

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA

Present:

Chair, Alessandro Alessandrini; Vice Chair, Eileen Jay, Kate Colburn; Kathleen Lenihan, Jessie Steigerwald, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Chase (in place of Superintendent, Dr. Czajkowski)

Absent:

Superintendent, Dr.Czajkowski; Student Representative, Rosana Jiang

The minutes were taken by Kristen Cronin, Executive Assistant to the School Committee and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

The meeting convened at 6:02 pm

Call to Order Open Session

Motion to go into Executive Session

Alessandro Alessandrini moved to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining Regarding LEA – Unit A, to return to open session at the conclusion.

Colburn AYE
Lenihan AYE
Steigerwald AYE
Jay AYE
Alessandrini AYE

7:06 p.m. Return to Public Session and Welcome:

Chair, Alessandro Alessandrini called the meeting to order, and introduced committee members.

Public Comments:

Superintendent's Announcement:

Dr. Kelly Chase informed members of the Visioning Days for Lexington High School on December 14 and 15 with Frank Locker.

Lexington Education Foundation (LEF) held a grantee reception earlier this afternoon. LEF brought together teachers and staff that have been awarded grants to hear first hand about projects LEF monies have funded.

Welcomed Dr. Christine Lyons as the Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning.

Thank you to the town for yesterday's successful debt exclusion vote for Lexington Children's Place (LCP), Hastings Elementary and the Fire Station.

School Committee Member Announcements:

Each member expressed his/her thanks to the community, volunteers and voters, as well as current and former Lexington School Committee members, for making the debt exclusion vote successful. The Committee is grateful that LPS and the town can finally move forward with these building projects.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated November 9, 2017

Move to approve the School Department's payroll warrant dated November 9, 2017 in the amount of \$3,766,438.46

2. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated November 24, 2017

Move to approve the School Department's payroll warrant dated November 24, 2017 in the amount of \$3,609,394.43

3. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated November 17, 2017

Move to approve the School Department's accounts payable warrant dated November 17, 2017 in the amount of \$1,310,422.90

Move to approve the School Department's US Bank reconciliations in the amount of \$32,081.38

4. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated December 1, 2017

Move to approve the School Department's accounts payable warrant dated December 1, 2017 in the amount of \$1,629,985.58

Move to approve the School Department's US Bank reconciliations in the amount of \$11,309.58

Motion 1-4 Approved: 5-0 (Alessandro/Colburn)

Agenda:

1. **Vote Policy – JICI: Weapons in School**

Motion to Adopt Policy JICI Weapons in School (Steigerwald/Lenihan) Motion Approved 5-0

2. **Discussion of December 4 Debt Exclusion Vote and Future Direction**

Members would like a summary presentation on Lexington Children's Place (LCP), regarding early intervention and the cost of out of district pre-school to educate the community on this program. Members were surprised to learn that many residents of the Lexington community were not aware that Lexington Public Schools had a pre-school.

3. Fiscal Year 2018 First Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Ian Dailey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, provided an update on the FY2018 First Quarter Budget. The School Department currently projects a surplus of \$889,869 from the approved FY 2018 Budget. This represents a surplus of approximately 0.9% of the total School Department budget. \$1,103,321 of the total projected surplus resides in the Salary & Wages portion of the budget while a deficit of \$213,452 resides in the expense portion of the budget.

Chair, Alessandro Alessandini asked Ian Dailey to explain to the public the newly passed state legislation for the Special Education Stabilization Fund that will allow the School Committee to have control of the funding without having to go to Town Meeting for a vote to receive the monies.

Move that the School Committee approve the transfers outlined in Table 4 of the Fiscal Year 2018 First Quarter Financial report, per School Committee Policy DBJ. (Steigerwald/Colburn)
Motion approved 5-0

4. School Start Times Update

Ian Dailey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administration, gave a brief summary to members regarding the work of the School Start Times Task Force through November 2017, highlighting the work to date and the next steps for the Task Force.

Motion to adjourn (Alessandrini/Jay)

The Motion was approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Meeting Materials: Agenda; A.1-Draft Policy JICI; A.3-First Quarter Salaries and Wages Budget-Detail & First Quarter Expenses Budget – Detail; A.4.-Presentation on School Start Times Task Force