

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present were: Dr. Paul Ash, Superintendent of Schools; Mary Ann Stewart, Chair; Alessandro Alessandrini, Vice-Chair; Margaret Coppe; Jessie Steigerwald; Bonnie Brodner; and Noah Coolidge, Student Representative. The Minutes were taken by the Chair.

7:35 PM The Chair called the Meeting to order at 7:35 PM

Public Comment

Judy Crocker (Currier Ct), Safe Routes to School Coordinator, member Lexington Sidewalk Committee, member Estabrook Task Force, and former PBC Liaison for the Elementary School Capital Plan (Phase I), had suggestions with regard to planning considerations for new school construction at Estabrook; Ms. Crocker provided written comments to the Committee.

7:37 PM **Superintendent's Announcements:**

Dr. Ash announced the flu clinic schedule for the Town of Lexington during the month of October. The information will be posted on the LPS website.

7:43 PM **Members' Reports / Members' Concerns:**

Margaret Coppe: Ms. Coppe thanked Mary Ann Stewart for keeping School Committee Minutes while the Committee has been without a Recording Secretary. Kudos to Mr. Tom Plati, Director of Technology and Educational Assessment, and his team for the new LPS website and new LPS server-based emails for Committee members. A reminder that the Lexington League of Women Voters is hosting a First Friday discussion at the Cary Library this Friday, the topic is "What Drives a School Budget?" There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Bowman School to officially unveil several infrastructure projects funded and completed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation using funds from the federal Safe Routes to School program.

Noah Coolidge updated everyone about the Volley for Molly event; the volleyball match raises awareness and funds for ovarian cancer.

Jessie Steigerwald attended the EDCO Legislative Forum on technology; Representative Jay R. Kaufman was also in attendance.

7:55 PM **Agenda:**

The Committee took up two Action Items first:

Motion: To hire Ms. Jean Curran as School Committee Recording Secretary (Coppe, Brodner). The Motion was approved (5-0).

Motion: To Request the Board of Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to appropriate funds for the Bridge and Bowman renovation projects (Steigerwald, Alessandrini). **The Motion was approved (5-0).**

The Committee invited Mr. Lyle Kirtman, President and CEO of Future Management Systems, Inc, to facilitate two discussion items: School Committee Goals and Agenda Structure. These two topics were identified during the Committee's summer retreat, also facilitated by Mr. Kirtman, where it was determined that any deliberation about them needed to occur during a lawfully convened Committee meeting. Mr. Kirtman synthesized the goals the Committee had brainstormed during their retreat. There were questions and comments from members of the Committee. Discussion on these items will carry forward to a future School Committee Agenda.

9:55 PM **Motion: To accept, with gratitude, a \$2,400 donation from the Lexington High School Class of 1961 to be used for signage and way-finding at LHS** (Steigerwald, Alessandrini). **The Motion was approved (5-0).**

Motion: To approve School Committee Minutes of September 20, 2011 (Coppe, Alessandrini). **The Motion was approved (5-0).**

Motion: To approve and release School Committee Executive Session Minutes of September 20, 2011 (Steigerwald, Brodner). **The Motion was approved (5-0).**

Motion: To adjourn (Coppe, Alessandrini). **The Motion was approved (5-0).**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Documents: *Handout from Judy Crocker; Agenda; School Committee Goals for 2009-2010; School Committee Operating Norms; eMail from Lyle Kirtman with 5 synthesized School Committee Goals; Blank Agenda page; Cover Letter from Jean M. Curran; Resume of Jean M. Curran; eMail request from Natalie Cohen, LHS Principal; School Committee Minutes of September 20, 2011; School Committee Executive Session Minutes of September 20, 2011.*

Voted by the School Committee _____ October 11, 2011