**LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 13, 2017**

**Central Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room 2**

**146 Maple Street**

**Present:**

Chair, Alessandro Alessandrini; Judy Crocker; Eileen Jay; Jessie Steigerwald; Superintendent, Dr.Czajkowski

The minutes were taken by Sara Calvino, Executive Assistant to the School Committee and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

**The meeting convened at 8:33 a.m.**

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Chair Alessandro Alessandrini called the meeting to order and introduced committee members.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**Superintendent’s Announcement:**

None.

**School Committee Member Announcements:**

One of our high school students, Liane Daley, passed away in her home this past week. Our hearts go out to the Daley family. If there is anything the students or family need, please let the School Committee know. The School Committee held a moment of silence.

**Agenda:**

**1. – Agenda Item: Reorganization**

**Ms. Steigerwald moved to elect Mr. Alessandrini as Chair. (Steigerwald/Crocker)**

**The Motion was approved 4-0.**

Ms. Jay recommended to the Committee that we not vote for Vice Chair at this time as it is so close to the March election. After the election, new members will be able to participate in a reorganization.

Ms. Steigerwald disagreed and believed a Vice Chair is necessary to support the Chair. Ms. Steigerwald nominated Judy Crocker for Vice Chair.

Mr. Alessandrini explained that he would love a Vice Chair, but that we have a tradition on the School Committee of being neutral with regard to endorsing candidates. With Ms. Crocker running for re-election, he thought that supporting her as Vice Chair would look like we are endorsing one candidate over another for the March election.

Ms. Crocker recognized that Ms. Jay feels as though a Vice Chair is not needed, as that was her stance at the last reorganization meeting as well. Ms. Crocker also heard Mr. Alessandrini saying that it is two months before an election and he feels that we may not seem neutral. Ms. Crocker personally thought it was important to have a Vice Chair, especially when the Chair is working full-time. However, Ms. Crocker declined her nomination as Vice Chair due to any potential political implications.

A Vice Chair will be voted on at the next reorganization meeting.

**2. – Agenda Item: Liaison Committee Positions**

School Committee members volunteered to fill former Chair Bill Hurley’s liaison roles until the March election.

***Motion to adjourn.***

**The Motion was approved 4-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. (Crocker/Jay)

**Meeting Materials:** Agenda; **A.1-** Agenda Item Summary **A.2-** Agenda Item Summary, School Committee Member Roles & Liaison Assignments 2016 - 2017