

Kittery School Committee Meeting
20 May 2014 - Town Hall Chambers - 6:30 p.m.
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A., B., & C. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lemont at 6:30 p.m. Supt. Hutton, Kim Bedard, Julie Dow, Patti Ayer, Gavin Barbour, David Batchelder, and Robert Wiles were present. Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, was present. Also present were school administrators, staff, students, members of the public and press. The School Committee pledged allegiance to the flag.

D. Warrants:

It was **MOVED** by Patti Ayer, **SECONDED** by David Batchelder and **VOTED** 7-0-0 with Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, in favor to approve the warrants.

E. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Item III. Correspondence: 1. Letter of Request, was moved to Item IV., Staff Reports/presentations.

F. Minutes:

The Minutes of April 1, 2014 were approved as presented.

The Minutes of April 15, 2014 were approved as presented.

The Minutes of May 6, 2014 were approved as presented.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Barry Fitzpatrick addressed the School Committee and commented that a couple of months ago he asked some questions to which he would appreciate answers to. He reviewed the questions again. He also commented on Traip students' test scores.

Penny Draker, Kittery resident, commented that her son graduated from Traip last year and is doing very well at Endicott College, where he currently attends, with a 3.7 grade average. Her son and her are very grateful for the good education her son received at Traip. She thanked all the teachers at Traip for all their hard work. She also noted that she has daughter who is a junior and she is doing very well at Traip. Both her children are very proud to be a part of Traip Academy.

Jane Durgin, Kittery Resident, addressed the school Committee as a taxpayer/resident and commented that she very frustrated when she hears of all the negativity that is constantly being talked about within the community. She noted that all the Kittery school staff, which she did acknowledge that she also is a part of, take their jobs very serious and provide the best education to our children. She commented that she is proud and will always be proud to be part of a great team of dedicated school administrators, staff and students.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Supt. Hutton read a letter that she received from Henry Guertin-Ouellette, who resides at Kittery Estates. He commented that it was such a special treat when the Traip Academy students all adorned in their Prom attire surprised the residents at Kittery Estates with a visit before attending their prom.

Chair Lemont recognized Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, for his superior dedication serving as Student Representative on the Kittery School Committee. He extended best wishes for his future education at WPI College where he will major in engineering. He presented him with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the School Committee members.

IV. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS:**A. Traip Robotic Team Presentation:**

Joseph Boudreau, Traip Tech teacher commented how very proud he is of the Traip Robotic team. Our team won at the state level in Lewiston/Auburn and proceeded to Anaheim, CA for the finals where they were 8-1. He noted that our team has had 14 members the past years and 13 have furthered their education in engineering and have been successful. This year we currently have 5 seniors graduating and all of them are continuing their education in engineering. He is very proud of them. The created Robots were displayed and the School Committee was able to view them and ask the students questions. Joseph Lombardi demonstrated how the Robot he had created worked and answered questions from the School Committee and members of the public were invited to try it. Mr. Boudreau introduced the members of the Robotic Team and thanked the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for their work in these projects. Congratulations to the Robotic Team!

B. Special Services Student Performance - Jane Durgin and staff/

Jane Durgin and staff members, Penny Draker and Laurie Troy, presented their reports on Special Services Student Performance, including the PAAP process.

C. District Student Performance Update - Marilyn Woodside

Marilyn Woodside presented her report on District Student Performance, including NECAP and SAT scores.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:**1. Letter of Request**

Supt. Hutton reported that three staff members from Mitchell School have written a letter asking for the policy prohibiting them from using school facilities for “profit” outside regular school hours be reviewed by the Policy Committee. It was the consensus from the School Committee, that currently all the policies are being reviewed and this policy will be reviewed as well.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.**VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:****A. Resignation/retirement.**

It was **MOVED** by Julie Dow, **SECONDED** by Kim Bedard and **VOTED** 7-0-0 with Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, in favor to acknowledge the resignation of Andrew Weatherhead, Shapleigh teacher, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

- B. Supt. Hutton reported that the planning for Pre-K literacy program, Jump Start, is progressing nicely. She reported that we currently have the following staff members leading the program. They will be participating in a two-day training in Topsham on May 22/23. She noted they are:

Jump Start Teacher - Megan Monroe
Jump Start Coordinator - Faye McDonough
Educational Technician - TBA

- C. Supt. Hutton reported that we are very excited about the upcoming CSI camp event at Shapleigh School on May 21 & 22. Forty-two educators from southern Maine and NH will participate in a 3 hour training at the CSI STEM camp. This camp is offered through the Military Child Education Coalition, with funding through the Office of Naval Research.
- D. Supt. Hutton reported that staff members are always seeking opportunities to learn and grow in their respective professions. Most recently Jen Hall, Business Manager and Wendy Collins, School Nutrition Director have applied for and received free conference registration for their regional conference. Congratulations!
- E. Supt. Hutton reported that she recently met with Lorraine Robida and reviewed and heard updates on the Adult Education program. Lorraine will update the School Committee at the June 17th meeting.
- F. Supt. Hutton reported that School Committee members are invited to attend the Class of 2014 Graduation on Friday, June 13 @ 6:00 pm. Please respond when you receive your invitation for your ticket by June 6.
- G. Supt. Hutton reported that the School Committee Retreat will be at the Kittery Community Center on June 24th from 5-9 pm.
- H. Supt. Hutton reported that on May 14, Tanger Outlet presented 2 checks to the Kittery School Dept. One check was for Traip Academy to assist with transportation for community based learning experiences in the amount of \$2,500. The other check was for presented to Shapleigh School to support community based learning for the Autism Program in the amount of \$500. Thank you.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action to approve the following co-curricular position.

It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Julie Dow and **VOTED** 7-0-0 with Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, in favor to approve Tonya Fitzgerald as Mitchell Certification Mentor for the 2013-14 school year.

VIII. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS:

A. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met and bids were sent out for an auditor and the top 2 candidates were interviewed.

B. Policy Committee: The Policy Committee met and reviewed the policy for graduation.

C. CIP Committee: The CIP Committee has not met.

D. ACIL - ACIL is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

E. MSBA Update: MSBA held their retreat last weekend. They worked on the new website.

F. Wellness Committee: The Wellness Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

G. Other Committees: None.

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Joseph Lombardi thanked the School Committee for their kind words and token of appreciation.

Robert Wiles thanked the school administrators for their presentations. He also thanked the Robotic Team for their presentation.

Julie Dow thanked everyone for their presentations and all their work.

Kim Bedard thanked everyone for their presentations. She also commented that she was

happy to be able to attend the Robotic Team competition in Lewiston/Auburn. She recommends that everyone should try to attend in the future. It is such a great feeling to see and observe all the work the students do.

Gavin Barbour thanked everyone for their presentations. He also thanked the School Committee for allowing him to be absent the last few meetings.

Patti Ayer thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and well wishes during her absence.

Ken Lemont commented that he became a proud grandparent on May 13 with a new grandson, Sebastian Lemont.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was **MOVED** by Julie Dow, **SECONDED** by Robert Wiles and **VOTED** 7-0-0 with Student Representative, Joseph Lombardi, in favor to enter into Executive Session to consider duties of employees pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D).

It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Patti Ayer and **VOTED** 7-0-0 in favor to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

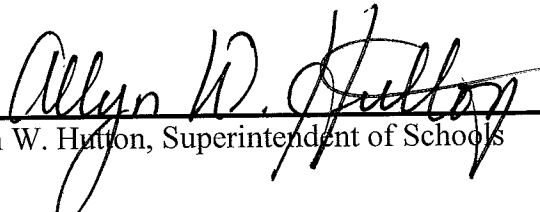
XII. ADJOURNMENT:

It was **MOVED** by David Batchelder, **SECONDED** by Bob Wiles and **VOTED** unanimously on a **VOICE VOTE** to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janis Marshall-Colby, Recorder

Approved by Kittery School Committee: June 3, 2014



Allyn W. Hutton, Superintendent of Schools

Date 6-11-14