

**Lexington Public Schools  
School Committee Meeting – June 23, 2005  
Central Office Administration Building**

Members present were Helen Cohen, Tom Griffiths, Tom Diaz, Olga Gutttag and Interim Superintendent William Hurley.

Helen Cohen called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Discussion Items**

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Mr. Hurley's recommendation of Mary Sullivan Kelley, Ed.D. for the position of Director of Student Services.

Dr. Ash gave the School Committee a description of Ms. Kelley's background and experience in special education services. Ms. Kelley has worked in three different school systems and has extensive background, knowledge and understanding of Massachusetts law. She is extremely familiar with Massachusetts school systems and programs. Dr. Ash said Ms. Kelley is a problem-solver and has impeccable people skills and an incredible rapport with staff and parents. Ms. Kelley is ready to make the move from Braintree to Lexington and is willing to accept the position of Director of Student Services if the School Committee accepts Mr. Hurley's recommendation.

The School Committee asked whether Ms. Kelley is able to handle a larger school system than what she has in the past. Dr. Ash said they discussed this during the interview process. Ms. Kelley said she has a vision of what the Student Services department should look like and is ready to take on the challenge of a larger school district to enforce that vision.

Mr. Hurley got the sense in his initial interview with Ms. Kelley that she is extremely knowledgeable. He feels Lexington is fortunate to have someone of her ability and experience available. Mr. Hurley asked the School Committee to accept his recommendation of Mary Sullivan Kelley, Ed.D. for the Director of Student Services position.

A motion was made to accept the recommendation of Mr. Hurley to appoint Mary Sullivan Kelley as Director of Student Services. (Diaz – Gutttag; 4-0)

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The following dates were scheduled as upcoming School Committee meetings:

July 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

August 8, 2005 for an all-day retreat

August 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 a.m. (Griffiths – Guttag; 4-0)

Submitted by,

Lisa McGuire

cc: William Hurley  
Helen Cohen  
Tom Griffiths  
Olga Guttag  
Scott Burson  
Tom Diaz