

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, March 31, 2008
Cary Hall, Estabrook Hall
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. Superintendent's Announcements

1. Award Recipients

- a. Harrington Elementary School Music Teacher Holly Stumpf is the 2008 recipient of the Sharyn Wong-Chan/Sara Harrington Diversity Award. (See attached announcement.)
- b. Three members of the music department received awards from the Massachusetts Music Educators Association. Walter Pavasaris received the MMEA's Distinguished Service Award; Jeff Leonard received the Lowell Mason Award; and Martha Rogers received the Society for General Music in Massachusetts Excellence in General Music Award. (See attached announcement.)
- c. Restructuring of Wellness and PE Department. Right now the thought is to hire a coordinator and an assistant coordinator.

III. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Ravi Sakhuja asked about hiring minority candidates for open positions.

Robert Harris (assistant superintendent for human resources) stated there are not many minority candidates available.

IV. Action Items:

1. Vote to Accept a \$2,500 grant from the Shade Foundation of America as Partial Funding for a Shade Structure at Bowman

Motion to Accept a \$2,500 Grant from the Shade Foundation of America as Partial Funding for a Shade Structure at Bowman (Cole, Cohen). The motion passed 5-0.

2. Vote to Approve Article 23.

Motion to approve Article 23 (Cohen, Coppe). The motion passed 5-0.

V. Motion to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining to return to public session at Town Meeting at the Chair's request (Cohen, Cole). Cohen-aye; Cole-aye; Coppe-aye; Sakhuja-aye and Diaz-aye.