

Kittery School Committee Meeting
03 April 2007 - 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 Pelletier at 6:30 p.m. Chair Pelletier, Kim Bedard, Patti Ayer, and Glennis Wright were present to approve warrants. Supt. Littlefield

was also present. Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, arrived at 6:52 p.m. Also present were school administrators, press and members of the public.

D. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

E. Minutes:

The Minutes of March 20, 2007 were approved as presented.

F. Student Advisory Member Report:

Third quarter ended on March 30, 2007. Spanish exchange students arrived and their visit went very well.

II. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jonel Leake, a parent, addressed the Board and expressed her concerns regarding the current assessment process that is used at Shapleigh Middle School. She feels that the process does not meet the Vision Statement. She thought the process was going to be changing and questioned where we stand on the assessment process today. She feels the system currently in place is demoting to students because as long as the majority meets the standards, the rest of the students do not have to work as hard.

Ms. Leake questioned the status of the Gifted & Talented program. To date she is very disappointed with the program because there is no screening and not one student has been identified in the program. What good is a program with no students? She thought the program was state mandated, and questioned what our plan was.

She questioned where the responsibility lies with the district should a student at Shapleigh Middle School need to attend an AP course that is currently only in place at Traip. She has been informed that her son, who attends Shapleigh, needs to take Algebra II. FT is only available at Traip and it is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation. She noted that both she and her husband work. It was suggested that the student could to take a taxi to Traip. Why should the families have to pay extra for either transportation or online courses because their child is advanced?

IV. STAFF REPORTS: None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Action to appoint the following probationary teachers to second year non-continuing contract status:**

1. It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Kim Bedard and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Cara Giacalone for the 2007-2008 school year at Frisbee School.
2. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kristen Gentile for the 2007-2008 school year at Shapleigh Middle School.
3. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Tara Hamer for the 2007-2008 school year at Shapleigh Middle School.
4. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rachel Maloney-Hawkins for the 2007-2008 school year at Shapleigh Middle School.
5. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Loren Bowley for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.
6. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Joshua Gagnon for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.
7. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of John Manning for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.
8. It was **MOVED** by Patti Ayer, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Bruce Merrill for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.

9. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Penny Morrison-Draker for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.
10. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Joshua Stone for the 2007-2008 school year at Traip Academy.

Action to appoint the following probationary teachers to continuing contract status.

1. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Ginger Kreitler for continuing contract status.
2. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Denise Heffernan-Stearns for continuing contract status.
3. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kim Quinlan for continuing contract status.
4. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Ruth Sallade for continuing contract status.
5. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Janice Fickett for continuing contract status.
6. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Stephanie Holland for continuing contract status.
7. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Melissa Paradis for continuing contract status.
8. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the

Superintendent's nomination of Cheryl Coughlin for continuing contract status.

9. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Chris Kozuro for continuing contract status.
10. It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Karen Matso for continuing contract status.

B. Action to approve co-curricular positions.

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Kim Bedard and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint:

1. Art Scott as Traip Assistant Track coach for the 2006-07 school year.
2. Matthew Lajoie as Traip Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2006-07 school year.
3. Nate Duclos as Traip Spring Drama Coach for the 2006-07 school year.

C. Action to approve Student Handbooks for the 2007-2008 school year.

It was **MOVED** by Patti Ayer, **SECONDED** by Kim Bedard and **VOTED** 4-0-0 to eliminate policies from the Student Handbooks and insert a statement informing the parents that policies can be reviewed on the district website and written copies of the policies will be available upon request.

Consensus of the Board was to take no further action on this item until May, 2007.

D. Action to discuss class load requirement for seniors at Traip Academy.

Supt. Littlefield reported that at the last Board meeting, a request was made to re-visit the issue of class load requirements for seniors. The issues will be placed on the agenda for the second meeting in June.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A.** Supt. Littlefield reported that the Board should determine a time when they can meet during the April break to sign warrants. It was determined that Patti Ayer, Glennis Wright, Tess Schneier, and Chair Pelletier will meet April 13, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. to review the warrants.
- B.** Included in the FYI packet is a copy of the Town Office notice for nomination papers for the 2 vacancies on the Board - the 6 month term (Maria's) or the 18 month term (Laura's).

- C. Included in the FYI packet is a copy of the Coaches Handbook for the Board to review.
- D. Included in the FYI packet is a copy of the contracted services for the Special Education Department. Don Johnson, Director of Special Services, was present and answered questions from the Board.
- E. Supt. Littlefield reported that we will meet with Town Council to discuss the FY08 budget on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in chambers.
- F. It was the consensus of the Board to have Supt. Littlefield start the bid process for oil.

VIII. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS:

- A. **Design Team:** The minutes were included in the FYI packet.
- B. **Mitchell Building Committee:** Supt. Littlefield reported that hopefully we will have the final warrant at the next Board meeting.
- C. **Town Council Information Report:** The Board will meet with Town Council, Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the FY08 budget.
- D. **Health Coordinating Team:** The Health Coordinating Team is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 4, 2007.
- E. **Policy Committee:** Minutes from the Policy Committee meeting are included in the FYI packet.
- F. **MSBA Executive Committee:** The MSBA Executive Committee met on March 31, 2007, and discussed policies and school consolidation. They drafted a plan for next year.
- G. **Advisory Committee for Information Literacy:** Included in the FYI packet are minutes from the last meeting.
- H. **Legislative Meeting:** The Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet on April 24, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Glennis Wright commented that she found the Region #9 meeting of School Board members on March 29, 2007 it to be very informative.

Patti Ayer reviewed her email regarding school consolidation and commented that we should possibly speak with other Boards to discuss their views on this matter. She questioned if the program for drug awareness at Traip with the School Resource Officer available was made available

to Shapleigh Middle School students.

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 4-0-0 with Student Board Member, Stephen Webber, in favor to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

Kim Bedard commented that the York School District website has a lot of information posted on it regarding the school consolidation proposal. Board members may want to review it. She also commented that on April 5, 2007. Traip students are able to visit the shipyard. She will be attending the National School Board conference April 12 - 17, 2007.

Chair Pelletier addressed several of the issues that Board members may be responsible for should the school consolidation proposal pass. He commented that we should consider creating a Finance Committee to review the warrants before our Board meetings. He reminded the Board about the meeting with Town Council tomorrow.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

X. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** unanimously on a **VOICE VOTE** to adjourn at 10:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Dated: April 3, 2007
Janis Marshall-Colby, Recorder

Larry Littlefield, Superintendent of Schools Dated: April 3, 2007

APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: May 1, 2007