

**LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**  
**Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room**  
**1625 Massachusetts Avenue**

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

**The meeting was convened at 7:35 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order and Welcome (Helen Cohen)**

**II. Superintendent's Announcements**

1. Fiske School Rededication and Open House Program took place last week. It was a wonderful event. Treasurer Tim Cahill presented a facsimile check, for the State's portion of the cost of the new Fiske building. He sees all schools that receive MSBA money. The project was very successful. Thanks to all who participated in getting the project completed. **Rod Cole** went on a tour with the state officials, who were very impressed with the project.
2. Ruby Bridges was at Harrington today talking to grades 2-5. She was the first student integrated into a Louisiana school in 1960, and the only student for one year because the white parents pulled their children out of school. Thanks to the parents of the Harrington community for making this event possible.

**III. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns**

**Margaret Coppe:** Tomorrow the 2020 Vision Demographic Change Task Force will meet. We are still gathering information for a report and perhaps a recommendation to the Selectmen that will be presented in the spring.

**Helen Cohen:** Upcoming meetings: Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>; the Trivia Bee is Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, Tom, Margaret and I will represent the School Committee; Nov 12<sup>th</sup> summit budget meeting; Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting informational meeting; Town Meeting will meet Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> and maybe Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> is the annual School Committee meeting in Boston with Boston parents.

**Tom Diaz:** There will be a meeting with the Sidewalk Committee regarding a precinct 9 sidewalk issue. Rod and I will be there. (**Rod Cole** explained the situation).

**IV. Discussion Items**

1. NEASC High School Accreditation Report: Presented by Robert Collins, Chair of the Social Studies Department and the NEASC Steering Committee Chairman, and Natalie Cohen, LHS principal. [This report is available on the LPS website.]

There were questions and comments from the Committee.

2. Report on the Finance and Business Department's New Organizational Structure: Presented by Mary Ellen Dunn.

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3. FY08 Year-End Financial Report: Presented by Mary Ellen Dunn. [The report is available on the LPS website.]

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**V. Motion to adjourn (Cole, Sakhuja). The motion passed 5-0.**