

Selectmen's Meeting
April 25, 2006

A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen present: Chairman Krieger, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Pagett, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Manz; Mr. Valente, Town Manager; and Ms. Pease, Executive Clerk were present. School Committee members present: Chairman Cohen, Mr. Griffiths, Ms. Gutttag, Mr. Diaz, Mr. Sahkuja, and Dr. Ash, School Superintendent.

Minuteman Tech Bomb Scare

Mr. Valente relayed that Minuteman Tech had received two calls in the morning, approximately 15 minutes apart, that there was a bomb in the building. The State Bomb Squad, Lincoln and Lexington Police and Fire departments were on the scene. Students were evacuated and the building searched. Students were allowed back in the building at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Discussion of Override Questions

Mr. Kelley presented his suggested override questions. He suggests two school questions and two municipal questions. Each would have a sustained services question and an enhanced services question. Not enough support was shown to discuss further.

The group discussed briefly how the combined maintenance should work. There needs to be more discussions over the next year and also a need to look into other towns that have a combined maintenance program to see what works and what does not. All were in agreement that the maintenance question is important to get started. The School Committee stated that they were committed to spending the money from the maintenance question on maintenance, no matter what happens with the override.

The group then discussed whether there should be four questions: two school questions, one combined school/municipal maintenance question and one municipal question.

Suggestion was made to split the maintenance question into restored items and enhanced items. Not enough Selectmen supported splitting.

The warrant will be prepared for the Selectmen's approval and signature as soon as Town Meeting is over.

Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted by roll call vote to go into executive session with the School Committee for the purpose of contract negotiations with the intent to return to open session.

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Selectmen returned to open session at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Continued Discussion of Override Questions

The Selectmen decided to schedule a meeting for Friday, April 28, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in case it is needed to vote and sign the override warrant.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 3:20 p.m.

A true record; Attest:

Lynne A. Pease
Executive Clerk