



Lexington Town Office Building
Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue



John Adams and others wrote an inspirational vision of a well-rounded education for every child in the Massachusetts State Constitution, which was published in 1780. His profound words, in this first document of its kind, became the foundation of the U.S. Constitution, and capture the essence of Massachusetts public schools to this day. "It shall be the duty...in all future periods of this commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; **especially...public schools,** and grammar-schools in the towns; to encourage private societies and public institutions, rewards and immunities, for **the promotion of agriculture, arts, sciences, commerce, trades, manufactures, and a natural history of the country; to countenance and inculcate the principles of humanity and general benevolence, public and private charity, industry and frugality, honesty and punctuality in their dealings; sincerity, and good humor, and all social affections and generous sentiments, among the people."**

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Lexington School Committee REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING August 28, 2018 (7 – 10 p.m.)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Congratulations and Celebrations
 - Welcome to new LPS Administrators: Peter Rowe, Jared Cassedy, and Jackie Daley
 - LPS appreciation for the Department of Public Facilities
- Presentation: Lexington Public Schools: Superintendent-School Committee Norms and Beliefs
- Community Speak

8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- Consent Agenda (*itemized on page 6*)
- School Committee Announcements
- Superintendent's Report (see enclosure)
- New Business
 - 2018-2019 School Calendar Adjustment
 - Backup Heat Element for VRF System at Lexington Children's Place
- Community Speak

9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

- Unfinished Business
 - School Start Time Review
 - LPS Homework Policy and Implementation Guidelines
- Critical Items Not Reasonably Anticipated in Advance
- Community Speak
- Adjournment

Welcome and A Few Words about Our "Community Speak."

The School Committee's meeting time is dedicated to strategic priorities and the business of the public schools of Lexington. Lexington has a rich tradition of community involvement and participation, and your insights are needed to make education in Lexington the best for every child. "Community Speak" is an opportunity for the public to present brief comments or to pose questions for the School Committee's consideration. School Committee agendas will provide three (3) "on-the-hour" opportunities to speak, lasting up to 15 minutes in duration. We kindly ask that those offering public input do their best to offer new ideas or suggestions and avoid reiterating points made earlier. Each person is encouraged to sign up in advance for "Community Speak." The Chairperson will ask individuals to limit their comments to a maximum of three minutes, depending upon the number of speakers who wish to speak on a given topic. Those offering public input will be given a friendly reminder when nearing the end of their time limit. We are grateful for your cooperation in helping to make our meetings run smoothly.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY **LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE: August 22, 2018

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Superintendent Report

PRESENTER: Dr. Julie Hackett

SUMMARY: Dr. Hackett will provide School Committee with LPS updates/announcements

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SUGGESTED MOTION:

FOLLOW-UP:

AMOUNT OF TIME REQUESTED FOR THE AGENDA ITEM:

ATTACHMENTS: Superintendent Report

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY **LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

TODAY'S DATE: Aug 21, 2018

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: Aug 28, 2018

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Amend 2018-2019 School Calendar

PRESENTER: Christine Lyons

SUMMARY: Review of edits to academic calendar (approved 6.20.17) including the following

*Revise **third quarter term closing** from 4/12 to 4/5*

11/9 = 48 days

1/25 = 44 days

4/5 = 45 days

Year End = 45 days

*Revise March 21 **Professional Learning afternoon** to **March 7***

LEA Unit A, Article 12, section N. "...the Thursday afternoon immediately preceding the required fall and spring conferences and the Thursday afternoon in the week immediately preceding the issuing of the required three report cards will be reserved for conference and report card preparation."

*Revise **end of year shading** to include **June 25 - 28**.*

School can be in session through the end of June.

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SUGGESTED MOTION: Approve suggested revisions to the 2018 – 2019 School Calendar

FOLLOW-UP:

AMOUNT OF TIME REQUESTED FOR THE AGENDA ITEM: 5 minutes

ATTACHMENTS: current academic calendar (approved 6.20.17) and proposed revised calendar (6.12.18)

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2018 – 2019
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Approved 6.20.17 Revised 8.28.18

NOTE: All Thursdays are half-day dismissal at the Elementary Schools

B = Back to school night

C = Middle School (MS) and/or LHS Conferences; See specific month for ½ day or no school

E = Elem. Conferences, Students – ½ day

H = Holiday, Schools and Offices closed

* = Recognized Holiday, Schools and Offices Open

P = Professional Learning

AUGUST				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
T27	28	29	30	31

27 – Teachers Only
 28 – Grades K-5; 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 28 – Grade 6; 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 28 – Grades 7 and 8 – New students only; no transportation 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 28 – Grade 9; 7:45 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
 28 – Grades 10-12 – New students only; no transportation 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 29 – All Kindergarten students – ½ day dismissal.
 29 – All Students Grades 1 – 12 – full day
 30 – All Students Grades K – 5 – ½ day dismissal
 30 – All Students Grades 6 – 12 – full day
 31 – Schools Closed, Offices Open
 (Total number of student days – 3)

SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
H3	4	5	6	7
H10	11	12	P13	14
17	18	H19	20	21
24	25	26	B27	28

3 – Holiday (Labor Day)
 10 – Holiday (Rosh Hashanah)
 13 – Prof. Learning.; Students – ½ day
 19 – Holiday (Yom Kippur)
 27 – Back-to-School Night – Elementary Schools
 (Total number of student days – 17)

OCTOBER				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	B3	B4	5
H8	9	10	B11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	E24	E25	26
29	30	E31		

3 – Back-to-School Night – Middle Schools Grade 6
 4 – Back-to-School Night – Middle Schools Grades 7 & 8
 8 – Holiday (Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day)
 11 – Back-to-School Night – High School
 24, 25, 31 – Elem. Conf.; Students – ½ day
 (Total number of student days – 22)

NOVEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
			E1	2
5	P6	7*	8	9
H12	13	14	15	C16
19	20	21	H22	H23
C26	27	28	29	30

1 – Elem. Conf.; Students – ½ day
 6 – All Day Professional Learning, Lexington Learns Together, Students – NO school
 7 – Diwali
 12 – Holiday Observance (Veterans Day)
 16 – MS Conf.; Students – NO school MS students ONLY
 21 – Students & Staff – ½ day
 22, 23 – Holiday (Thanksgiving)
 26 – LHS Conf.; Students – NO school LHS students ONLY
 (Total number of student days – 18)

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	C7
10	11	12	13	C14
17	18	19	20	21
24	H25	26	27	28
31				

7 – MS Conf.; – ½ day MS students ONLY
 14 – MS Conf.; – ½ day MS students ONLY
 24 – Schools Closed, Offices Closed
 25 – Holiday (Christmas)
 26 to 31 – Schools Closed, Offices Open
 (Total number of student days – 15)

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
	H1	2	3	4
7	8	9	P10	11
14	15	16	17	18
H21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1 – Holiday (New Year's Day)
 10 – Prof. Learning; Students – ½ day
 21 – Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
 (Total number of student days – 21)

FEBRUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5*	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
H18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

5 – Lunar New Year
 6 – LHS Curriculum Night (snow date – Feb. 7th)
 18 – Holiday (Presidents' Day)
 19 to 22 – Schools Closed, Offices Open
 21 – International Mother Language Day
 (Total number of student days – 15)

MARCH				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	P7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	E27	E28	29

7 – Prof. Learning; Students – ½ day
 14 – Kindergarten Orientation
 27, 28 – Elem. Conf.; Students – ½ day
 (Total number of student days – 21)

APRIL				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	E3	E4	5
8	9	10	11	12
H15	16	17	18	H19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

3, 4 – Elem. Conf.; Students – ½ day
 15 – Holiday (Patriots' Day)
 16 to 18 – School Closed, Offices Open
 19 – Holiday (Good Friday)
 20 – Passover begins
 (Total number of student days – 17)

MAY				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6*	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	P16	17
20	21	22	23	24
H27	28	29	30	31

1 – Clarke and Diamond Students ½ day for 5th grade orientation
 6 – Ramadhan begins
 16 – Prof. Learning; Students – ½ day
 27 – Holiday (Memorial Day)
 (Total number of student days – 22)

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4*	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
F17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

2 – LHS Graduation
 4 – Eid Ul Fitr (tentative)
 17 – Final day for students and teachers if no weather related cancellations; Students – ½ day
 18 to 28 – Planned Make-up Days (if needed)
 (Total number of student days – 11)

Secondary Term Closes

November 9
 January 25
 April 5

Elementary Term Closes

January 25

Full-Day Schedule

Grades K-5; 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
 Grades 6-8; 8:00 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
 Grades 9-12; 7:45 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Half-Day Dismissal

Elementary 12:15 p.m.
 Middle School 11:45 a.m.
 High School 11:15 a.m.



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Consent Agenda:

Acceptance of Donation/Gifts

1. Vote to Accept Donation to Maria Hastings School from Stop and Shop A+ Program in the amount of \$1,332.15

Warrant Approvals

2. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated June 29,, 2018
3. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated June 30, 2018
4. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated July 27, 2018
5. Approval of School Department Accounts Payable Warrant dated August 10, 2018
6. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated June 22, 2018
7. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated July 6, 2018
8. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated July 6, 2018
9. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated July 20, 2018
10. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated August 3, 2018
11. Approval of School Department Payroll Warrant dated August 17, 2018

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

TODAY'S DATE: August 24, 2018

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Backup Heat Element for VRF System at Lexington Children's Place

PRESENTER:

SUMMARY:

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SUGGESTED MOTION:

FOLLOW-UP:

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ATTACHMENTS:



Lexington Public Schools

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August 24, 2018

Dear School Committee:

A Joint Meeting of the Lexington Board of Selectmen and the Lexington School Committee is scheduled for August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Joint Selectmen and School Committee Meeting is to give both Boards time to discuss the matter of the backup heating element to the Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system for Lexington Children's Place, relative to sustainability concerns. The purpose of this communication is to 1) provide you with factual information in advance of the Joint Board meeting; and 2) to offer a possible statement and motion you may wish to move at the upcoming Joint Board meeting.

1. Lexington Children's Place is "all-electric" in terms of its standard operations. LCP is a highly efficient, net zero/net positive building that should be a source of pride for the community.
2. Generators burn either diesel or gas, and they provide emergency electricity when there is a power outage. It is common to equip new school buildings with a backup system in order to protect our assets.
3. The element that we are referring to is a supplemental component to the Variant Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system that does not require electricity and enhances the available heat output.
4. Both sites (LCP and Hastings) are already equipped with the infrastructure to provide gas to the building.
5. As is the case with Hastings, we also have a generator specified for LCP.
6. The Variant Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system is a fairly new technology that is used to heat and cool a building. If a part fails in the system and needs to be replaced, we may need to close school without the backup element being proposed.
7. It has been suggested that compulsory education laws requiring children to attend a public school do not apply to pre-kindergarten students. In fact, the State and Federal government mandate special education services be provided to children between the ages of 3 and 22 who are found to be eligible for such services. These services must be provided in the least restrictive environment (most like that of their peers). Therefore, preschoolers who are eligible must receive their school programming in classrooms with same age peers who have no special needs, which is referred to as "Integrated Preschool Programming."
8. The children with special needs have Individualized Educational Plans that delineate their services and goals. The IEP is a legal contract between the District and parents and is signed by both a representative of the district (in this case Liz Billings-Fouhy) and the parent. The IEP is considered legal and binding unless legally amended or re-written. If the IEP says a child needs part- or full-day

programming, Lexington must provide that programming either in district (LCP) or out-of-district at a much greater cost. Interruption of school programming for any period of time must be made up via compensatory services, and any interruption can be highly disruptive to our most fragile and needy students.

9. The solution being proposed for LCP is in keeping with past practice and is the most prudent, responsible approach to asset preservation. It is an environmentally-conscious and cost-effective way to ensure the smooth operation of our schools.

Recommended School Committee Statement/Motion:

The School Committee is committed to sustainable building practices, demonstrated by the advanced energy saving systems we are implementing at the Lexington Children's Place. We also have a fiduciary responsibility to protect the investment of the community in our building assets and to ensure that we can continuously serve our youngest students with uninterrupted service and the education that they deserve. As such, we consider it to be prudent risk management to invest the \$6,000 in a backup system for ensuring the continuous performance of our building systems while we bring these leading-edge systems online, and we make that in the form of a motion.

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

TODAY'S DATE: August 24, 2018

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: LPS Homework Policy and Implementation Guidelines

PRESENTER: Christine Lyons

SUMMARY:

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