LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2011 Lexington Town Office Building, Room G15 1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Mary Ann Stewart, School Committee Members Sandro Alessandrini, Bonnie Brodner, Margaret Coppe, Jessie Steigerwald and student representative Noah Coolidge. Minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 6:36 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Mary Ann Stewart)

II. Superintendent's Announcements

1. Congratulations to both the Clarke and Diamond Middle School math teams for their performances at the 2011 New England Math League Competition. The Clarke team placed first in all of New England in all three grades and the Diamond team tied with Clarke for seventh grade and came in third in one of the other grades. One of our sixth graders was the only student to earn a perfect score. Thank you to the teachers and the kids and the coaches.

III. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Mary Ann Stewart explained the procedure for the meeting that will take place on Wednesday evening to discuss the RFP procedure for selecting an Extended Day Program.

Dr. Ash outlined the interview process with regards to the RFP and explained the roles of the administration, the School Committee, and the RFP Review Team. The School Committee can vote the superintendent's recommendation up or down.

Dr. Ash stated that the recommendation will be given at a meeting and the Committee will vote up or down at the same meeting, on May 10.

Sandro Alessandrini: I would like to reach out to the Board of Selectmen to convene the committee regarding combined school and municipal capital plans that was previously discussed by Hank Manz. Margaret and Jessie agreed to liaise on School Committee's behalf.

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IV. Discussion

1. Town Meeting Articles. The Committee discussed various Town Meeting Articles that relate to the schools.

Mary Ann Stewart will present the School Committee position on Article 13 regarding the Bridge and Bowman Schools Renovation Design, Development, and Engineering; Sandro Alessandrini will present the position regarding the Estabrook School Feasibility and Related Street Access Improvements. The Committee discussed the contents of the presentations of these projects.

Motion to support Article 13, a through i at Town Meeting (Coppe, Steigerwald). The motion passed 5-0.

Motion to support Article 12 at Town Meeting (Coppe, Brodner). The motion passed 5-0.

Motion to support Article 10, sections d, g and o (Steigerwald, Alessandrini). The motion passed 5-0.

Motion to support Article 8, section g, Center Playing fields Drainage (Coppe, Steigerwald). The motion passed 5-0.

V. Action Items

1. Vote to Accept \$800 in Donations to the William G. Tapply Memorial Fund.

Motion to accept with gratitude \$800 in donations to the William G. Tapply Memorial Fund (Brodner, Alessandrini). The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Ash explained that this fund will be used to put out a book of poems written by students.

The meeting was recessed, to reconvene on Town Meeting floor and adjourn at the end of Town Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 PM

Documents: *Meeting agenda.*

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