COMMITTEE****12. SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC)**

13. WIND TURBINE SUBCOMMITTEE
14. IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
15. OTHER

III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Korb presented information from the Finance Committee Chair and the Town Manager regarding funding the "Other Post Employment Benefits" (medical, dental, and life insurance for current and future retirees) in preparation for the TriBoard meeting discussion of the FY12 budget. Mr. Markel and Mr. Korb agree that the recommended funding is not feasible.

IV. CONSENT

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hopping moved, seconded by Mr. Loeb, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Acceptance of Minutes of November 18, 2010, Open Session
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 - Acceptance of the donation of \$500 from the Hertz family to benefit the Birth to Three Family Center
 - Acceptance of the donation of \$1,200 from New England BioLabs to the Ipswich Middle School to be used to pilot a composting program at the Ipswich Middle and High Schools
 - Acceptance of the donation of \$1,300 from New England BioLabs to purchase astronomy equipment and books for Grade 4 at Winthrop School
 - Acceptance of the donation of \$12,000 from the Winthrop Friends of Elementary Schools for the Winthrop School Preschool playground, as part of the previously approved project voted at the July 15, 2010, School Committee meeting for the Winthrop Preschool playground.
- UNANIMOUS.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Dietz, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss strategy for collective bargaining, not to return to Open Session, because discussing these matters in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Committee's negotiating position. Roll call vote IN FAVOR: Traverso, Gresh, Sheppard, O'Flynn, Loeb, Hopping, Dietz.

Dr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mrs. Dietz, to go into Executive Session, not to return to Open Session, for the purpose of strategy with respect to litigation because discussing these matters in Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the Committee's litigating and negotiating positions and to obtain and discuss legal advice from its counsel. Roll call IN FAVOR: Traverso, Gresh, Sheppard, O'Flynn, Loeb, Hopping, Dietz.