

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Room
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Welcome:

Public Comment – (Written comments to be presented to the School Committee;
oral presentations not to exceed three minutes.)

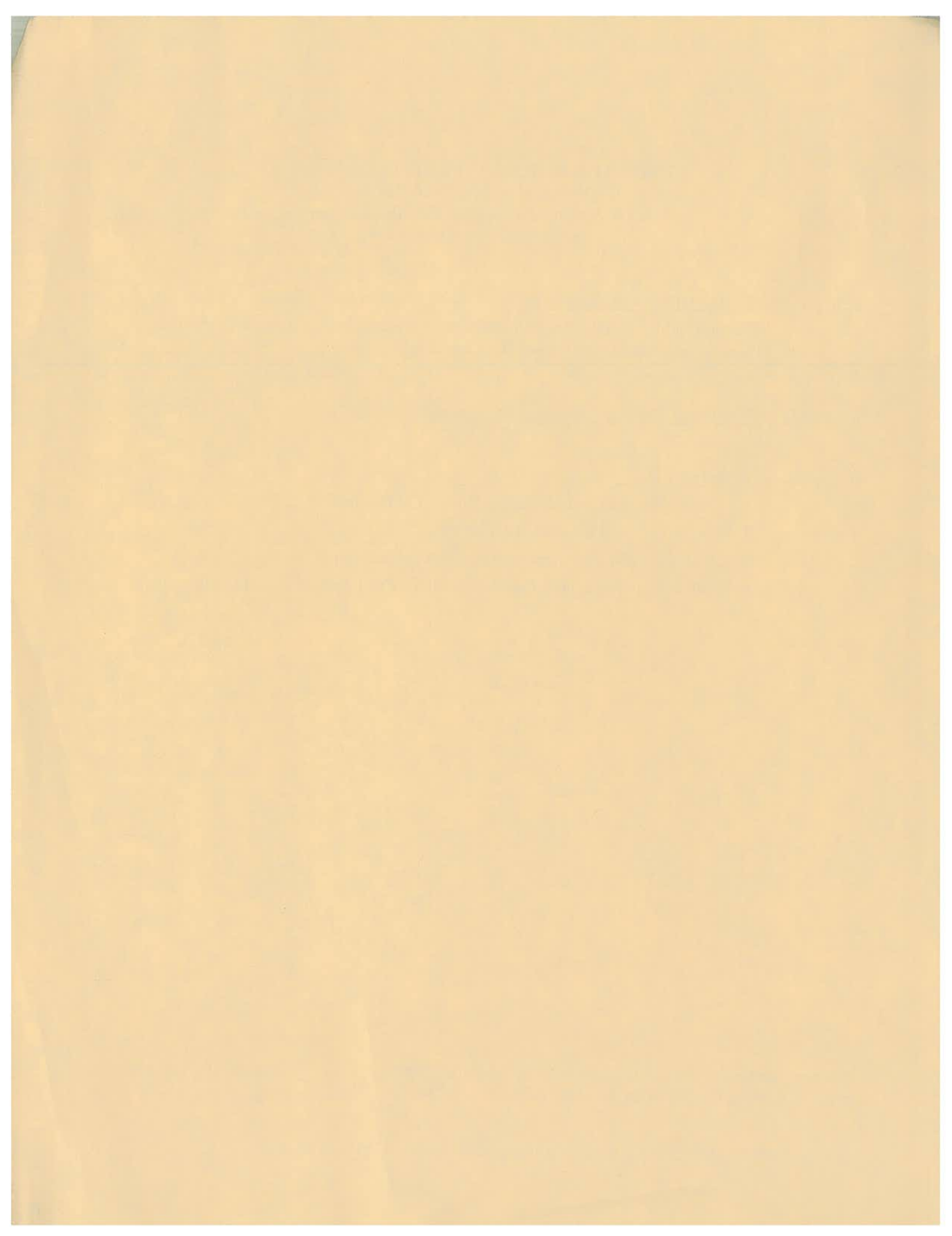
6:35 p.m. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns:

6.40 p.m. Agenda:

1. Bus Registration and Marketing Update (20 minutes)
2. Update on Legal Counsel (10 minutes)
3. Discussion of Town Meeting Articles (10 minutes)
4. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of February 2, 2013 (2 minutes)

The next meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cary Memorial Building, Estabrook Room, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue.

All agenda items and the order of items are approximate and subject to change.



School Transportation & Safety Update Part II

March 20, 2013

ad hoc School Transportation & Safety Study Committee

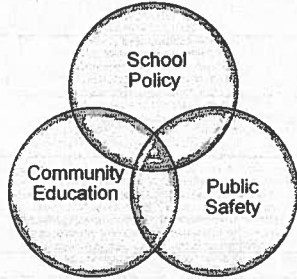
Overview

- Engaged conversation focusing on STS traffic safety recommendations
- School Bus Registration and Marketing Update

School Committee as Property Owner

- Responsibilities to Stakeholders off property:
 - Abutters
 - Community traffic
 - Public safety vehicles
- Responsibilities to Stakeholders on property:
 - Pedestrians
 - Bicyclists
 - School buses & special education vans
 - Private vehicles
 - School employees
 - Delivery trucks
 - Public safety vehicles

Traffic Safety on School Property



Upgrading Traffic Safety

- Safety centers on traffic access and flow.
 - Assign school bus same priority as Fire Truck
 - Vehicular flow should be sensible and safe
- Safety Rules must be Enforced and Enforceable
- Each school requires the Uniform Traffic Rules
- Each school possesses a unique geography

Upgrading Traffic Safety

- Change Culture of Rule Enforcement
 - Identify uniform traffic rules
 - Identify penalties for those who fail to follow posted rules
 - Communicate uniform behavior expectations to parents, staff, and police.
 - Create incentives for walkers, bikers, and bus riders.
 - Create deterrents for car use.

Resources for School Traffic Safety

- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
- Safe Routes To School
- Ad hoc School Transportation & Safety Study Committee (STS)
- Dept of Public Facilities
- Police
- Principals and Staff
- PTA/PTO

STS Recommendations

- Need to embrace collaborative change among all stakeholders through
 - Engaged conversations
 - Fostering long-term goals, priorities, and values
 - Shared responsibility and expectations
- Need to support principals

STS Recommendations

- Communicate School Hours
 - ES, MS, HS
 - Examine non-academic ES time before and at the end of school day
- Establish Uniform Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures
- Establish Uniform Penalties for Failing to Abide by Traffic Rules
- Evaluate Arrival/Dismissal Procedures
 - Streamline use of staff
 - Examine student early/tardiness rules
 - Examine general playground use
 - Understand correlation between dismissal wait time and Discipline issues
- Rule Communication and Reinforcement

School Committee Action Items

- Continue to be part of the long-term solution of valuing walkers and bussers over driven students by engaging in setting, tracking, and executing goals regarding proposed bus efficiencies, traffic rules and compliance penalties
- Work with TSAC and DPF to coordnate Public School sign codification(August)
- Work with LPD, parents, and staff to ensure enforcement of traffic rules and behavior
- Address short-term as well as long-term issues

STS Update

Bus Registration

- Improved process - Online registration
- Improved site management – Elementary bus captains
- Improved staff communication
- Improve community communication
- LPS 2014 Budget : 25 buses (+1 over FY13)
- Fee structure: renewals & subsidy
- Available options

SCHOOL BUS
 LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013-2014 TRANSPORTATION
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 11, 2013

Best pricing and guaranteed seating for registrations received by the May 11th Deadline

Register by:	May 11th	Before July 1st
Per Seat Cost*	\$300 (\$422 Subsidy)	\$500 (\$222 Subsidy)
Distance Eligible**	\$0 - Registration is required.	

*FAMILY CAP for 3+ for paying riders in a family. **Students are eligible for Free-Ride Service if they are in Grade K-6 and the distance between home and school is over 2.0 miles - Registration is required.

See reverse for more information →

**AFTER SCHOOL
TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2015. ABOUT SERVICE: 606.513.6678. OFFICE: 606.513.6678

<p>Additional Services:</p> <p>Available with round trip bus passes. These services may be added any time during the school year.</p>	<p>Destination Options:</p> <p>Clubs & Multi Learning Center English Resource Center IBM New York City LSCAL Martin Center for the Arts Norman School of Music</p> <p>Fee \$60/student</p>	<p>LHS & Middle School EXPRESS Option</p> <p>Students may take EXPRESS on school days starting at 3:30 pm. Visit www.lps.org for more information.</p> <p>Fee \$50/student</p>
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STS Update

- **Marketing Bus Registration**
 - Focus on positives: renewal & subsidy
 - Outreach to Distance Eligible students
 - Outreach to target populations, organizations
 - Partner LPS needs with after-school programs
 - Partner LPS needs with Lexpress
 - Bike Walk 'n Bus Week
 - Newsletters, newspapers, listserv, Global Connect, LPS website, sandwich board, cable

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