

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Hall
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Members Present:

Chair, Eileen Jay; Vice Chair, Kate Colburn; Kathleen Lenihan; Deepika Sawhney; Alessandro Alessandrini, Superintendent, Dr. Czajkowski;

Members Absent: Student Representative, Rosanna Jiang

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

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm

Call to Order and Welcome:

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

Public Comments:

Many community and family members expressed concern regarding the new guidelines for the after-school transportation program.

Consent Agenda:

1. Vote to Approve Donation of Lacrosse Equipment & Materials on Behalf of Lexington Youth Lacrosse in the total amount of \$2,277.40
2. Vote to Approve Donation from Regeneron Science Talent Search Award to Lexington High School in the amount of \$6,000
3. Vote to Amend Approved Minutes from January 20, 2018

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 1-3 – Approved (5-0)

4. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated March 30, 2018

Motion to approve the School Department's payroll warrant dated March 30, 2018 in the amount of \$3,574,794.99 - Approved (5-0)

Agenda:

Discussion of Transportation to After School Programs

Superintendent, Dr. Czajkowski, gave a brief history of the Ride After Program, where school buses are used for after-school transportation to outside programs. She expressed concern for the safety of students participating in the after-school transportation program.

The Administration outlined proposed guidelines, including specific requirements for vendor participation by outside after-school programs. Highlighted below are the proposed guidelines that are in accordance with School Committee Policy:

- The vendor is licensed by the Department of Early Childhood and Care (EEC)
- The vendor has a physical location in Lexington

- Staffing is provided on-site at all schools in advance of and during dismissal to monitor students
- Students are picked up from schools timely after the dismissal of all students
- Student rosters for attendance are regularly coordinated with building and transportation office staff
- All six elementary schools receive the same level of services
- The vendor pay for costs of transportation
- All vendor's staff have CORI and appropriate clearances
- The vendor assumes all liability when students are dismissed into their care
- The vendor regularly communicates with building staff and apprises principals of any concerns
- The vendor seeks approval and release from parents to provide transportation for their child

Ian Dailey, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, described to committee members the process of dismissal for after-school students. Further discussion and questions followed among members, Mr. Dailey, and Dr. Czajkowski.

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