

LEXINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room
1625 Massachusetts Avenue

Present: Superintendent Paul Ash, School Committee Chair Tom Diaz, School Committee Members Helen Cohen, Margaret Coppe, Tom Griffiths and student representative Gabe Schonfeld. The minutes were taken by Leora Tec.

The meeting was convened at 4:07 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Welcome (Tom Diaz)

II. Members' Reports / Members' Concerns

Tom Griffiths: I was disappointed at the School Committee showing at the Trivia Bee. Tom Griffiths and Tom Diaz did not listen to Margaret Coppe and we were eliminated.

Helen Cohen: Cheryl Mason is retiring after 15 years in the finance department. I want to wish her well.

Tom Diaz: In precincts 1,2,4, 5,6 and 7 there are primaries today. You can still vote.

III. Discussion Items:

1. FY09 Capital Budget Recommendation

Paul Ash: Pat Goddard, Director of Facilities, will give a presentation on the capital budget and then a three-part report. I am recommending \$600K for educational technology instead of \$400K. That is not in the packet today. \$400K only ensures that by FY14 the oldest computer will be 6 years old. That is not adequate.

Pat Goddard discussed the FY 09 Cap Budget Recommendation.

Among other things, he mentioned: \$400K for a renovation of the Old Harrington including central air conditioning, \$80K for therapy department construction at the high school for a highly successful program that replaces the old AIM program and development of a Master Plan to address: (1). Program plan of the high school; (2). Mechanical plan. 3. Master plan of elementary schools that was done last year.

2. Report by the Director of Public Facilities

a. roles and responsibilities

Pat Goddard described the roles of those in the department.

- b. Monthly report
Pat Goddard gave a report on Sept/Oct
As per Patrick Mehr's suggestion, the School Committee will write a letter to the Globe concerning municipal electric utilities.
- c. Revised operating guidelines for energy management
Pat Goddard reviewed the facilities department guidelines for energy management.

IV. Action Items:

- 1. Vote to Approve School Committee Minutes of October 3, 2007

Motion to approve the School Committee minutes of October 3, 2007 with the inclusion of the names of the students who won the award. (Griffiths, Coppe). The motion passed 4-0.

V. Motion to adjourn (Cohen, Griffiths). The motion was approved 4-0.

The next meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington Town Office Building, Selectmen's Meeting Room, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue.