

**Lexington Public Schools
School Committee Meeting — October 24, 2005
Central Office Administration Building, 5:30 p.m.**

Present for the school committee: Olga Gutttag, Tom Griffiths, Tom Diaz, Scott Burson and Helen Cohen, Chairman

Also present: Dr. Paul Ash, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Ash recommended that the School Committee request the special town meeting to appropriate an additional \$847,396 to the FY '06 budget. Dr. Ash indicated that should the school department end the year with a surplus for any reason after paying for all currently budgeted items, he pledges to return the surplus to the Town's general fund. He shared with the School Committee his plan to absorb up to another \$220,000 in potential special education costs by reducing expense budgets wherever possible.

Scott Burson moved and Tom Diaz seconded a motion: "I move the School Committee request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$847,396 to be applied in operations for Fiscal Year 06."

The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Scott Burson moved and Olga Gutttag seconded a motion: "I move that the School Committee instruct the Superintendent that funds received as a supplemental appropriation for FY'06 be applied exclusively to those payroll and expense categories projected to be in deficit in the Superintendent's *FY'06 budget — Financial Update and Projection* presented to the School Committee in its meeting on October 18, 2005, and to the extent any part of said supplemental appropriation is not spent to cover the identified deficit, the remainder will be returned to the Town as free cash."

The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Tom Griffiths moved and Tom Diaz seconded a motion that:

"I move that, subject to advice of Town Counsel, we move zero capital dollars under Article 6, the intent being to defer equipment amounts under Article 30 of the Spring 2005 Town Meeting that were voted, and to apply those amounts to the identified work for roofing and HVAC repairs."

The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.