

**DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Tuesday, February 12, 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
 ___Laurie Poissonnier ___George Szadis
 ___James Beaulieu

- 4. Consideration of Action on the Minutes of January 10, 2008 (1), January 10, 2008 (2), and January 17, 2008.

- A. Consideration of action to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2008 (1), January 10, 2008 (2) and January 17, 2008, be accepted as presented barring any errors or omissions.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 5. Adjustments to the Agenda:

- 6. Good News & Recognition:

- 7. Reports from Administrators:

- A. William Pidden – Update

- 8. Report from Superintendent:

- A. Building Committee Update

- B. Legislative Update

- C. Consolidation Update

- 9. Public Comments (related to matters under consideration by the Committee):

- 10. Unfinished Business:

- A. Consideration of action to adopt the proposed 2008-2009 Durham School Department budget.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- B. Consideration of action to request a referendum vote(s) on a secondary student contract with Freeport High School and establishing parameters around future subsidized choice for secondary students.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 11. New Business:

- A. Consideration of action to authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract with an Owner’s Representative for the Durham Elementary School Construction Project.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

12. Financial Reports:

- A. Durham School Department – As of January 30, 2008.
- B. Durham Elementary School – Month Ending January 31, 2008

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

14. Committee Comments:

15. Personnel:

A. New Hires:

- 1) Consideration of action to employ a Drama Advisor at the Durham Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion:_____ 2nd:_____ Vote:_____

- 2) Consideration of Action to approve an Educational Technician III position for Durham Elementary School for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion:_____ 2nd:_____ Vote:_____

B. Resignations:

16. Policy Review:

- A. Policies 08 Packet #5 will be distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on March 13, 2008 and Final Adoption on April 10, 2008.

B. 1st Read on the Following Policies: 08 Packet #4

- 1. ADC Tobacco Use and Possession
- 2. EBCA Compressive Emergency Management Plan
- 3. EBCF Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)
- 4. JEA Compulsory Attendance
- 5. JHB Truancy
- 6. JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- 7. KHB Advertising in the Schools

C. 2nd Read/Adoption on the Following Policies: 08 Packet #3

- 1. AC Non Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
- 2. ACA Non-Sexist Language
- 3. ACAA Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
- 4. ACAA-R Student Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
- 5. ACAB Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees
- 6. ACAB-R Employee Discrimination and Harassment Complaint Procedure
- 7. ACAD Hazing
- 8. AD Educational Philosophy/Mission
- 9. ADA School System Goals and Objectives
- 10. ADAA School System Commitment to Standards for Ethical and Responsible Behavior
- 11. ADC Tobacco Use and Possession
- 12. ADF School District Commitment to Learning Results
- 13. AEC Accountability – Reporting to the Public

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

D. 08 Packet #2 will be distributed for policy book update.

17. Workshop:

Workshop

State of Schools Presentation

18. Executive Session:

19. General Session:

20. Adjournment:

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