

**DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, October 11, 2007
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

4. Consideration of Action on the Minutes of September 06, 2007, September 13, 2007 and September 27, 2007.

A. Recommend the Minutes of September 06, 2007, September 13, and September 27, 2007 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. Consolidation Update

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

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Consideration of action to approve the Superintendent’s Goals for 2007-2008.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

11. New Business:

A. Consideration of action to approve the Durham School Committee workshop topics for 2007-2008.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

B. Consideration of action to approve the proposed Durham Budget Calendar for the development of the 2008 - 2009 budget.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

12. Financial Reports:

- A. Durham School Department – As of October 03, 2007
- B. Durham Elementary School – As of September 28, 2007

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

14. Committee Comments:

15. Personnel:

A. New Hire:

- 1) Consideration of action to employ an Accounts Payable Coordinator for Union #30 at the Central Office effective October 12, 2007.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____
- 2) Consideration of Action to approve a Gifted and Talented Teacher Leader for the 2007-2008 school year.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____
- 3) Consideration of Action to approve the School Improvement Team membership for the 2007-2008 school year.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____
- 4) Consideration of Action to approve an Odyssey of The Mind Advisor for the 2007-2008 school year.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____
- 5) Consideration of Action to approve a Technology Coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____
- 6) Consideration of action to nominate members to the Certification Committee for the 2007-2008 school year.
Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

B. Resignations:

16. Policy Review:

A. Policies 08 Packet #1 will be distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on November 8, 2007 and Final Adoption on December 13, 2007.

- 1. JLCD Administration of Medication to Students
- 2. JLCDA Medical Alert List Policy
- 3. JLCD-E Medication Administration on School Field Trips
- 4. JLCE First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
- 5. JLCEE Do Not Resuscitate Requests
- 6. JLDBG Reintegration of Students from Juvenile Correctional Facilities
- 7. JLF Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- 8. JLF-E Suspected Child Abuse/Neglect Report Form
- 9. JLIB Student Dismissal Precautions
- 10. JRA Student Education Records and Information
- 11. JRA-E Notification of Rights Under FERPA
- 12. JRA-R Student Educational Records Administrative Procedure

17. Workshop:

Workshop
 Durham School Department
 2008-2009 Budget

16. Executive Session:

A. Consideration of action to enter Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's Evaluation pursuant to Freedom of Access Statute, Title I, Section 405.6A.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

Time In: _____ Time Out: _____

19. General Session:

22. Adjournment:

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