

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 18, 2016
School Administration Building, Superintendent's Office
146 Maple Street

PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Mary Czajkowski (participating remotely);
School Committee Chair William Hurley, School Committee Members Jessie Steigerwald,
Eileen Jay, Alessandro Alessandrini, and Judy Crocker (participating remotely)

The minutes were taken by Miriam Sousa, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting convened at 8:38 a.m.

Call to Order and Welcome: Chair William Hurley called the meeting to order and introduced Committee members.

Chair Hurley asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to address the Committee.

Board of Selectmen Chair Susan Barry, 159 Burlington Street, addressed the Committee in her role as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Barry informed the Committee that she wanted to update the Committee as to what happened at the Board of Selectmen Meeting of Monday, August 15, 2016. Ms. Barry told the Committee that the Board of Selectmen had voted to call a Special Town Meeting 2016-5 for Wednesday, September 21. Ms. Barry told the Committee that the vote was driven by the Board's decision to purchase the property at 171-173 Bedford Street to be used for municipal purposes, particularly as swing space for Fire and Police. Ms. Barry asked the Committee to deliberate at a future meeting about taking that property off the list of potential spaces for LCP and CO, as this property would not be available for several years.

Ms. Steigerwald told the Committee and audience that the Community Coalition Summer Book Group is reading the book *Beyond Measure*. Ms. Steigerwald said the date changed for the community discussion of the book to September 27, and the film screening of the book will still be held on October 18.

Agenda:

1. Vote to Request Supplemental funding for School Building Projects

Mr. Hurley addressed the Committee and described the purpose of the vote being requested. Mr. Hurley stated that the Board of Selectmen would be voting on August 19 the articles to be placed on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of September 21, 2016. Mr. Hurley told the Committee the vote to include Articles 3 and 4 would provide the School Committee with the opportunity, if funds were needed, to transfer funds from a different article or request additional funds through the taxation process. Mr. Hurley told the Committee that they were not taking action on requesting specific amounts of money or verifying the fact that additional funds were needed, but by having these articles it provided the School Committee the opportunity to request funds at that time, if needed.

MOTION to vote to request the Board of Selectmen to include Articles 3 and 4 on the Warrant for September 21, 2016, to reserve the ability to request supplemental funding for the School Building Projects (Hurley, Jay)

The motion was approved 5-0.

There was School Committee discussion regarding the draft presentation prepared by Director of Facilities Pat Goddard that had been emailed to School Committee members.

Pat Goddard suggested that any questions on the presentation be emailed to Dr. Czajkowski for discussion at the September 6 meeting.

Mr. Hurley handed out the draft presentation to School Committee members.

Mr. Alessandrini indicated on page 8 where there was a supplement for Article 4 that he would like to see the impact on enrollment of five modular classrooms versus six modular classrooms at Bridge and Bowman.

The School Committee continued the discussion regarding the costs of the modulars and requested that for the September 6 School Committee meeting that the chart be clearer regarding cost implications.

MOTION to adjourn (Steigerwald, Alessandrini)

The Motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Materials: Agenda, Agenda Item Summary Sheet, Draft Town Warrant for Special Town Meeting 2016-5, Draft Presentation – “Special Town Meeting 2016-5, Articles 3 and 4”

Voted by the School Committee 10.18.16