

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, January 29, 2011
Cary Hall Auditorium
1605 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Rod Cole, School Committee Members Sandro Alessandrini, Margaret Coppe, Jessie Steigerwald, Mary Ann Stewart and student representative Noah Coolidge.
Minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 10:04 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Rod Cole)

II. Discussion Items

Public Hearing

Jerry Lacey (precinct 6): He has a son at the high school and is delighted with the professionalism of the professional staff there. He wants to emphasize that the resource room is a vital part of the high school for many kids.

Phyllis Neufeld (president LEA): We had an unexpected influx of new students this year. What will it do to class size if we have a similar influx next year? At Clarke in particular there are too many students.

Dr. Ash stated he expects to recommend another unallocated position for next year. Several positions will be shifted from Diamond to Clarke.

Phyllis Neufeld read an email from Rebecca Gruber, an English teacher at Diamond Middle School who is one of the people who will be affected by the consolidating of positions. According to Ms. Gruber's email, the change in her case will actually result in an increased salary expense for the school system, in addition to unemployment.

The Public Hearing was concluded at 10:16 a.m.

There were comments and questions from the Committee.

III. Motion to adjourn (Steigerwald, Stewart). **The motion passed 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Documents: *School Committee meeting agenda.*