

**LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, January 14, 2008**  
**Cary Hall Auditorium**  
**1605 Massachusetts Avenue**

**Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Tom Diaz, School Committee Members Helen Cohen, Margaret Coppe, Tom Griffiths and Ravi Sakhuja. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.**

**The meeting was convened at 5:08 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order and Welcome**

**II. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns:**

**Tom Diaz:** The CPC approved \$330K for the Old Harrington today.

**Margaret Coppe:** I will be going to the Board of Selectmen meeting tonight to present the ad hoc proposal for the Human Rights Committee.

**III. Discussion**

1. Revisions and Updates on the FY09 Recommended Level-Service Budget

Mary Ellen Dunn presented the revisions and updates including removing the Facilities Department from School budget.

There were questions from the Committee members.

2. Responses to School Committee Member Budget Questions

Dr. Ash provided written responses to Committee members' questions. There were some follow-up questions.

3. Recommended FY09 Capital Projects (in priority order)

Dr. Ash introduced Patrick Goddard, who discussed what has changed since the last time the Committee had seen the document.

There was some Q&A from the Committee and the audience.

**Police Chief Casey:** Power Lines are down in part of the community including the Bowman school and over 600 households. There will be a shelter for people. There were no injuries.

Paul Ash will notify the Bowman principal to start a phone chain for the Bowman community.

Dr. Ash gave his prioritization of the capital budget. Mr. Goddard also explained the rationale behind some of the priorities.

4. Size of the New Special Education Stabilization Account

The committee discussed Mr. Valente's proposal for a \$350,000 deposit into this new fund.

Mr. Diaz also mentioned that we want to treat out of district SPED tuition and out of district SPED transportation as a separate line item. We will need to vote on that.

**IV. Action Items**

1. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of December 4, 2007
2. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of December 18, 2007
3. Vote to Approve School Committee Executive Session Minutes of December 18, 2007

**Motion to approve School Committee minutes of December 4, 2007, School Committee minutes of December 18, 2007 and School Committee Executive Session minutes of December 18, 2007 (Griffiths, Cohen) The motion passed 5-0.**

**V. Motion to Adjourn (Griffiths, Cohen). The motion passed 5-0.**

The next meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Cary Hall Auditorium, 1605 Massachusetts Avenue.