

Kittery School Committee Meeting
06 May 2008 - Town Hall Chambers - 6:30 p.m.
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. A & B. ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pelletier at 6:30 p.m. Supt. Littlefield, Ken Lemont, Glennis Wright, Patti Ayer, Bill Furbush, and David Bathelder were present. Also present were school administrators, teachers, students, and members of the public. Kim Bedard and Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard were excused absent.

C. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Adjustment to the Agenda was an addendum VI.J, New Business.

Adjustment to the Agenda was to add an Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

D. Minutes:

The Minutes of April 15, 2008 were approved as amended.

E. Student Advisory Member Report:

Mitchell School students participated in the ACES program (All Students Exercise Simultaneously) by walking to school on Monday, May 5, 2008. Mitchell will hold "Hat Day" on Friday, May 9th and there will also be a spaghetti dinner that evening at the Lions Club to raise money for O.M. Parent's night for Grade 2 will be held on Tuesday, May 13th. A mentor reception will be held on Thursday, May 22. Grades 1 & 2 have been visiting the student artwork at the Kittery Art Association. Wednesday, May 28th. Melissa Sweet, children's author and illustrators will visit Mitchell. A Memorial was held at Traip for Ms. Ryder on Sunday, May 4, 2008. It was beautiful. Juniors took SAT's on Saturday, May 3. Prom night will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008. This week AP exams will begin. All homerooms will be participating in the ACES program. Track has started. Seniors are counting down the days until graduation. Frisbee will hold a concert this week. Shapleigh students hosted Japanese exchange students and they were sad to leave. Teacher Appreciation Week is this week and the students appreciate all the great teachers.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence is included in the FYI packet.

IV. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Presentation by the Frisbee 4th/5th Grade Odyssey of the Mind Teams.

Andrew Weatherhead, coach for the Frisbee OM team, thanked the Board for their contribution and approving the OM team to attend the World Competition at The University of Maryland at College Park in June. OM was started in 1970 and has grown tremendously worldwide. It is creative problem solving for students. Each team had to design their own problem and solution along with props. Students who participated were also given a spontaneous problem by the judges in which they had to create and solve on

their own problem. It is an great accomplishment for our

students to make the finals and we congratulate them for their success and hard work. Now it is the finals in Maryland, They are so excited.

Mr. Weatherhead's team presented their winning problem and solution for the Board. They also thanked the Board for their support and allowing them to be able to attend the finals in Maryland.

Mrs. Harris' team also presented their winning problem and solution for the Board. They also thanked the Board for their support and allowing them the Frisbee Team to attend the finals in Maryland.

Chair Pelletier thanked the students for their presentations and wished them the best of luck in Maryland on behalf of the Board.

- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- VI. A. Action on final approval for an overnight field trip to the University of Maryland for Frisbee Odyssey of the Mind Competition (May 31 - June 4, 2008).
It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to grant final approval for an overnight field trip to the University of Maryland for Frisbee Odyssey of the Mind Competition (May 31 - June 4, 2008).
- B. Action to appoint the following probationary teachers to second year non-continuing contract status:
 - 1. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by David Batchelder and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Dana Rickerich, Guidance, for the 2008-2009 school year at Mitchell School.
 - 2. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Eva Diharce, Speech Therapist, for the 2008-2009 school year at Frisbee School.
 - 3. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Christine Dorazio, SpEd Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Frisbee School
 - 4. It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Corrine Gagnon, Grade 4 Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Frisbee School.

5. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Andrew Weatherhead, Grade 4 Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Frisbee School
6. It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Robyn Angus, Grade 7 Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Shapleigh Middle School
7. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Chris Deveau, SpEd Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Shapleigh Middle School.
8. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Ed Disy, Physics/Science Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Traip Academy
9. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Melissa Jolie, SpEd Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Traip Academy
10. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Brett Ordway, SpEd Teacher, for the 2008-2009 school year at Traip Academy

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

1. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Cara Giacalone, Grade 3 Teacher, for continuing contract status.
2. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Bill Furbush and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Kristen Gentile, Grade 6 Teacher, for continuing contract status.
3. It was MOVED by Patti Ayer, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Tara Hamer, Grade 8 Teacher, for continuing contract status.
4. It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Rachel Maloney-Hawkins, Grade 8 Teacher, for continuing contract status.
5. It was MOVED by Patti Ayer, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Loren Bowley, English

Teacher, for continuing contract status.

6. It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Joshua Gagnon, Social Studies Teacher, for continuing contract status.
 7. It was MOVED by Patti Ayer, SECONDED by Bill Furbush and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of John Manning, Spanish Teacher, for continuing contract status.
 8. It was MOVED by Patti Ayer, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Bruce Merrill, Math Teacher, for continuing contract status.
 9. It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Penny Marrison-Draker, SpEd Teacher, for continuing contract status.
- C. Action to discuss the Final Draft Report of the Kittery Feasibility Study. The Board noted that they were very pleased with the work done by WBRC Architects on the District Feasibility study. It was comprehensive and well done.

The Project Team will now meet to consider next steps in this project. The Board noted that: 1). The administrators all requested to develop the pros and cons of various grade level configurations for the 4,3, and 2 school scenarios; 2). The cost analyses of the scenarios need to be refined; and 3). A workshop should be scheduled with Town Council to look more in depth at the long range picture now that the study has been completed.

- D. Action on teacher requests for one year leave of absence without pay:
1. Ginger Kreitler-Pingree
It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 to approve one year leave of absence without pay for Ginger Kreitler-Pingree.
 2. Rebecca Waldron-Gernais
It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve one year leave of absence without pay for Rebecca Waldron-Gernais.
- E. Action on Superintendent's nomination for the half-time grant funded position of School Health Coordinator.
It was MOVED by Patti Ayer, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Becky Bridges for the half-time

fund granted position of Health School Coordinator.

- F. Action on the Superintendent's nomination for the Frisbee School administrator for the 2008-09 school year.
It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Patricia Garnis for the Frisbee School Principal for the 2008-09 school year at half-time.
- G. Action on second reading of policy:
1. ADAA - Commitment to Standards for Ethical & Responsible Behavior.
It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve second reading of policy ADAA - Commitment to Standards for Ethical & Responsible Behavior
- H. Action to approve 2008-2009 student handbooks:
It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the 2008-2009 students handbooks for Mitchell Primary School, Frisbee Elementary School, Shapleigh Middle School, and Traip Academy.
- I. Action to discuss the creation of a joint Town Council/School Committee group to explore shared services in the financial, athletic, recreation, library, and technology areas.
Bill Furbush, Patti Ayer, and David Batchelder will represent the School Committee and discuss with Town Council shared services in the financial, athletic, recreation, library, and technology areas.

The Board noted that it is premature to create a new joint committee. However, they expressed a willingness to meet with representatives of Town Council for discussion about the committee.
- J. Action to appoint Nate Duclos as Spring Drama Director.
It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Patti Ayer and VOTED 6-0-0 in favor to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Nate Duclos as Spring Drama Director.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Supt. Littlefield reported that Jim L'Heureux has engaged a second company, EMC, to conduct a survey of the energy usage in the schools. They will conduct the survey during the week of May 12th. They will develop their estimate for the work to convert to energy efficient lighting, ballasts, and switches. When this is complete, we will have additional information for the Board's consideration.

- B. Supt. Littlefield reported that he received a very nice note from the students at Frisbee thanking the Board for all the work that was done over the April vacation to upgrade the playground equipment.
- C. Supt. Littlefield reported that our school cafeterias and their respected staff were noted in the statewide Maine Food Service newsletter along with cover photos..
- D. Supt. Littlefield reported that interviews for Traip Academy principal were conducted on Thursday and Friday, May 1-2 with a team of 14 persons including parents, staff, students, administrators and Board members. Final candidates have been identified and he expects to have a nomination at the June 3rd meeting. Interviews for Technology Coordinator will be held on Monday, May 5 and the interviews for Curriculum Coordinator will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.

VIII. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS:

- A. Design Team: The Design Team has not met.
- B. Town Council Information Report: None.
- C. Health Coordinating Team: The Health Coordinating Team is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 7, 2008.
- D. Policy Committee: The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.
- E. MSBA Executive Committee: The MSBA Executive Committee has not met.
- F. Advisory Committee for Information Literacy: The Advisory Committee for Information Literacy is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.
- G. Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee has not met.
- H. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met today, May 6, 2008. They also met with the auditors on April 30, 2008 and discussed several school-based accounting items.
- I. Energy Committee: The Energy Committee did not meet.

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

David Batchelder commented that the Memorial Service for Ms. Ryder was attended by approx. 800 people. The service was a very nice tribute and outstanding. The family would like to thank the students for their support during this difficult time. He also commented that his family hosted a Japanese exchange student during their visit. This is an excellent

program and hopes we can continue it in the future years. He also commented that the lunch website needs to be updated. He also questioned if there was any new information regarding school district re-organization.

Glennis Wright extended sympathy to Stacy and Larry Dennis and their families for their sudden loss of a family member. She commented that the Kittery Quarterly had a very nice article regarding the Odyssey of the Mind teams. She expressed disappointment that Town Council was not represented this evening to see the Odyssey of the Mind team presentations.

Patti Ayer thank the students for their participation in the Special Olympics. Great job!

Bill Furbush wished the Odyssey of the Teams the best of luck in Maryland.

Chair Pelletier commented that he will not be able to attend our next Board meeting.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was MOVED by Chair Pelletier, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MRSA ss 405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations at 8:49 p.m.

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 on a VOICE VOTE to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Date: May 6, 2008

Janis Marshall-Colby, Recorder

Date: May 6, 2008

Larry Littlefield, Superintendent of Schools

