

**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 funds whose appropriation we are requesting are to be applied exclusively to those payroll and expense categories projected to be in deficit in the Superintendent's FY06 budget -- Financial Update and Projection presented to the School Committee in its October 18, 2005 budget, and funds from this supplemental appropriation not necessary to cover the expense items and payroll items that have been identified to us will revert to the general fund of the Town."

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.