

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, April 14, 2008
Cary Hall, Estabrook Hall
1605 Massachusetts Avenue**

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

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz)

II. Public Comment

Phyllis Neufeld (president of LEA): I am here to urge you to facilitate a fair and equitable contract with our Instructional Assistant's Union.

Dr. Ash would also like a fair and equitable solution. The issue will be going to mediation.

Members of the public expressed opinions for and against the new diversity curriculum.

III. Superintendent's Announcements

1. Update on Clarke Middle School Pedestrian Bridge

Dr. Flynn gave an update on the bridge. By late May the kids will be able to use the bridge.

2. Final Day of school for students is June 17, which is a half day.

IV. Discussion Items

1. Pilot of Secondary School Student Intervention Program

The first program aimed at closing the achievement gap was presented by Vito La Mura. This would involve hiring substitute teachers to free up other teachers in order to give intensive academic support to students who need it.

There were questions and discussion from the Committee.

Motion to approve the program described by Mr. La Mura (Cole, Coppe). The motion passed 3-0.

V. Action Items

1. Vote to Establish a Revolving Fund for Kindergarten

Motion to approve the establishment of a revolving fund for kindergarten (Coppe, Cole). The motion passed 3-0.

3. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of February 4, 2008
4. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of March 24, 2008 (Amend to read: "Motion to support the motion under Article 8" (delete "revolving funds").
5. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of March 26, 2008

Motion to accept minutes of Feb 4, March 24th as amended and March 26 (Coppe, Cole). The motion passed 3-0.

6. Vote to Accept \$866.00 Donation to the Bridge School Gift Account

Motion to gratefully accept \$866.00 donation to the Bridge School gift account (Cole, Coppe). The motion passed 3-0.

VI. Motion to recess and reconvene at the chair's request on the floor of Town Meeting (Cole, Coppe). The motion passed 3-0.