

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present:

Chair Jessie Steigerwald, Vice Chair William Hurley, Margaret Coppe, Alessandro Alessandrini, Judy Crocker, Superintendent Dr.Czajkowski
Student Representative Abigail Schwartz

Others Present: Pat Goddard (Director of Facilities), Ian Dailey (Interim Director of Finance and Operations); Carol Pilarski (Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Professional Development), Maureen Kavanaugh (Director of Planning and Assessment), Meg Colella (Principal Bridge Elementary School), Ellen Sugita (Director of Special Education); Shawn Newell, Assistant Director of Facilities – Technical Services; Kate Hickey, Applied Geographics, Priya Sankalia, Applied Geographics

Minutes were taken by Ana Paula McDonough, Executive Assistant to the School Committee.

The meeting convened at 7:01 p.m.

Call to Order and Welcome: Chair Jessie Steigerwald called the meeting to order, and introduced committee members.

Public Comment:

Diane Biglow, 15 Bellflower St. – Directed a question to Dr.Czajkowski, and asked whether Dr. Czajkowski was leaving. Dr.Czajkowski responded that she is not leaving and is very committed to the district.

Superintendent's Announcements:

- Tuesday, January 28, 2016 Charles Hu a 2007 graduate of Lexington was tragically killed in an accident on Route 128. Dr.Czajkowski asked for a moment of silence.
- Dr.Czajkowski acknowledged Carol Pilarski's retirement letter.
- MSBA Board meet and voted unanimously on January 27th to support Hastings Elementary. Congratulations to Hastings Elementary School, Louise Lipsitz (Principal Hastings), Pat Goddard (Director of Facilities), staff, and to the School Committee for their support.
- Peer Review Process Meetings – January 15th and January 22nd with Paul (Bond Associates), Joe Pato, (Chair Board of Selectmen), Jon Himmel (Chair Permanent Building Committee), Pat Goddard (Director of Public Facilities), Anna Monaco, Anne Carolthers, Dan (Hill Associates), Angel (DiNisco Associates); next steps – DiNisco to review recommendations from Peer Review Process and present to PBC (Feb 11). We will decide at that point whether any changes will be made and recommended to the School Committee. (Bill Hurley and Judy Crocker attend PBC and may wish to share this as a School Committee update).
- On February 23rd, Dr.Czajkowski will be presenting her Mid-Cycle Evaluation. Dr.Czajkowski will present her evidence of her Mid-Cycle on a flash drive to every school committee member. One hard copy of will be maintained in the School Committee's office.

- Invites a school committee representative for search committees for Director of Educational Technology and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development

School Committee Member Announcements:

Alessandrini: Thanked the Bowman Science Fair and the PTA.

Crocker:

- Safe Routes To School update included PowerPoint: This year's Safe Routes update is in two parts; one was delivered in October 2015 and today's involves the Bus Ridership Update. We waited to give the update until the school bus waitlist was addressed through the addition of two new buses. Very pleased to announce that 50% of all LPS students use the school bus as their school transportation mode of choice. We are equally proud of the 38% high school ridership, where one-third of the population can drive, to the 73% ridership at Clarke. In addition, ridership numbers for both the Elementary Ride-After and Middle and High School Flexpass programs have increased. Data presented bus ridership by school from FY12-FY16. A slide was also shown of the superintendent riding the bus on her first day of school in Lexington. Attached is the ridership chart.
- Hastings Science Fair is tonight from 6:30-8:30. Come and cheer on our budding scientists.
- Have a safe and fun-filled February vacation week.

After Ms. Crocker concluded her remarks, Ms. Steigerwald shared the information that on behalf of the many volunteers, staff and families who had supported Safe Routes to School for the past ten years, Ms. Crocker had just been nominated for a national award for Lexington's Safe Routes to School program and the remarkable achievements made under her leadership.

The award is: Deb Hubsmith Safe Routes Champion Award

Coppe: No comments

Hurley: Gave an update on Subcommittee for Curriculum Instruction. He met with Carol Pilarski and three elementary principals. Ms. Coppe was unavailable to attend. Three matters were highlighted: 1. Accommodations staff makes for students with religious beliefs. 2. Students coming from different parts of the world that transfer to Lexington come with a grade expectation, staff works with parents and explains what Lexington School expectations are. 3. Potential Elementary World Language and its impact. 4. Boston Globe published the evaluations of staff in different districts; highest rating is exemplary. The highest rating our staff uses is proficient.

Steigerwald:

- Thanked Town Manager Carl Valente and Town Clerk Natalie Rice for organizing the evening's training from Office of Campaign & Political Finance.
- As follow up from Community Coalition event appreciated invitation to attend SADD Club meeting featuring as speaker Detective Evelyn from Lexington Police Department and noted the engaging dialogue between LHS students and Detective Evelyn. Police Department has said they are open to speak with other youth groups.

- Expressed deep appreciation for Carol Pilarski’s lasting contributions to Lexington, noting as a one example her work to develop the Mock Town Meeting, now in a 4th year. Lauded Ms. Pilarski’s commitment to engaging curriculum that inspires students and teachers in the Social Studies department. Will miss Ms. Pilarski after she retires.
- Shared update on next retreat. Presented option of working with Rob Evans on team-building, as well as continuing work on School Governance with Ms. Dorothy Presser from MASC.

Member Comments:

- Mr. Hurley added his recommendation to work with Mr. Evans.
- Dr. Czajkowski added that she knew Mr. Evans and supported the idea.
- Members agreed that Dr. Czajkowski should contact Mr. Evans to prepare a contract and bring it forward to the School Committee. Committee would vote to authorize related expenses at the next meeting to enable the contract to be signed.

Ms. Steigerwald completed her announcements:

- Confirmed with members that Ms. Crocker expressed willingness and interest in serving as the representative for the search for Director of Technology. Members agreed.

Agenda:

A.1 - Approval for Buddy Bench Acquisition and Installation

Presenter: Meg Colella, Bridge School Principal

Summary: Bridge Elementary School seeks School Committee approval for the acquisition and installation of a “Buddy Bench” for the school playground (cost estimated at \$2500). The Bridge PTA through the oversight of the PTA Playground Committee will acquire the bench. Shawn Newall and the Facilities Department will work in conjunction with the PTA in regards to the installation for the spring of 2016.

A student at Bridge School proposed the inclusion of a Buddy Bench on our playground as part of a persuasive essay. The Buddy Bench, an idea created by an elementary school student at Roundtown Elementary School in Pennsylvania, was proposed to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. (See buddybench.org for more details). His idea has spread across the nation and has become a means for students to find ways to include others at recess. At Bridge, we would introduce this bench as part of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) initiative and work with students to understand the concept behind it. We would teach our peer mediators how to suggest to students that they utilize the bench and work with students to understand the importance of including others at recess.

School Committee Members: Ms Schwartz and the School Committee members were all in favor of the Buddy Bench and congratulated the student for the idea. Ms Crocker asked if the modular locations were taken into account and Ms. Colella confirmed they were.

Motion that the School Committee approve the acquisition and installation of a “Buddy Bench” on the Bridge School playground, which will be funded by the Bridge School PTA.

(Coppe/Alessandrini)

The Motion was approved unanimously.

A.2 - Bridge Elementary Mechanical Equipment Update

Presenters: Shawn Newell

Summary: After the Bridge School renovation, new roof top HVAC equipment on occasion delivered odors identified as natural gas into the classroom. Public Facilities assembled a team to review this ongoing issue and implemented corrective actions and the odors stopped for 12 months (December 2014 to December 2015). The odor was again detected on December 21, 2015 and January 19, 2016. Shawn Newell will update School Committee on actions since January 19.

Follow Up: Periodic updates on progress in eliminating odors from Bridge roof top equipment that is interfering with education.

School Committee Members:

- Inquired about the exhaust pipe and its height – Answer: From the primary roof to where the exhaust is it's approximately 14 feet
- Is Bowman being looked at? – Answer: Bowman does not have the same issues.
- Is the work that has been done still under warranty? – Answer: Yes
- Has the ignition been looked at? – Answer: Yes, the Fire Dept has deemed the School safe.

Announcements – Continued:

- Ms. Steigerwald added two items that she inadvertently left out of the earlier announcements.
- Thanked Ms. Lasa, all staff and students at Lexington High School, Dr. Czajkowski, Ms. Pilarski and the central office staff for the way everyone responded during Monday's bomb threat – appreciated the emergency management training that has already taken place, and expressed interest in hearing more from the administration after the situation is reviewed.
- Dr. Czajkowski acknowledged the Police and Fire Departments responded immediately. Lexington High School, along with other area schools and police departments, received an anonymous pre-recorded bomb threat. In consultation with the police and fire departments, all students and staff were evacuated using our standard protocol. Dr. Mary Czajkowski is grateful for the collaborative efforts of the high school administration and the police and fire departments, as well as the cooperation of the high school students and staff.
- Ms. Steigerwald - Noted the deadline for Permanent Building Committee applications related to Bridge, Bowman and Fiske was drafted as right before spring break and asked members if they wished to keep the deadline or change it before it was put on website. Members suggested delaying it a week due to vacation. Members agreed it should be submitted to Minuteman.

A.3 - Recommendation on Superintendent's Proposed FY'17 Operating Budget

Presenter: Dr. Mary Czajkowski

Summary: The Superintendent's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was presented to the School Committee on January 12, 2016. As part of reviewing the Superintendent's Recommended Budget, public hearings were held to gather feedback on the budget. January 19, 2016 was the first of two public hearings. The second public hearing was on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The School Committee must vote on the Superintendent's FY2017 Operating Budget for its inclusion in the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. Multiple votes will be taken to approve the total annual

operating budget, transfer costs associated with new positions, approve general fund and special revenue fund fees, and set maximum amounts on revolving funds as required by law (MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½). Annually, the school department budgets for estimated costs associated with each position added/removed from its previous year's budgeted FTE amount. This transfer, to the Town's Unclassified Account, includes estimated costs associated with health insurance, dental insurance, workers compensation, and Medicare. Health and Dental Insurance costs are calculated based on a fixed per FTE formula provided by the Town annually (pro-rated for fractional FTEs added). Worker's Compensation and Medicare costs are calculated using a percentage of the total salary for the position being added/removed. Medicare costs are 1.45% of the total position cost and workers compensation is 6.1% for every \$100 of the total position cost.

A summary of the information described above for School Committee's approval can be found below: Budget Summary Table:

Funding Sources	FY 13 Actual	FY 14 Actual	FY 15 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Budget (adj)	FY 2017 Recommended	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Tax Levy	\$ 74,403,031	\$ 78,907,700	\$ 84,622,156	\$ 91,558,316	\$ 91,558,316	\$ 98,149,743	\$ 6,591,427	7.20%
Avalon Bay Mitigation Fund	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 49,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Enterprise Funds (indirects)								
Fees & Charges	\$ 272,741	\$ 807,116	\$ 601,557	\$ 502,000	\$ 502,000	\$ 504,580	\$ 2,580	0.51%
Total 1100 Lexington Public Schools	\$ 74,925,772	\$ 79,964,816	\$ 85,272,801	\$ 92,060,316	\$ 92,060,316	\$ 98,654,323	\$ 6,594,007	7.16%
Appropriation Summary	FY 13 Actual	FY 14 Actual	FY 15 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Budget (adj)	FY 2017 Recommended	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
Salary and Wages	\$ 64,117,953	\$ 68,264,740	\$ 73,057,650	\$ 78,675,324	\$ 78,627,324	\$ 81,785,398	\$ 3,158,074	4.02%
Expenses	\$ 10,807,819	\$ 11,700,076	\$ 12,215,151	\$ 13,384,992	\$ 13,432,992	\$ 15,507,901	\$ 2,074,909	15.45%
Total 1100 Lexington Public Schools	\$ 74,925,772	\$ 79,964,816	\$ 85,272,801	\$ 92,060,316	\$ 92,060,316	\$ 97,293,299	\$ 5,232,983	5.68%
* Amounts shown are general fund only and does not reflect spending supported by Labbb Credit, Circuit Breaker Funds, Revolving Funds, or local/state/federal grant funds								
						Transfer to Unclassified (Health, Medicare, Workers Comp)	\$ 433,917	30.00 FTE
						Total Recommended	\$ 97,727,216	\$ 5,666,900 6.16%
						Unallocated from Revenue Allocation Model	\$ 927,107	

School Committee Members:

School Committee members had no further questions on the budget and supported the Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion to Approve the Lexington Public Schools Recommended Operating Budget for FY 2017 in the Amount of \$97,293,299 and associated fees. (Alessandrini/Hurley).

The Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to transfer \$433,917 from the Revenue Allocation to Town's Unclassified Account, for the purposes of health insurance, Medicare and workers compensation for new positions. (Coppe/Alessandrini).

The Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to request Town Meeting, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½; re-authorize the use of the Transportation Revolving Fund, and to authorize to expend amounts from such revolving fund accounts, and to set the maximum amounts that may be expended from such revolving fund accounts in FY 2017 at \$1,050,000. (Hurley/Steigerwald)

The Motion was approved unanimously.

A.4 - Recommendation on Superintendent's Proposed FY'17 Capital Budget

Presenter: Dr. Mary Czajkowski

Summary: The Superintendent's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was presented to the School Committee on January 12, 2016. As part of reviewing the Superintendent's Recommended Budget, public hearings were held to gather feedback on the budget. January 19, 2016 was the first of two public hearings. The second public hearing was on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The School Committee must vote on the Superintendent's FY2017 Capital budget as part of its inclusion in the 2015 Annual Town Meeting. This vote will approve the total annual capital budget for both School Capital and School Facilities Capital. Since the Superintendent's FY17 Recommended Budget was first published just before January 2016 there have been multiple changes based on funding constraints. These changes have been made in consultation with the Town Manager.

A summary of the original published request and the current recommended amounts can be found below: FY2016-17 Capital Budget Summary Table attached to the Item Summary Sheet.

School Committee Members:

School Committee members had no further questions on the budget and supported the Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion to approve the Lexington Public Schools Recommended Capital Budget for FY 2017 in the Amount of \$1,419,087 for School Capital, of which \$35,000 will be funded from the School Lunch Revolving fund. (Alessandrini/Hurley.

The Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the Lexington Public Schools Recommended Capital Budget for FY 2017 in the Amount of \$68,319,420 for School Facilities Capital. (Crocker/Alessandrini).

The Motion was approved unanimously.

A.5-Applied Geographics (App Geo) Redistricting Presentation

Student Reassignment Analysis for the Lexington Public Schools: Project Introduction & Update for the LPS School Committee

Presenters: Kate Hickey, Applied Geographics - Priya Sankalia, Applied Geographics

Summary: In conjunction with school building plans, LPS is in the process of exploring how student assignment will be used to maximize effective use of existing and future space. The District has partnered with Applied Geographics to complete this work. Kate Hickey and Priya Sankalia from Applied Geographics provided an introduction & update for the LPS School Committee.

The first phase of redistricting will aim to fill two or three available classrooms at Estabrook and one at Hastings. The goal is to maximize use of existing available space while relieving overcrowding at other schools. (A second phase would be planned when there is additional available capacity, for example, if Hastings is replaced with a larger facility that can accommodate additional classrooms.) The School Committee supported modulars at Bridge, Bowman and Fiske to alleviate the overcrowding that already exists at each of these three schools.

The School Committee does not expect App Geo's redistricting recommendation to add students to Bridge, Bowman or Fiske as they are already overcrowded and the modulars are necessary for the students who are already in attendance.

There were additional questions and comments from members.

Public Comment:

Elaine Ashton, 32 Cliffe Ave. – To support the redistricting, it is important to reach out to Real Estate Agents about upcoming redistricting, and to get more accurate census data, reach out to Town Clerk and help community be aware that the census is useful for planning.

Dawn McKenna, 9 Hancock St. - was involved with the redistricting that took place around the opening of Hastings. Emphasized the amount of people involved with the decision making process at the time Hastings opened. Ms McKenna is in favor of neighborhood schools. Would like the School Committee to go over the policies and see if redistricting proposals meet these policies. Redistricting and buffer zones could create changes with big impacts. In Lexington you have a lot of people living in homes for generations. With respect to the Newton plan that was described in the presentation, Newton is a very different community.

Mona Roy – Is speaking on behalf of someone else, has any consideration been given down the road to any other school building for introducing a new and special World Language program?

A.6.a-Policy JLDBA Intervention, Prevention, and Postvention Suicide Policy

Presenters: Judy Crocker and Margaret Coppe

Summary: SC Policy JLDBA has been reviewed and revised by the Director of Guidance Val Viscosi and Social Worker Stacy Glickman, the Superintendent, counsel, and the School Committee Policy Manual Subcommittee. The revised draft Policy is ready for its first reading by the School Committee.

As this is our first policy revision since the new manual was put together, Ms. Crocker and Ms. Coppe reviewed the Committee's policy on revision to policies.

They described this policy and Ms. Viscosi provided additional information.

School Committee Members:

Student Representative Abigail Schwartz suggested an edit on page 2 Section III. Assessment and Referral to include the following "or referred by a peer". Members agreed on placement to add this language and supported the amendment. Ms. Viscosi and Dr. Czajkowski supported the amendment.

***Motion to approve, as amended, the First Policy Reading for Policy JLDBA Lexington Public Schools Intervention, Prevention, and Postvention Suicide Policy. (Steigerwald/Crocker).
The Motion was approved unanimously.***

A.6.b-Policy JKAA Restraint of Students

Presenters: Judy Crocker and Margaret Coppe

Summary: SC Policy JKAA has been reviewed and revised by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Director of Special Education Ellen Sugita, the Superintendent, counsel, and the School Committee Policy Manual Subcommittee. The revised draft Policy is ready for its first reading by the School Committee.

Ms. Sugita provided further information and answered questions from members.

School Committee Members:

Ms. Coppe suggested that policy JKAA be flagged every year for edits on page 3 which lists the complaint officer by name. Ms. Steigerwald suggested Ms. McDonough retain a list in the School Committee office with policies that require annual attention, as well as a list of policies under review. Ms. Crocker shared that the MASC recommendation is to update specific policies annually, and one-third of the manual each year to keep up to date.

Motion to approve of First Policy Reading for Policy JKAA Restraint of Students.
(Steigerwald/Crocker).

The Motion was approved unanimously.

A.7-Presentation and Acceptance of Compost Donation Checks

Presenter: Ian Dailey

Summary: The School Department was approached by a group of parents regarding the decision to transition from Styrofoam lunch trays to compostable lunch trays. The group sought to implement a composting program at our schools to divert this waste stream and increase environmental sustainability. The result of these meetings determined that the school department would phase in implementation of a composting program starting at three locations for the balance of the 2015-16 school year. The three initial locations will be Bridge Elementary School, Hastings Elementary School, and Estabrook Elementary School. This program is tentatively scheduled to start on February 22, 2016 after the February school break with an estimated total cost of \$3,228.

To fund this initial program, the Bridge and Hastings PTAs have provided checks in the amount of \$1,076 each. Additionally, Estabrook has been awarded an LEF grant in the amount of \$1,076 to fund their participation. The FY2016-17 budget has included funding to continue these programs and expand participation moving forward.

Dr. Czajkowski thanked the parents and the Sustainable Lexington Committee for bringing this forward, and the Green Team for educating our students on the need for composting. In this year's budget we have allocated funds to expand this program.

School Committee Members: Thanked the staff and volunteers for supporting this program.

Public Comment:

Marian Gens, 16 Dane Rd.; Diane Pursley, 21 Turning Mill Rd.; Beth Murnaghan, 34 Wachusett Dr. – All spoke in regards to composting. Explained what the program consists of in education about composting, where the composting will be brought to. Black Earth will be contracted to pick up the compost.

Motion that the School Committee accept funds in the amount of \$1,076 from the Bridge PTA and \$1,076 from the Hastings PTA for the purpose of implementing a composting program at these schools. (Hurley/Alessandrini).
The Motion was approved unanimously.

A.8 -Formulate Positions on Warrant Articles For February 2, 2016 Special Town Meeting

Presenter: Jessie Steigerwald

Summary: There are Articles on the Warrant that the Committee may wish to take a position on, including Pelham and Hastings. Though we recommended / requested the appropriation for Hastings, we traditionally take formal positions on Articles that support our students.

ARTICLE 2 AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing “Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District” for the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District, to accept the amendments to said Agreement which have been submitted as a restated “Regional Agreement” bearing the date of December 21, 2015 to the Board of Selectmen of each member town; or act in any other manner in relation thereto. *(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District)*

DESCRIPTION: The new draft Regional Agreement, approved by the Minuteman School Committee, streamlines the process for withdrawal by member towns, eliminates the five-student minimum charged to member towns for capital costs, and requires out-of-district communities to help pay for their share of capital costs of a new building. The 2014 Lexington Town Meeting approved a similar version of this Regional Agreement. That version, however, was approved by only 10 of the 16 towns in the Minuteman District. Unanimous approval is required. It is believed that a consensus has been reached by all of the Minuteman communities and each Board of Selectmen has agreed to call for a Special Town Meeting to take place by March 1, 2016 to consider this revised Agreement.

School Committee Members were in favor.

Move the School Committee support passage of Article 2, Amendments to the Regional School District Agreement of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District at the Special Town Meeting February 8, 2016. (Coppe/ Hurley).
The Motion was approved unanimously.

ARTICLE 3 APPROPRIATE FOR HASTINGS SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money, to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee, for the costs of a feasibility study relating to the Hastings School located at 7 Crosby Road, in Lexington, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”). The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or act in any other manner in relation thereto. *(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the School Committee)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$1,500,000

DESCRIPTION: On January 27, 2016, the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority is expected to vote on Lexington’s application to accept the Hastings School into the

MSBA reimbursement program. If the Town's application is approved at that time, this Article would fund the first phase of the process, conducting a feasibility study.

School Committee Members were in favor.

At a future date, Ms. Crocker questioned if the Committee would consider revisiting the Committee's Finance Working Group. It was formed during the August 20 retreat and members include Steigerwald and Crocker. They have continued the Lextended RFP work begun last spring by Crocker and Coppe, monitored warrant questions, fully examined the budget, and monitored policy implementation changes. Would the Committee feel comfortable maintaining this as a working group or formalize it as a subcommittee?

Move the School Committee to support passage of Article 3, Appropriate for Hastings School Feasibility Study at the Special Town Meeting February 8, 2016. (Alessandrini/Crocker). The Motion was approved unanimously.

ARTICLE 4 ESTABLISH, RENAME AND APPROPRIATE TO AND FROM SPECIFIED STABILIZATION FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to create, rename or appropriate sums of money to and from Stabilization Funds in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the purposes of: (a) Section 135 Zoning By-Law, (b) Traffic Mitigation, (c) Transportation Demand Management/Public Transportation, (d) School Bus Transportation, (e) Special Education, (f) Center Improvement District; (g) Debt Service, (h) Transportation Management Overlay District , (i) Avalon Bay School Enrollment Mitigation Fund, and (j) Capital; and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto. *(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

FUNDS REQUESTED: unknown at press time

DESCRIPTION: This article proposes to establish, rename or fund Stabilization Funds for specific purposes and to appropriate funds there from. Money in those funds may be invested and the interest may then become a part of the particular fund. These funds may later be appropriated for the specific designated purpose, by a two thirds vote of an Annual or Special Town Meeting, for any lawful purpose.

School Committee Members were in favor.

Move the School Committee to support passage of Article 4, Establish, Rename and Appropriate to and From Specified Stabilization Funds at the Special Town Meeting February 8, 2016. (Hurley/Coppe). The Motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes
 - a) Vote to Approve and Not Release Executive Session Minutes from April 15, 2015
 - b) Vote to Approve and Not Release Minutes from Executive Session with Board of Selectmen on April 15, 2015
 - c) Vote to Approve Minutes of May 12, 2015

- d) Vote to Approve and Not Release Executive Session Minutes from May 19, 2015
- e) Vote to Approve Minutes of May 19, 2015
- f) Vote to Approve Minutes of August 20, 2015
- g) Vote to Approve Minutes of September 25, 2015
- h) Vote to Approve Minutes of November 12, 2015
- i) Vote to Approve Minutes of November 17, 2015 – as amended
- j) Vote to Approve and Not Release Executive Session Minutes from January 12, 2016
- k) Vote to Approve Minutes of December 4, 2015 - removed for edits
- 2. Accept Youth Services Council Liaison Report - Margaret Coppe
- 3. Vote to Accept a \$2,112.85 Donation from TD Bank to Support the Lexington High School Best Buddies Club
- 4. Vote to Accept a Gift Valued at Approximately \$1,000 from the Harrington Fifth Grade Graduation Committee to the Harrington School

Members agreed to remove “k” from the Consent Agenda to allow separate discussion about it.

Motion to approve consent agenda Items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i, 2, 3, and 4, but excluding item k December 4, 2015, (Crocker/Coppe).

The motion was approved (5-0).

Discussion about Minutes of December 4, 2015. The Committee discussed and agreed to edits for this set of minutes and then voted unanimously to approve as amended.

Motion to approve minutes of December 4, 2015 as amended. (Hurley/Alessandrini).

The motion was approved (5-0).

10:43 p.m. Adjourn: On a motion made by Hurley and seconded by Coppe the School Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn at 10:43 pm.

Materials: Agenda; **A.1**-Agenda Item Summary, Approval for Buddy Bench Acquisition and Installation, Memo dated 1.25.16 to Dr. Czajkowski; **A.2**-Agenda Item Summary, bridge Elementary Mechanical Equipment Update, PowerPoint Presentation dated 2.2.16; **A.3**-Agenda Item Summary, Recommendation on Superintendent’s Proposed FY’17 Operating Budget; **A.4**-Agenda Item Summary, Recommendation on Superintendent’s Proposed FY’17 Capital Budget; **A.5**-Agenda Item Summary, Power point presentation titled, “Student Reassignment Analysis for the Lexington Public Schools: Project Introduction & Update for the LPS School Committee”; **A.6.a**-Agenda Item Summary, Policy JLDBA Intervention, Prevention, and Postvention Suicide Policy; **A.6.b**-Agenda Item Summary, Policy JKAA Restraint of Students; **A.7**-Agenda Item Summary, Presentation and Acceptance of Compost Donation Checks; **A.8**-Agenda Item Summary, Town Warrant Special Town Meeting 2016-1, Town Warrant Special Town Meeting 2016-2;

Place on Consent Agenda 2.23.16

Voted Approved by the School Committee 2.23.16

LSC Meeting Minutes of 2.2.16 approved 2.23.16