

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 17, 2008
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Tom Diaz, School Committee Members Helen Cohen, Rod Cole and Margaret Coppe. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 7:33 p.m.

I. Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining (Cohen, Coppe). Cohen-aye; Coppe-aye; Cole-aye; and Diaz-aye.

II. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz)

III. Public Comment

Liz Weiss: The Wellness Policy is not being followed.

IV. Superintendent's Announcements

1. Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University: Dr. Ash, Vito La Mura and Dr. Flynn presented the Lexington story about the achievement gap at the conference. It takes time to see change.
2. Congratulations to the Lexington High School softball team Coach Pagliuca who won the state championship for softball.
3. The Boston Red Sox trophy was brought to Harrington and kids got their pictures taken. It was part of a persuasive writing exercise. Paul Ash got his picture taken too.

V. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Margaret Coppe: The Town's 2020 Committee held its 1st meeting. We will be meeting for the next year. There will be a lot to do because of concerns regarding aging and because of changing demographics.

Rod Cole: I met with a group of ILP parents and will share the minutes of that meeting by email.

Tom Diaz: Goal setting by Selectmen: I will send our ideas to them if you send them to me.

VI. Discussion Items

1. Update: Year 2 Mathematics Curriculum Review: Presented by Carol Pilarski with contributions from Karen Tripoli and Gary Simon.

The Committee discussed the update.

Brief recess

2. Report on English Language Learners: Presented by Robyn Dowling-Grant.

There were questions and discussion by the School Committee.

3. Report on 2007-2008 System Goals: Presented by Dr. Ash.

There were questions and comments from the School Committee.

VII. Action Items

1. Vote to Increase the Price of a School Lunch from \$3.00 to \$3.25 for the 2008-2009 School Year (no increase in the price of milk)

Motion to Increase the Price of a School Lunch from \$3.00 to \$3.25 for the 2008-2009 School Year with no increase in the price of milk (Cole, Cohen).

The Committee discussed the motion.

The motion passed 4-0.

2. Vote to Approve New School Committee Officers

Motion to nominate Helen Cohen for Chair of Lexington School Committee (Coppe, Cole). The motion passed 4-0.

Motion to nominate Margaret Coppe as Vice Chair (Cole, Diaz). The motion passed 4-0.

3. Vote to Set Future School Committee Meeting Dates

Members will send free dates for a retreat this summer by email to Tom. School Committee meetings this fall will be: Sept. 9 and 23rd.

4. Vote to Accept \$4,500.00 Donation to the Jonas Clarke School Association

Motion to Accept a \$4,500.00 Donation to the Jonas Clarke School Association with sincere gratitude (Diaz, Coppe). The motion passed 4-0.

5. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of March 31, 2008

6. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of May 21, 2008

Motion to approve School Committee minutes of March 31, 2008 and May 21, 2008 (Coppe, Diaz). The motion passed 4-0.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn (Diaz, Coppe). The motion passed 4-0.