

**DURHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AGENDA
Thursday, December 13, 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
 ___Laurie Poissonnier ___George Szadis
 ___James Beaulieu

4. Consideration of Action on the Minutes of November 8, 2007 and November 29, 2007.

A. Recommend the Minutes of November 8, 2007 and November 29, 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:

11. New Business:

A. Consideration of action to create an Education Technician III position for the Durham Elementary School.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

B. Consideration of action on Bo-Mar bus contract.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

12. Financial Reports:

A. Durham Elementary School – Month Ending November 30, 2007.

B. Durham School Department – As of December 5, 2007

13. Communications (Consent Agenda):

14. Committee Comments

15. Personnel:

A. New Hires:

- 1) Consideration of action to employ a Cheerleading (Co-coach basketball focus) at the Durham Elementary School effective December 14, 2007.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

- 2) Consideration of action to employ a Cheerleading (Co-coach competition focus) at the Durham Elementary School effective December 14, 2007.

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

16. Policy Review:

- A. Policies 08 Packet #3 will be distributed for review with plans for 1st Read on January 10, 2008 and Final Adoption on February 7, 2008.

B. 1st Read on the Following Policies 08 Packet #2

1. EFBA Menu Development/Options-Offer vs. Serve Lunch Concept
2. KB Parent Involvement in Education
3. KBF Parent Involvement with Title I
4. KDA Public Information Program
5. KE Public Concerns and Complaints
6. KF Community Use of School Facilities
7. KI Visitors to the Schools
8. KLG Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
9. KLG-R Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities Administrative Procedure
10. LDA Student Teaching and Internships
11. LF Relations with State Education Agencies

A. 2nd Read/Adoption on the Following Policies: 08 Packet #1

- 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

Motion: _____ 2nd: _____ Vote: _____

17. Workshop:

Workshop

NWEA

18. Executive Session:

19. General Session:

20. Adjournment:

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