

**DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
Thursday, March 13, 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 Vice Chairperson Laurie Poissonnier.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:        \_\_\_Amber Snell                                \_\_\_Linda Pfaffinger  
                         \_\_\_James Beaulieu                                \_\_\_George Szadis  
                         \_\_\_Laurie Poissonnier

- 4. Consideration of Action on the Minutes of February 05, 2008 and February 12, 2008.
  - A. Recommend the Minutes of February 05, 2008 and February 12, 2008, be accepted as presented barring any errors or omissions.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Adjustments to the Agenda:

- 6. Good News & Recognition:

- 7. Reports from Administrators:

- A. William Pidden – Update
- B. Martha Poliquin - Update
- C. Catherine Messmer – Durham School Department Audit

- 8. Report from Superintendent:

- A. Legislative Update
- B. Draft Consolidation Plan Update
- C. School Calendar 2007-2008 Update
- D. Durham Proposed 2008-2009 Subsidy Update

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

- 10. Unfinished Business:

- A. Consideration of action to approve proposed price increase on school lunch.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Consideration of action to adopt the proposed 2008-2009 Durham School Calendar.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. New Business:

- 12. Financial Reports:

- A. Durham Elementary School – Month Ending February 29, 2008
- B. Durham School Department – As of March 05, 2008

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

- A. Durham School Committee Adopted Budget 2008-2009
- B. Durham Budget Advocates List
- C. Town Meeting Budget Handouts

14. Committee Comments:

15. Personnel:

A. New Hires:

- 1) Tentative: Consideration of action to employ an Outdoor Track Coach at the Durham Elementary School effective Spring 2008 school year.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Tentative: Consideration of action to employ an Intramurals Coach at the Durham Elementary School for winter/spring 2008 school year.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Resignations:

16. Policy Review:

- A. Policies 08 Packet #6 will be distributed for review with plans for 1<sup>st</sup> Read on April 10, 2008 and Final Adoption on May 08, 2008.

B. 1<sup>st</sup> Read on the Following Policies: 08 Packet #5

- 1. IHBA Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- 2. IHBAA Referral/Pre-Referral of Students with Disabilities
- 3. IHBAC Child Find
- 4. IHBGB Supplemental Statement of Rights for Private School Students with Disabilities
- 5. JKF Disciplinary Removal of Students with Disabilities
- 6. JKGA Time Out Rooms and Therapeutic Restraint

C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Read/Adoption 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

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

D. 08 Packet #3 will be distributed for policy book update.

17. Workshop:

Secondary School Choice

18. Executive Session:

19. General Session:

20. Adjournment:

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_