

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 4 2007

Cary Hall

1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Tom Diaz, School Committee Members Tom Griffiths, Olga Guttag, Ravi Sakhuja and student representative Toni Maeck. Minutes taken by Leora Tec.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz) (Tom's mike was not on for part of the meeting)

II. Superintendent's Report

Barbara Manfredi will retire. She is an outstanding educator. The PTA co-presidents will be involved in the search for a new principal and I will be meeting with the faculty regarding this process as well.

III. Members' Reports/Concerns: (Olga's mike not on for this section)

Tom Griffiths: The financial review committee proposal will soon be ready for ratification. I am passing out a biography of another prospective citizen member today. I am planning to rewrite the charter to incorporate David Kanter's suggestions after consulting with Mary Ellen Dunn.

IV. Discussion Item: Proposed Capital Budget, FY08

Bill Hartigan made some opening remarks, the School Committee had received the project list in their packets. Input from department heads and principals has been taken into account. Furniture, fixtures and equipment and finishes tend to wear out before the buildings are replaced. Mr. Hartigan recommends the FF&E list being an annual feature of the capital budget. Interior finishes are often neglected in schools. A lot of paving needs to be done. The Old Harrington can be renovated for \$45K for Central Office use. Mr. Hartigan went over other details of the report.

Discussion included energy savings (including infrared scan of Clarke), flaking paint in the auditorium, locker rooms, whether FF&E and roof repair are capital expenditures, use of vehicles, cost containment, lockers in elementary schools, technology (desktop vs. laptop computers, LCD projectors, effect of technology on SPED), reallocating some of the capital money to energy, whether to prioritize the list, and In Focus projectors.

Bill Hurley of the Capital Expenditures Committee stated that their next meeting would be a preliminary meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Griffiths, Guttag). **The motion passed 5-0.**