

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Cary Hall, Robbins Room
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

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

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz)

II. Superintendents Announcements

Mrs. Natalie Cohen has accepted the offer to be the new high school principal. She is currently the high school principal in Weston.

III. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Helen Cohen: Tonight Holly Stumpf is receiving the Diversity Award at Town Meeting.

IV. Discussion

1. Article 41: Patrick Mehr made a presentation on this Article regarding municipal utilities. He hopes the School Committee will support the motion.

There were questions and discussion from the School Committee.

Motion to support Article 41 (Cole, Cohen). The motion passed 5-0.

V. Action Items:

1. Vote to Approve Lexington High School Chinese Foreign Exchange Field Trip to China
2. Vote to Approve Lexington High School French Exchange Field Trip to France

Motion to Approve Lexington High School Chinese Foreign Exchange Field Trip to China and Lexington High School French Exchange Field Trip to France (Cohen, Sakhuja). The motion passed 5-0.

In the future approval must be sought long before tickets are bought and logistical arrangements are made.

3. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of January 31, 2008
4. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of February 9, 2008
5. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of February 11, 2008
6. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of February 26, 2008
7. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of March 3, 2008
8. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of March 18, 2008

Motion to approve School Committee minutes of January 31, 2008, February 9, 2008, February 11, 2008, February 26, 2008 and March 3, 2008 with the edits enumerated below (Cohen, Coppe). The motion passed 4-0. (Cole abstaining).

Feb 9th: “Ravi Sakhuja: Are we charging full day Kindergarten to METCO and is there money in METCO to charge it to?”

Feb. 11th: “Ravi Sakhuja: Expressed concern about sinks at Harrington. They are not yet repaired and he asked for clarification on the reasons for the delay.”

March 18: “Ravi Sakhuja queried about the five year METCO cost projections presented by the administration as to why the total costs dropped from 07 to 08 and 09 with the viewpoint that the actual costs of METCO were running much higher and that was not captured in those sheets.”

Motion to approve the School Committee minutes of March 18 (Cole, Cohen). The motion passed 5-0.

There was a brief discussion of the format of the minutes.

VI. Motion to adjourn (Sakhuja, Cohen). The motion passed 5-0.