

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2010
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Margaret Coppe, School Committee Members Tom Diaz, Jessie Steigerwald and Mary Ann Stewart. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Margaret Coppe)

II. Public Comment

Kim Effron (Lexington parent, certified teacher and IA at Harrington): It takes more than just the teachers to make the classroom run smoothly. IAs have many responsibilities. I would love you to come and follow me around and see what I do every day. I love what I do. It includes teaching and emotional support of kids and more.

III. Superintendent's Announcements

1. Appointment of Meg Colella as Interim Principal of Bridge School, Effective July 1, 2010. Announced by Dr. Ash. Ms. Colella has been in the district for nine years and has very strong credentials.

IV. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Tom Diaz: We have a budget vote on the 22nd. I am married to a member of Unit C. Can we have a separate line item for that so I can recuse myself from voting just on that portion of the budget?

Dr. Ash stated that Mr. Diaz's request would be honored.

Mary Ann Stewart: I would like to accept Ms. Effron's invitation. The MASC is doing a course on new ethics regulations.

Jessie Steigerwald: I have an invitation here for the training for site-based council representatives. I will bring handouts to the next meeting.

Please remind us about the reduction in IAs that took place.

Dr. Ash spoke to this issue.

V. Discussion Items

1. FY11 Budget Discussion

a. FY11 Capital Budget.

Participants in the discussion were: Paul Ash, Superintendent; Charles Lamb, Chair of the Capital Expenditures Committee; Pat Goddard, Director of Public Facilities; Thomas Plati, Director of Educational Technology and Assessment; Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business and School Committee members.

b. FY11 Public Facilities Budget and Ten-Year Facilities Recommendation

Introduced by Dr. Ash. Presented by Patrick Goddard. Dr. Ash suggested that if we are going to request money for Bridge and Bowman perhaps we should ask for the money for the LCD projectors and interactive whiteboards at the same time.

c. Possible Program Reinstatements.

Presented by Dr. Ash. He discussed potential costs for reinstating elementary foreign language, high school science labs and elementary music.

The Committee discussed the issue.

There were comments from the audience.

d. Other Budget Matters the School Committee May Want to Consider.

There were comments from the Committee on various budget issues.

VI. Action Items

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

Motion to accept with gratitude a \$100.00 donation from Lueders Environmental, Inc. (Steigerwald, Stewart). The motion passed 4-0.

2. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of December 15, 2009

3. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of January 19, 2010

4. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of January 23, 2010

Motion to approve School Committee minutes of December 15, 2009, January 19, 2010 and January 23, 2010 (Diaz, Stewart). The motion passed 4-0.

VII. **Motion to adjourn (Stewart, Steigerwald). The motion passed 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.