

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2012
Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Room
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Dr. Paul B. Ash, Superintendent; Mary Ann Stewart, School Committee Chair; Alessandro Alessandrini, Vice-Chair; School Committee Members Bonnie Brodner, Margaret Coppe, and Jessie Steigerwald, and Noah Coolidge, Student Representative

The minutes were taken by Jean Curran.

The Meeting Convened at 6:33 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order and invited Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

II. Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Paul Ash had no announcements this evening.

III. Members' Reports/Members' Concerns

Mary Ann Stewart announced that the MSBA voted to approve the total budget at the estimated reimbursement rate. She is grateful for the hard work of the MSBA, Members of the Permanent Building Committee, Pat Goddard, and the school staff getting this project moving. She also announced that Dr. Ash's annual public evaluation will be at the School Committee Meeting on April 24th.

Alessandro Alessandrini expressed his desire for a presentation to be held on special education.

IV. Agenda

1. Discussion of Positions on School Related Articles for the Annual Town Meeting

Article 2 – Appropriate for New Estabrook School. There were questions and comments from the Committee before the vote. Mary Ann Stewart will introduce the article.

Motion to Vote in Favor of the New Estabrook School and that the Town Appropriate \$39,742,248.00 for the Project. (Coppe, Alessandrini). **The Motion passed (5-0).**

Article 8 – Appropriate the FY 2013 Community Preservation Committee Operating Budget and CPA Projects. There were discussions about the center playfields drainage and how this affects the high school. Alessandro Alessandrini will speak to this article when it comes up at Town Meeting.

Motion that the School Committee Support Article 8(e) CPC funds and support \$605,718 for the Center Playfield Drainage. (Coppe, Alessandrini) **The Motion passed (5-0).**

Article 11 – Appropriate For Recreation Capital Projects. The Committee discussed Articles 11(b) and (d). Alessandro Alessandrini will speak on this Article.

Motion that the School Committee Support Article 11(b) Park Improvements – Hard Court Resurfacing and (d) Park Improvement – Athletic Fields.
(Brodner, Alessandrini) **The Motion passed (5-0).**

Article 12 – Appropriate For Municipal Capital Projects and Equipment. Articles 12 (a) – Public Safety Radio Connectivity; (k) Sidewalk Improvements and Easements; (n) Estabrook School – Off-site Street Engineering and Easements; (p) Telephone System Replacements Town wide; and (q) Town wide Electronic Document Management System were discussed by the Committee. Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance spoke to the Committee regarding Article 12(a) Public Safety Radio Connectivity at the Fiske School. There were questions and comments from the Committee regarding safety, technology, radio-frequency exposure and levels. The Committee agreed to wait for more information on Article 12(a). Margaret Coppe will speak to this Article.

Motion to Support Article 12(N), (K), (P) and (Q). (Coppe, Alessandrini) **The Motion passed (5-0).**

Article 15 - Appropriate for School Capital Projects and Equipment. There were discussions regarding (a) system-wide technology and (b) needed furniture. Jessie Steigerwald will speak to this Article.

Motion to support Article 15(a) and (b). (Steigerwald, Coppe) **The Motion passed (5-0).**

Article 16 – Appropriate For Public Facilities Capital Projects. There was discussion regarding capital improvement needed at the schools. It was decided to obtain more information from Pat Goddard on Town-wide Facility Master Plan (i) before taking a position. Mary Ann Stewart will speak to this Article.

Motion to support article 16(a), (b), (c), (f), (h), (j), (k), and (l). (Steigerwald, Alessandrini) The Motion passed 5-0.

Article 35 – Amend Zoning By-Law – Residential Use in the CB Zoning. The Committee did not take a position, but Bonnie Brodner will address Town Meeting reminding the appropriate boards and committees of the importance of making accurate student projections when doing any residential planning.

The Chair moved to recess and reconvene on the floor of Town Meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Documents: Meeting Agenda; 2012 Town Warrant

Voted by the School Committee _____ April 23, 2012 _____