

**LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**  
**Cary Hall**  
**1605 Massachusetts Avenue**

**Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Helen Cohen, School Committee Members Rod Cole, Margaret Coppe, Tom Diaz, Ravi Sakhuja and student representative Gloria Park. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.**

**I. Call to Order (Ellen Stone Room)**

**II. Executive Session (Ellen Stone Room)**

**III. Return to Public Session and Welcome (Cary Hall Auditorium) at 7:35 p.m.**

**IV. Superintendent's Announcements**

Introduction of the New Director of Community Education – Craig Hall

**V. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns**

**Tom Diaz:** The Supreme Court decided in our favor in the Parker/Wirthlin case. John Davis from our law firm was a great advocate for the school system.

**Rod Cole:** Briefly reported on issues that were brought up at the MASC meeting.

**Helen Cohen:** Also reported on her experience at the conference.

**VI. Discussion Items**

1. Report of the Committee that visited the Montgomery County, MD, Schools.  
Dr. Lynne Sarasin introduced all the team members. Four of them spoke about their experiences in Montgomery County: Laura Lasa, Lexington High School Associate Principal; Eddie Davey, history teacher at Clarke Middle School; Jesse Richardson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Estabrook, and Gail Grimes, Mathematics Instructional Specialist.

There were questions and comments from the Committee and the audience.

2. Report on Literacy Tiered Intervention

The topic was introduced by Dr. Ash. It was presented by Dr. Lynne Sarasin, Linda Chase, Director of Student Services; Mary Antón-Oldenburg, Bowman Principal; and Kathleen McCarthy, Interim K-5 Literacy Department Head. The presentation explained what interventions have been implemented and how they are organized.

There were questions and comments from the Committee.

3. Selectmen's Request to Examine Possible FY09 Savings to reduce the budget proposal to balance with expected revenues.

The Committee discussed the issue. They will vote at the next meeting.

**VII. Action Items**

1. Vote to Accept a \$500.00 Donation from Exxon Mobil to the Bridge School Gift Account

**Motion to accept with gratitude a \$500.00 Donation from Exxon Mobil to the Bridge School Gift Account (Diaz, Cole). The motion passed 5-0.**

2. Vote to Accept a \$310.00 Donation from Intel Foundation to the Bridge School Gift Account

**Motion to accept with gratitude \$310.00 in matching funds from the Intel Foundation to the Bridge School Gift Account (Diaz, Cole). The motion passed 5-0.**

3. Vote to Accept a \$100.00 Donation from Lueders Environmental, Inc.

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**VIII. Motion to adjourn (Diaz, Coppe). The motion passed 5-0.**