

**DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, January 17, 2008
Durham Elementary School – Library
7:00 P.M.**

MISSION

Members of the Durham Community are committed to creating a safe, respectful climate in which broad-based educational and cultural opportunities provide rich, diverse experiences for all learners. Within this environment, learners will become knowledgeable about themselves and others; develop strong academic, creative, technological, recreational, and practical life skills, preparing them for many options as life-long learners, effective problem solvers and capable communicators. These experiences will provide a solid basis for future responsibilities as family members, workers and citizens. As the community strives to improve the educational environment, necessary resources will be provided to secure a safe, spacious, accessible facility for a wide variety of learning activities. To this end, the school will encourage practices, which are respectful, open, fair and relevant.

GOALS

- To provide the foundation, framework and support for efforts toward best practices in education.
- To provide the foundation for community support of budget needs and priorities prior to Town Meeting.
- To aggressively review, update, develop and adopt policies necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of our school system.
- To develop long range plans for the Durham School Department to ensure effective programs and to prevent potential problems from occurring.

NORMS

- Primary focus is on the students and their education
- Solve the problem at the level closest to the problem ... go to the source
- Treat each other with respect; attacking issues, not people
- Work together to solve issues, listening with an open mind
- State the issue, surface the agenda, be honest
- Keep feedback appropriate to time and place
- Focus on the task at hand
- Work collaboratively, participating at your own comfort level
- Work to understand the issues and others' positions; ask clarifying questions to make informed decisions

1. The meeting was called to order at ___ p.m. by Chairperson Amber Snell.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: ___Amber Snell ___Linda Pfaffinger
 ___George Szadis ___Laurie Poissonnier
 ___James Beaulieu

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<p style="text-align: center;">Special Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2008-2009 Proposed Budget (Follow-up review by School Committee)</p>
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5. Adjournment:

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____ Time: _____