

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, March 27, 2017
Carey Hall, Estabrook Hall
1605 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA

Present:

Vice-Chair, Eileen Jay; Jessie Steigerwald; Kathleen Lenihan; Kate Colburn; Superintendent, Dr.Czajkowski

Absent: Chair, Alessandro Alessandrini; Student Representative, Matt Campos

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

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm

Call to Order and Welcome:

Vice - Chair, Eileen Jay called the meeting to order, and introduced committee members.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Superintendent's Announcement: None

School Committee Member Announcements:

Jessie Steigerwald: Would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the Parent Academy. Was not present, but heard it was a great event.

Kate Lenihan: On Saturday evening I attended 50th Celebration of Bowman Elementary. Would also like to report on one of my liaison assignments: I attended my first 2020 Vision Committee meetings on Friday morning. This was a well-attended meeting at 7:45 in the morning, due to some concerns the community is having regarding the survey that is out. Demographic questions, broken down in one of the sub-categories. The same people in the community felt it could be perceived as some sort of discriminatory behavior. End result is, they have re-done the survey and taking demographic category out of the survey. The survey is staying open until April 14, 2017.

Kate Colburn: Attended the Fiske science fair, and would like to congratulate all the students who participated.

Eileen Jay: On April 25 8:30 – 11:00 “The Day on the Hill” MASC has a day when members can join and speak to legislators on issues that are pertinent to School Committees and School Districts through out the state.

All new School Committee members are required to register for a new member orientation. There is one being offered on June 10 at EDCO, called “Charting the Course”.

Consent Agenda:

1. Vote to Accept \$4,000 award check to Lexington High School from the Regeneration Science Talent Search School Award.
2. Vote to Accept a \$282 Donation to Hastings School from Wilson Farms' Shop at Wilson Farms Fundraiser

Motion to approve consent agenda items 1 & 2.

The Motion was approved (4-0).

Agenda:

1. **Agenda Item: Discussion of Town Meeting Article 17 – Hastings School Renovation**
I move that we support Article 17 (Steigerwald/Jay) Motion was approved (4-0)

2. **Agenda Item: Discussion of School Master Plan**

Superintendent, Dr. Czajkowski introduced Mr. Pat Goddard, Director of Facilities, who reviewed a presentation to school committee members, updating implementation of the projects recommended at the December 7, 2015 Special Town Meeting under Article 2. The presentation then reviewed additional studies recommended by School Committee at their September 6, 2016 meeting and the timing of a Lexington High School projects from School Committee recommendation of November 7, 2016.

Update School Committee Recommendation to STM December 7, 2015

- **LCP**
 - **Update:** Last week at Special Town Meeting, 2017 – 1 Approved appropriation to design LCP at 20 Pelham Road, expected to open August – October 2019. We will be working with school committee on which cost options they recommend.
- **Hastings**
 - **Update:** Submitted SOI to MSBA in January 2016 with positive response MSBA approved our request. Been in the process of preferred schematic design has been approved by MSBA January 2017. Currently working on schematic design for 645 Students. We will be requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$720,000 to avoid 5 month delay at Town Meeting on Wednesday.
- **Modular Classrooms at Bowman, Bridge and Fiske**
 - **Update: Modular Classrooms:** Supplemental appropriation voted September 2016 with six modular classrooms being delivered in February 2017 with occupancy anticipated in May 2017.
 - **Update: Redistricting Plan:** Bowman, maximum enrollment -33 (3/17 vs EOY FY16); Bridge, maximum enrollment +4 (3/17 vs EOY FY16); Fiske, maximum enrollment -44 (3/17 vs EOY FY16); Sections used the same, except Fiske, returned Art Room

- **Clarke and Diamond Expansion**
 - **Update: Diamond:** Addition on schedule for August 2017; Mechanical upgrade utilizes six classrooms for swing space; mechanical upgrade and site work completed August 2018; Staff at Diamond will be relocated to an elementary school while heavy construction is being completed.
 - **Update: Clarke:** Addition on schedule for August 2017; classroom walls and site work completed August 2017. Administrative staff does plan on staying in the building with limited staff over the summer.
- **Central Office & Support Space:**
 - DiNisco to initiate study in April, 2017
- **Elementary Space Study**
 - DiNisco to initiate study in September, 2017
- **Consideration of LHS Master Plan**
 - Identify programmatic need
 - Are sites available for new school
 - What are the phased renovation options
 - What are the potential project costs for these options
 - Funding from March STM 2015 for LHS Master Plan?
 - New LHS Master Plan authorization from 2018 ATM?

Dr. Czajkowski: Question on Article 2 appropriation 4 million: What do you anticipate for the remaining funds to be either returned back and then develop a new appropriation for the HS?

Pat Goddard: Roughly about \$300,000

Jessie Steigerwald: What is the amounts of funds and time you estimate it would be to do a separate Master plan on the HS.

Pat Goddard: Would need to look at our options/preference. I'm thinking around \$150,000 – 200,000 for a preferred schematic. Probably through February 2019, would have to allow a year.

Jessie Steigerwald: To my colleagues, I feel like this project is desperately urgent. I'm not opposed to asking the Selectman if they would release money from March 2015 appropriation to start the process of planning sooner. We would need to communicate with the Selectmen at Town Meeting what we were doing, but I would be in favor and ask if they would expedite this process.

Kate Colburn: Question about going to MSBA in 2020 instead of 2019. What are the restrictions on when we can go back to MSBA?

Pat Goddard: Entitled to do one statement of interest (SOI) once per year. Mr. Goddard is recommending the School Committee give this project some time, especially with a new principal coming on board in the fall and new Director of Facilities. There is a lot going on in the fall with other projects as well.

Discussion continued around projected master plan for High School. Suggested doing site visits for resources.

The School Committee will remain in session and relocate to Battin Hall for the purpose of participating in Town Meeting.

Meeting Materials: Agenda; **A.1- A.2-** School Facility Master Plan Update March 27 Presentation