

Kittery School Committee Meeting
21 October 2008 - Town Hall Chambers - 6:00 p.m.
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A & B. The meeting was called to order by Supt. Littlefield at 6:00 p.m. Glennis Wright, Kim Bedard, Ken Lemont, David Batchelder, Bill Furbush, and Patti Ayer were present. Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, was also present. Jeff Pelletier was excused absent. School administrators, staff, press and members of the public were also present.

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison in favor to appoint Kim Bedard as Chair Pro-Tem.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Bill Furbush and VOTED 6-0-0 to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MRSA § 405(6)(E) to confer with legal counsel at 6:02 p.m.

It was MOVED by Ken Lemont, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

It was MOVED by Ken Lemont, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 to go into Executive Session in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(B) for the purpose of hearing a student matter at 6:09 p.m.

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to come out of Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was MOVED by Ken Lemont, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison in favor to expel a student from school pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 1001 (9) on the grounds that such expulsion is necessary for the peace and usefulness of the schools, and direct the Superintendent to provide the student's parents written notice of this action, the Committee's findings and the conditions the administration will consider before recommending readmission of the student to school.

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C. Adjustments to the Agenda:

Adjustment to the Agenda was an addendum V.I.F., New Business.

D. Minutes:

The Minutes of October 7, 2008 were approved as presented.

E. Student Advisory Member Report:

Mitchell School presently has 20 mentors. Andrews Construction and several parents recently spread woodchips on the playground of the school. NWEA testing at Shapleigh Middle School has been completed. Traip students will be watching election results on evening of November 4, 2008 until midnight. Traip also held a Candidate's Night on Thursday, October 16, 2008 for School Committee and Town Council candidates and it went very well.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was included in the FYI packet.

IV. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Report from Jane Durgin, Special Services Director.

Jane Durgin, Special Services Director, addressed the Board and presented an overview of the Special Education program. . The start of the year has been very busy for our department. Currently we service 182 students in our department with various needs. We currently have 7 students with multiple disabilities and 8 students with autism. We have a great staff. Their dedication is truly appreciated.

Kristen Fowler, Mitchell Special Educator, reviewed her program for students in grades K-2. The program currently has 5 students and is designed to meet the needs of students with significant behavior challenges and to meet the needs of students with autism. She reviewed a weekly schedule for her students as well as the goals for the year.

Christine Dorazio, Frisbee Special Educator, reviewed the Resource Room program for Frisbee students in grades 3-5. Currently there are 16 students that participate in the program. They receive academic support mainly in language and math. Some students receive ed tech support. She reviewed the goals for the year.

Jolyn Hayward, Frisbee Special Educator, reviewed the Choices program for grades 3-5. Currently the Choices program has 14 students. Some students are academically sound but can not be in an everyday classroom setting. They receive direct instruction so they will be able to be integrated into a classroom setting in time. She reviewed the goals for the students for the year.

Stephanie Holland, Shapleigh Special Educator, reviewed the Resource Room program for grades 6-8. Currently there are 13 students in the program. 3 case managers work with the students in a regular class setting. There is wonderful support from the staff and administrators. The students work hard and are progressing quite well in the program. With the help of Fran Dupont, she and Fran designed a book to help new staff become acquainted with the Special Services Dept. This has been a great resource and the new

staff appreciate the work done in creating it.

Penny Morrison Draker, Traip Special Educator, reviewed the Life Skills program for grades 9-12. Students are taught on many different levels. The goal is to prepare the students for everyday life after graduation. They have hands on training on how to shop, write checks, follow budgets, cooking, cleaning, etc. When they leave the program, they are ready for everyday life in the real world. Some students may need the resources of support services after high school. This is developed before they leave school..

Barbara Vosine, Traip Special Educator, spoke about the Choices program for grades 9-12. Currently there are 15 students. They have behavioral problems and can not be in an everyday classroom setting. The goal is to make them feel that are part of the class and not Segregated. They participate in art and physical education classes in a regular setting. Students at this level tend to have a high dropout rate. It is important to keep them highly motivated. We have an amazing staff and administration. Our motto is we feel every student can learn.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action on concept approval for Heritage Club overnight trip to Ireland (April 17-24, 2009).

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Glennis Wright and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to grant concept approval for Heritage Club overnight trip to Ireland (April 17-24, 2009).

B. Action on request from Mitchell School regarding job share proposal.

It was MOVED by David Batchelder, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to approve the teacher job share proposal from Mitchell School for Linda Powell and Laura Messersmith for the remainder of this school year.

C. Action to approve funds in support of installation of the climbing wall at Traip Academy.

It was MOVED by Kim Bedard, SECONDED by David Batchelder and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to approve funds from the operational budget in support of installation of the climbing wall at Traip Academy in the amount of \$2,250.

Thank you to Timberland for their generous donation of the climbing wall and to Mrs. Perry for allowing Traip Academy to dedicate the climbing wall in memory of her late husband, Ben Perry, former Traip Academy teacher.

- D. Action to discuss plans for compliance with Department of Education Commissioner Gendron's letter of August 11, 2008.
It was the consensus of the Board to reschedule this Item.
- E. Action to discuss School Committee Goals.
It was the consensus of the Board to reschedule this Item.
- F. Action to approve the following co-curricular positions:
It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to approve the following co-curricular positions:
 - 1. Robin Angus as Shapleigh 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2008-09 school year.
 - 2. Aimee Sutherland as Shapleigh Art Club Advisor for the 2008-09 school year.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. Supt. Littlefield reported that as of Friday, October 10, 2008, our State Financial reports have been completed and received by the Department of Education.
- B. Supt. Littlefield reported that we have re-advertised the position for Business Manager/Fiscal Agent position. Applications are due Monday, November 3, 2008.
- C. Supt. Littlefield reported that our next Cottage Meeting is at Traip Academy on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 2:10 p.m.
- D. Supt. Littlefield reported that MSMA is publishing a new series of bulletins. In addition to the regular bulletins, the new series will be topical and issue oriented.
- E. Supt. Littlefield reported that the Frisbee School air quality evaluation reports were completed on October 7, 2008. Copies of the results were distributed to the Board and provide to the staff.

VIII. COMMITTEES AND REPORTS:

- A. Design Team: The Design Team met on October 12, 2008 and discussed curricular mapping.
- B. Town Council Information Report: None.
- C. Health Coordinating Team: The Health Coordinating Team met and the minutes are included in the FYI packet.

- D. Policy Committee: The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.
- E. MSBA Executive Committee: The MSBA Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.
- F. Advisory Committee for Information Literacy: The Advisory Committee for Information Literacy met on October 7, 2008. The meeting was productive and went well.
- G. Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee has not met.
- H. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet next week.
- I. Energy Committee: The Energy Committee is scheduled to meet this evening
- J. Shared Services Committee: The Shared Services Committee met and the minutes are included in the FYI packet.

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Lauren Kennison thanked David Batchelder and Mr. Gagnon for helping with Candidate's Night.

Bill Furbush thanked Jane Durgin and her staff for their presentation.

David Batchelder thanked Lauren Kennison and Traip Student Council for their work for Candidates Night. He also commented that the new wind turbine is up and operating.

Glennis Wright questioned if Traip's Ranger News has been printed.

Patti Ayer questioned where we stand on the evaluation of the structure of Frisbee. She also suggested that we think about doing the parent surveys now instead of waiting until spring.

Kim Bedard thanked Jane Durgin and her staff for their presentation. The guide that was developed for the new staff is a great tool. She also commented that the town is looking for projects to be proposed as capital improvement projects..

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was **MOVED** by David Batchelder, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Lauren Kennison, in favor to enter into Executive Session in accordance with 1 MRSA § 405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations at 9:34p.m.

It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED 6-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:
No action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:
It was MOVED by Glennis Wright, SECONDED by Ken Lemont and VOTED on a VOICE VOTE unanimously to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Dated: October 21, 2008
Janis Marshall-Colby, Recorder

_____ Dated: October 21, 2008
Larry Littlefield, Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: November 4, 2008