

Kittery School Committee Meeting
17 July 2007 - Town Hall Chambers - 6:30 p.m.
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

I. ASSEMBLY OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMEBRS:

A, B, & C. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pelletier at 6:30 p.m. Glennis Wright, Patti Ayer, and Tess Schneier were present to approve warrants. Supt. Littlefield, Kim Bedard, and David Batchelder were also present. Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, arrived at 6:37 p.m. Also present were Town Council Chair, Glenn Shwaery and press. Ken Lemont was excused absent.

D. Minutes:

The Minutes of June 19, 2007 were approved as amended.

E. Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

F. Student Advisory Member Report: None.

II. CORRESPONDENCE:

Emails were received regarding the Gifted & Talented program. Emails were also received regarding school consolidation issues.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Glenn Shwaery, Town Council Chair, addressed the Board. He noted that the Board should not lose sight of the August 31, 2007 deadline, it is very important. Time is getting short and the Board should look at all options and keep an open mind. Financially, Kittery can not opt out. He suggested that we schedule a meeting with SAD #35 and see what they have to offer, as well as York. He hopes that we come to agreement with someone. He also offered help from Town Council.

IV. STAFF REPORTS: None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action on the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint the following:

It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Tess Schneier and **VOTED** 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of the following staff:

1. Dana Rickerich as Guidance Counselor at Mitchell Primary School for the 2007-08 school year.
2. Andrew Weatherhead as 4th Grade Teacher at Frisbee Elementary School for the 2007-08 school year.
3. Corrine Gagnon as 4th Grade Teacher at Frisbee Elementary School for the 2007-08 school year.
4. Christine Dorazio as Special Education Teacher at Frisbee Elementary School for the 2007-

08 school year.

5. Christopher Deveau as Special Education Teacher at Frisbee Elementary School for the 2007-08 school year.
6. Russell Simpson as Custodian at Shapleigh Middle School for the 2007-08 school year.
7. Scott Lincoln as Custodian at Traip Academy for the 2007-08 school year.
8. Vincent Volante as Special Education Technician II at Traip Academy for the 2007-08 school year.

B. Action to appoint Special Services Director.

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, in favor to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Jane Durgin as Special Services Director for the 2007-08 school year..

C. Action to discuss school unit partnership and consolidation issues.

Chair Pelletier noted that Kittery School Board members met with York School Board members and discussed school consolidation. The meeting was very productive and went very well. York is also meeting with Wells and Ogunquit. We need to initiate an RPC Committee. We must all keep in mind that our #1 goal is make the sure the students benefit from our decision, and look at all options. We have a great deal of work ahead. Our Board is scheduled to meet with York again on August 13, 2007. It was the consensus of the Board to have Supt. Littlefield contact SAD 35 and propose to meet with them on July 24, July 30, or July 31, 2007 at Kittery.

D. Action on First Reading of policy - BDFA - Advisory Committee for Financial Affairs.

It was **MOVED** by Kim Bedard, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, in favor to approve First Reading of policy BDFA - Advisory Committee for Financial Affairs, as amended.

E. Action on proposal for Feasibility Study of Frisbee School.

Supt. Littlefield reported that included in the FYI packet is the proposal from Semple and Drane Architects to conduct the Frisbee Feasibility Study. He noted that a "walkthrough" was held at Frisbee on June 21, 2007 and was attended by representatives from three (3) firms. Another firm also requested RFP material. Semple and Drame is the only firm that submitted a proposal. The Board took no action to award the project.

Consensus of the Board was to have the Superintendent check references and inquire about possibly extending the timeline. He will also clarify the RFP and speak with Portsmouth Superintendent Lister about their middle school project.

F. Action to approve lease agreement for district copiers.

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 6-0-0 with Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, in favor to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the lease purchase agreement for district photocopiers as follows:

Voted: That under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Sections 1001 and 1055, the Superintendent of Schools be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement with M.S.T. Government Leasing, LLC in the name and on behalf of Kittery School Department (the "Issuer"), for the purpose of refunding and refinancing existing lease purchases of photocopier equipment and lease purchasing additional new and reconditioned photocopier equipment, any service agreements specifically financed in connection with certain equipment, consulting fees and related costs of issuance with an aggregate purchase price not exceeding One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$177,719.21), at a rate of interest of not more than 4.120% per year through August 1, 2012, and otherwise in such form as the Superintendent may approve; and that the appropriate officials of the Issuer be and hereby are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Issuer such other documents and certificates as may be required in connection with such tax-exempt lease purchase agreement; and that no part of the proceeds of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement shall be used, directly or indirectly, to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which could cause the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be a "private activity bond" or an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Sections 141 and 148, respectively, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and that the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement issued pursuant hereto be designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of said Code; and that the Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to covenant on behalf of the Issuer to file any information report and pay any rebate due to the United States in connection with the issuance of said tax-exempt lease purchase agreement, and to take all other lawful actions necessary to insure that the interest portion of the rental payments under and pursuant to the tax-exempt lease purchase agreement will be excluded from the gross income of the owners and thereof for purposes of federal income taxation and to refrain from taking any action which could cause such interest portion of the rental payments to become includable in the gross income of the owners thereof.

Mr. Batchelder responded to a personal family situation and excused himself from the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The information the Superintendent had to discuss with the Board was discussed previously under New Business.

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 has not met.

D. Policy Committee: The Policy Committee has not met.

E. MSBA Executive Committee: The MSBA Executive Committee has not met.

F. Advisory Committee for Information Literacy: The Advisory Committee for Information Literacy has not met.

G. Legislative Committee: The Legislative Committee has not met.

IX. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Glennis Wright questioned the parent letter she received from Traip Academy regarding the dress code for next year. She also commented that she would like to see Kittery school and Board information included in the Kittery Quarterly.

Chair Pelletier thanked fellow Board members for all their work and time in preparing our school budget. He commented that he is extremely offended by comments made by a Town Council member at the budget hearing and feels an apology is warranted..

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** 5-0-0 with Student Board Member, Jessica Bedard, in favor to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MRSA ss 405(6)(D) to discuss negotiations at 9:47 p.m.

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Kim Bedard and **VOTED** 5-0-0 to come out of Executive Session at 11:00 p.m.

XI. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken following Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

It was **MOVED** by Chair Pelletier, **SECONDED** by Glennis Wright and **VOTED** unanimously on a **VOICE VOTE** to adjourn at 11:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Date: July 17, 2007
Janis Marshall-Colby, Recorder

_____ Date: July 17, 2007
Larry Littlefield, Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: August 7, 2007