

Lexington Public Schools
School Committee Meeting — November 15, 2005
Lexington High School, 7:30 p.m.

Present for the school committee: Olga Guttag, Tom Griffiths, Tom Diaz, Scott Burson, Helen Cohen, Chairman, and Toni Maeck, Student Representative

Also present: Dr. Paul Ash, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Ash recognized two Lexington High School Teachers, Mr. Albert Roos and Ms. Adrienne Billingham, for honors they recently received. Mr. Roos, a mathematics teacher at Lexington High School, was recognized for being selected as a winner of the 2005 Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished High School Mathematics Teaching. Ms. Billingham, a LHS Social Studies teacher, was chosen to be a presenter at an international conference at Harvard, entitled *Pursuing Human Dignity: The Legacies of Nuremberg for International Law, Human Rights and Education*.

Dr. Ash also thanked the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Appropriations Committee, and Town Meeting for unanimously supporting the FY'05 and FY'06 budget requests.

Discussion Items:

Dr. Ash announced to the School Committee that the report on Summer Workshops would be postponed until a future meeting.

Dr. Sarasin presented the report on 2005-2006 professional development. She highlighted the importance of nurturing professional learning communities and noted three major district initiatives: Action Research, K-5 Scott Foresman Literacy workshops, and the High School's work to prepare a mission statement.

Mr. Burson presented the first draft of the revised field trip policy.

Action Items:

A motion was made to approve the 2005-2006 School Committee Goals. (Diaz – Griffiths; 5-0)

A motion was made to approve budget transfers to balance the FY'06 budget. (Diaz – Guttag; 5-0)

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended from the November 7, 2005, School Committee Meeting. (Griffiths – Diaz; 5-0)

Mr. Burson moved and Mr. Griffiths seconded a motion to go into Executive Session at 10:17 p.m. Ms. Guttag, Yes; Mr. Diaz, Yes; Ms. Cohen, Yes; Mr. Burson, Yes; Mr. Griffiths, Yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul B. Ash, Ph.D.