

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Room
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Dr. Paul B. Ash, Superintendent; Mary Ann Stewart, School Committee Chair; Alessandro Alessandrini, Vice-Chair; School Committee Members Bonnie Brodner, Margaret Coppe, and Jessie Steigerwald, and Noah Coolidge, Student Representative

The minutes were taken by Jean Curran.

The Meeting Convened at 6:32 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order and invited Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

II. Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Ash had no announcements.

III. Members' Reports/Members' Concerns

There were no Members' reports.

IV. Agenda

1. Town Meeting Articles

The Committee discussed Article 12(a) Public Safety Radio Connectivity and the installations of antennas on the Fiske and Harrington Schools. Mary Ellen Dunn, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance took questions from the Committee. The Committee discussed Article 16(i) Townwide Facility Master Plan. Mary Ann Stewart agreed to speak at Town Meeting regarding integration with the school facilities Ten-Year Master Plan.

Motion to support Article 16(i) Townwide Facility Master Plan. (Brodner, Coppe). **The Motion passed** (4-0-1, Steigerwald).

2. Vote on the Dissolution of EDCO's Private Entity

Dr. Ash spoke to the Committee regarding the new law that is now in place for educational collaboratives and the need to dissolve the Boards of the EDCO Collaborative (EDCO) and the Education Collaborative for Greater Boston, Inc. (ECGB, Inc).

Motion that the Lexington School Committee vote to dissolve the Education Collaborative for Greater Boston, Inc. by June 30, 2012 or as soon as legally possible thereafter, and further that our representatives for the EDCO

Collaborative and the Education Collaborative for Greater Boston, Inc. be authorized to take all necessary steps to transfer all programs, contracts and available assets, including the Seefurth Fund, from the Education Collaborative for Greater Boston, Inc. to the EDCO Collaborative by the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 2012, or as soon as legally possible thereafter (Stewart, Coppe). The Motion passed (5-0).

2. Discussion of Future School Committee Agendas

The Chair presented a draft of tentative future School Committee Meeting dates and Agenda items to the end of this school year and invited Committee feedback.

3. Vote to Accept a \$310 Donation for Wilson Farms' Shop at Wilson Farms School Fundraiser

Motion to accept a \$310 donation for Wilson Farms' Shop at Wilson Farms School Fundraiser to Be Deposited in the Maria Hastings School Gift Account (Brodner, Alessandrini). The Motion passed (5-0).

The Committee recessed at 7:24 PM to relocate to Cary Memorial Hall for the purpose of discussing Annual Town Meeting Articles and adjourned at the end of Town Meeting.

Documents: Meeting Agenda; Memo from Dorsey Yearley, Executive Director of EDCO Collaborative; Future School Committee Meeting Dates and Tentative Agenda Items, dated April 2, 2012; Memo from Louise Lipsitz, Principal of Hastings Elementary School.

Voted by the School Committee May 8, 2012