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2 **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING—June 11, 2008**
3 **Lower Conference Room, Town Hall**
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6 **Tracy Driscoll, Chair**
7 **Margaret Matthews, Vice Chair**
8 **David Roberts**
9 **Thomas Ryan**
10 **Margaret Connolly**
11 **Joanne Flatley**
12 **John Healy**

June M. Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Asst. Superintendent
Christopher Campbell, Asst. Superintendent
Michael La Francesca, Business Manager
Alan Winrow, Principal
Timothy Ruggere, Principal
Clare Sullivan, Principal
Holli Armstrong, Principal
Doris Claypool, Principal
Heidi Dineen, Principal
Jacob Santamaria, Assistant Principal
John Murray, Assistant Principal

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21 **Convened: 7:00 PM**

Adjourned: 9:10 PM

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24 **RECOGNITION – MATH LEAGUE STUDENTS**

25 Ms. Kelly announced the Math League students that successfully completed the elementary and
26 Middle School math aptitude tests. Many of the students were present to receive recognition for
27 their achievement. Ms. Kelly announced the Middle School students followed by the elementary
28 students.

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30 For the March 2008/40 points – 30 minutes – 40 problems results:

- 31 - Grade 6: Owen Tuite, Margaret O'Connor, Paul Fulmore, Sammy Gordon, Chloe Seibert,
32 Elizabeth Masalsky.
- 33 - Grade 7: Jamie Carty, Katie Nosky, Ryan Aljondi, Mark Turner, Bryan Simone, Jackson
34 Lawlor, Kim Flatley, Nick Ray.
- 35 - Grade 8: Nick Hayes, Paige Keefe, Chris Berry, Austin White, Andrew Hickey, Sarah
36 Warjas. Grade 8 Algebra: Kelly Emery, Melissa Burke, Benjamin Reynolds, James
37 Tuite, Elizabeth Dellea, Molly Downing, John Hickey, Michael Joyce, James Lawless,
38 Courtney Nolan, and Michael Wigmore.

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40 For the March 2008/30 points – 30 minutes – 30 problems results:

- 41 - Avery School Grade 4: Stephen Acosta, Bo Devine, Genevieve Rose, Brendan St. Clair,
42 Nova Burke; Grade 5: Joseph Von Shoppe, Alexzander Kalshnek, Matthew Suprilus,
43 Colin Sargent, JoAnn Devine.
- 44 - Greenlodge School Grade 4: Jakob Farnam, Lydia Baker, Bobby Lau, Amelia
45 McDonough, Sean Flaherty; Grade 5 Alexi Tsolirides, Brendan Finnegan, Ryan Banks,
46 Megan Corrado, Natalie Philips, Courtney Sullivan.
- 47 - Oakdale School Grade 4: Sachi Smith, Brett Hunt, Matthew Jenest, Austin Walrod,
48 Michael Cariofiles; Grade 5: Joseph DeVirgilio, Connor Dolan, Landon Carlson, Sean
49 Kineavy, Gregory Mowles, Mary Kate Coughlin, and Benjamin Spinger.

- Riverdale School Grade 4: John Dowling, Ned Cramer, Gerry Mulvey, DeAndre' Scurti, Cindy Wang; Grade 5 Stewart Alexandre, Ian Zylstra, Jamie McNamara, Glenn Price, David O'Dea, and Kameel Rachmani.

Ms. Doe also recognized Nancy Clement, who is the district's math coach. She stated Ms. Clement took on the responsibility to work with principals and administrators to get the math league started in Dedham. She personally thanked her for her initiative and support of the math curriculum. She stated she is pleased with the results.

RECOGNITION – ALAN WINROW, HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Ms. Driscoll announced that Mr. Winrow would be leaving for a position in Mashpee at the end of the month. She thanked him for eight years of dedication to the students of Dedham High School. She stated she would miss his News Corner and expressed her appreciation for pushing for all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT and SAT and for raising the bar on MCAS scores. She wished him the best as he pursued his professional endeavors. Ms. Matthews presented him with a Dedham owl plate on behalf of the committee.

Mr. Winrow stated his appreciation for the opportunity to work in Dedham. He said he had mixed feelings about leaving Dedham, as he enjoyed working with everyone.

Mr. Roberts commended Mr. Winrow on his shortest speech ever. He stated that Mr. Winrow did an excellent job and got the High School on track when it was necessary to do so. He said Mashpee has gotten a very good person.

Mr. Healy commented on Mr. Winrow's articulateness and his excellent listening skills. Mr. Ryan commended his dedication and wished him well. Ms. Flatley and Ms. Connolly also wished him good luck. Ms. Matthews remarked that Mr. Winrow is the consummate gentleman and scholar.

Ms. Doe stated that Mr. Winrow came to Dedham at a crossroads and the school was in need of leadership. She said he is a role model, a consummate professional, ethical and kind.

Ms. Kelly thanked him for his welcoming attitude as she assumed the role of principal of the Middle School. She said he was very supportive and knowledgeable. Mr. Campbell wished him well. Mr. La Francesca stated he observed right away that Mr. Winrow was interested and willing to work as a part of a team.

Ms. Fay spoke on behalf of the parents, including those on School Council. She said that the School Council covered a covered a lot of ground during her four years on the council and Mr. Winrow always brought a professional, educated view point. She said he would be missed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Ms. Doe stated that High School graduation was held on June 4. She thanked the administrators and support staff for their hard work to make it a successful event. She added she is proud of the graduating seniors.

Ms. Doe reported that the all night party was held following graduation. She recognized the efforts and planning of the members who chaired the committee: Karen Goyette, Tracey White, and Laura Timmins. She said the evening would not be possible without the support of businesses including the Dedham Police Patrolmen's Association, the Dedham Firefighters Association, the Boosters Club, the Junior Woman's Club, Roche Bros. and District Attorney

1 Keating's office. She also thanked the volunteers and chaperones, the Police Department and the
2 Youth Commission, particularly Craig Cabral, Mr. Muccaccio and Tom Clinton.

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4 **CHAIR'S UPDATE**

5 Ms. Driscoll stated that two weeks ago she failed to mention the success of the district-wide art
6 show, Art in Bloom. She said the committee attended it and it was fabulous.

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8 Ms. Driscoll noted that the agenda cites the VNA extended day lease agreement, but it is the
9 YMCA extended day lease agreement.

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11 **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

12 Brian Keaney asked several questions about the senior center project. He asked if the committee
13 has considered its parking needs, particularly if it expands its use of the Dexter School. He
14 calculated that the School Department would need over half of the parking spaces for staff and
15 wondered if that would leave enough spaces parents as well as the visitors to the senior center.
16 Ms. Driscoll said the committee looked into some of these issues, including the potential
17 expansion. She said they would most likely see an increase but did not feel parking would be an
18 issue. Ms. Doe said the recommendation is to move the ECEC to the Dexter School, but they
19 would not be expanding the program and there would be no additional staff members. She stated
20 the existing program fits into the school.

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22 Michelle Labadini stated that at the last School Committee meeting they discussed adding a first
23 grade teacher at Greenlodge and potentially a grade 5 teacher. She asked if these have been
24 approved. Ms. Flatley answered that the first grade teacher was approved. She stated the fifth
25 grade class and teacher salary is not in the budget. She added that although there are four
26 classrooms assigned for the school next year, a teacher has not been selected. She said they will
27 continue to monitor enrollment and the principal would try to announce the selection by July 1.
28 Ms. Doe said that when the teacher is selected the parents will be informed and the students
29 would have the opportunity to meet the teacher.

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31 Mr. Santamaria stated he missed the opportunity to make a statement about Mr. Winrow. He said
32 the High School staff and Mr. Murray would like to thank him for his friendship and leadership.
33 He said Mr. Winrow has taught him a lot.

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35 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS**

36 There was none.

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38 **MATH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

39 Ms. Doe stated she invited parents and community members last year to join the School
40 Department's efforts to enhance the math curriculum by offering to teach in a before school for
41 students who excel in math. She recognized Gail Tsolirides, who was the volunteer for
42 Greenlodge. She stated that Ms. Cummings reported Ms. Tsolirides' program was a great
43 success. Ms. Tsolirides is a pharmacist, and she planned lessons that challenged students and
44 showed them how math is used in everyday life. Ms. Doe said the classes were held on Mondays
45 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM, December through May, and twelve students participated. Some of the
46 most interesting lessons Ms. Tsolirides developed included Math Jeopardy, Math Olympics, Math
47 Challenges, Brain Teasers and Puzzles. She stated Ms. Tsolirides has offered to train other
48 parents and has given permission to copy her lessons. Ms. Doe expressed her gratitude and
49 appreciation for her efforts and commitment.

1 Ms. Doe stated that Ms. Jean Campbell and Ms. Maureen Sargent offered the enrichment
2 program for Avery students. She stated that Ms. Campbell offered the fourth grade program
3 before school for a little less than two months. Originally seven students were enrolled, but
4 attendance was sporadic. She stated Ms. Sargent offered the fifth grade program after school.
5 The program ran for slightly less than three months and the attendance was better than the
6 morning program.

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8 Ms. Doe thanked the parents for stepping forward. She said they would be trying to run this
9 program again next year and extended an invitation to parents to volunteer. She reiterated that
10 the program is for students with both an aptitude and enthusiasm for math.

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12 Ms. Doe stated that a teacher stepped forward to offer the program at Oakdale. She said music
13 teacher, Bryan Bigelow, conducted it. She stated it was a six week, quick paced course from the
14 curriculum frameworks. She thanked Mr. Bigelow for volunteering.

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16 Ms. Doe reported that the program at Riverdale was offered by Mrs. MaryJane Devins, grade 3,
17 Ms. Stephen Riley, grade 4, and Mr. Ralf Heilmann, grade 5.

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19 Ms. Tsolirides commented on the students' love of competition. She said she figured that out
20 pretty quickly and ran with it. Mr. Riley said the kids worked hard and really wanted to learn.

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22 Ms. Driscoll thanked them for volunteering.

23 24 **MATH CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

25 Ms. Kelly stated that the Math Curriculum Committee, comprised of 24 members, just completed
26 18 months of study. She said three parents participated: Ralf Heilmann, Monica Linari and a new
27 member, Radha Kalathil, who teaches at Bridgewater State. She reported that the committee sent
28 teachers to observe other communities using the text *Everyday Math* and the committee would
29 like to make the recommendation that kindergarten and grade 1 adopt this math program next
30 year. She stated they are also recommending a pilot class in grade 2. She said they are currently
31 negotiating a price to acquire the text and hope to move forward on it soon.

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33 Ms. Driscoll stated that the committee would need to vote the curriculum change. Ms. Kelly
34 responded that once they have the pricing they can come back before the committee.

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36 Ms. Connolly asked for the list of committee members. Ms. Kelly said they could be invited to
37 the presentation.

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39 Mr. Campbell said that, as a parent of a child that uses the program, it has an excellent family
40 connection and tutorials for parents. He stated it is a very positive program.

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42 Ms. Doe stated there could be a formal proposal presented at the next meeting.

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44 Ms. Flatley asked if there was another program considered. Ms. Kelly said Trailblazers was also
45 considered. Ms. Flatley asked for the committee's rationale for its recommendation. Ms. Kelly
46 stated that it is a language rich program. She added that to begin the program at a higher level
47 would be assuming that the students would have a math vocabulary they might not have.

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49 Ms. Flatley asked about the current program's weaknesses. Ms. Kelly said students have had
50 difficulty with the program. She mentioned that some of the schools have focused more on the
51 Scott Forsman program and others more on the Trailblazers program. She said the goal is to have

1 a cohesive program, the same opportunities and the same math. Ms. Doe stated this goes along
2 with the initiative for consistent curriculum across district.

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4 Ms. Flatley said Trailblazers is also very language based. Mr. Campbell said Everyday Math is
5 language rich, but in the sense of having to explain the problem solving process. He said the
6 curriculum also recognizes the need for math facts as well; computation is a part of it. He added
7 that the parent education piece is different and stronger. He said there are additional resources for
8 parents. Ms. Kelly stated that New York City is adopting Everyday Math. She said Chicago has
9 already adopted it. She said they had similar questions and they were satisfactorily answered
10 with this program.

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12 Ms. Connolly said she did not find Trailblazers parent friendly and is looking forward to the new
13 program.

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15 Ms. Driscoll asked which schools the committee visited. Ms. Kelly replied they visited Canton,
16 Norwood, Hopkinton and Wayland. She said a variety of grades were observed and all were
17 pleased with what they saw.

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19 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION –**
20 **DESIGNATING NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL FOR STATION 250**

21 Ms. Driscoll stated that a representative from Station 250 here this evening to present data about
22 the development to the committee. She stated that this presentation was for informational
23 purposes for the committee only.

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25 Ms. Matthews clarified that at the last meeting she made a statement that she feared may have
26 been misconstrued. She said she owed an apology for the statement, which pertained to the
27 agenda item following the Station 250 public discussion. She said she meant to convey that the
28 individuals presenting the next agenda item had graciously acceded to being taken out of order. It
29 was a sympathetic nod to their patience, but may have been misinterpreted. She stated she values
30 public input and it is important to the process.

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32 Ms. Jen Michalik, the manager at Station 250, said the company is looking to move into their
33 offices at the site next month. She provided a quick overview of the development and said the
34 company is neighbor and town friendly. She said they worked with Civic Pride in the Dedham
35 town cleanup.

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37 Ms. Michalik stated that Station 250 is 285 apartments comprised of one, two and three bedroom
38 units. She said she has heard there have been many rumors about the affordable program. She
39 stated the 40B law permits a development such as Station 250 as long as 25% of the units qualify
40 as affordable. She said there are 31 one bedroom, 39 two bedroom and three three bedroom units
41 reserved as affordable. She said she has heard that the residents are worried about additional
42 children from outside of Dedham. She reported that pre-leasing has just begun, and the target
43 market is drawing professionals from city with Legacy Place as a draw.

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45 Ms. Michalik noted that JPI, which is located in close proximity to Station 250, participates in
46 40B too. She said that applicants to Station 250 need to meet moderate income requirements as
47 well as Fairfield's requirements. She said they do a thorough criminal background check and
48 credit check.

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50 Ms. Michalik stated the latest rumor she has heard relates to the Beech Street projects. She said
51 they would not be housing those individuals; there is no affiliation. She said that 40B rental

1 pricing is set by HUD. The one bedroom units will rent for \$956, the two bedroom units for
2 \$1,107, and the three bedroom units for \$1,247. She said the market rate is substantially more; a
3 one bedroom unit will rent for \$1,700, and prices go all the way up to \$3,500 per month. She said
4 Station 250 is a rent by choice development. She said she had an informative brochure with her
5 and a current listing of the retail establishments that would be going into Legacy Place.

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7 Mr. Roberts asked how many one bedroom units the development contained. Ms. Michalik said
8 approximately 120. Ms. Matthews stated that the development is 47% one bedroom, 47% two
9 bedroom, and the rest were three bedroom units. Mr. Roberts asked what Ms. Michalik's
10 experience has been for an influx of school aged children in apartments she has managed. Ms.
11 Michalik responded that each market is different. She said they forecast, but the numbers are
12 susceptible to change. She said they do not anticipate a huge impact on the school system. She
13 said there are tenants from JPI interested in moving to Station 250 and she anticipated ultimately
14 drawing families with children within Dedham. She reiterated they are targeting the Boston
15 professional who does not want to pay Boston prices.

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17 Mr. Roberts asked about the affordable rents for the two and three bedroom units. Ms. Michalik
18 answered they are \$1,107 and \$1,247. He asked what other projects she has experience with.
19 She answered she has been with Fairfield for two years and is from the Worcester area. She said
20 the development is anticipated to open a portion in July according to the delivery schedule they
21 received from construction. She said each building is coming along in phases and building one
22 has four phases. She said there are 32 apartments in phase one. She said they expect to open 20-
23 32 new apartments every three to four weeks, and if they have school aged children they would
24 be coming in phases. Mr. Roberts asked what the end date is. Ms. Michalik said they should be
25 100% built by January or February 2009.

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27 Ms. Flatley asked what she considers full occupancy. Ms. Michalik answered 96% is considered
28 stabilization for this project. Ms. Flatley asked if the lease restrictions were the same for the
29 moderate versus the market units. Ms. Michalik said one bedrooms are restricted to three people,
30 two bedrooms to five and seven for three. Ms. Flatley asked if they differentiate between adults
31 and children. Ms. Michalik answered they do not.

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33 Ms. Flatley asked if they held the lottery for the affordable housing yet. Ms. Michalik said they
34 started advertising the moderate program in December. The informational meeting was held in
35 January and the application deadline was January 31. She stated February was supposed to be the
36 lottery, but they had more available apartments than applicants so the Town waived the lottery
37 requirement. She said the construction delays allowed for additions to their list of applicants and
38 now there is a waiting list for all three unit sizes. She said they just started processing
39 applications.

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41 Ms. Flatley asked if Dedham residents get preference over non-residents. Ms. Michalik said she
42 would check with the compliance department.

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44 Mr. Ryan asked if there is a playground. Ms. Michalik stated that was a mistake on an Internet
45 ad. It was accidentally checked under amenities. He asked what other developments Fairfield
46 has done. She said the company has a 200 unit complex in Mansfield known as Stonegate. She
47 said they are building a sister community in Marlboro, which is in the high 300s. Mr. Ryan asked
48 if there was any way to provide the School Committee with the school enrollments associated
49 with these. Ms. Michalik said she could probably get it for Stonegate but it is too early to have it
50 for Marlboro. Mr. Ryan asked if there were any others in Massachusetts. She answered that they
51 usually do redevelopment. It is generally too expensive to build. He said they would appreciate

1 knowing how many children would be enrolling in the Dedham Public Schools as early as
2 possible. She said she would keep them apprised.

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4 Mr. Healy asked if she had any hard data on the leases now that will impact them in September.
5 Ms. Michalik said she only has five so far and none of these has school aged children. He asked
6 if there was a chance they would lower their rent rates. Ms. Michalik stated that they could lower
7 rates, but noted that the pricing she quoted is factoring in a two month prorated special. She said
8 the units typically rent for \$2,200 per month. She said the company prefers to do additional
9 marketing rather than lower rates.

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11 Mr. Healy said he would like to do what he can to welcome new parents and students to the town.
12 She said they do resident events on a monthly basis and they could get together to brainstorm.

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14 Ms. Michalik was thanked for the presentation.

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16 Ms. Doe stated the most recent enrollment figures are in the committee's packets. She stated
17 enrollment continues to change across the district in all schools and grades. She reported that the
18 administration is recommending that students residing at Station 250 register at the central office
19 during the summer months. She said she would notify the School Committee as to the data and
20 recommend placement based on the best interest of the district as a whole. She said they would
21 work with Station 250 to make arrangements for registration.

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23 Ms. Driscoll asked how the dialogue would be kept open. Ms. Doe said summer meetings need
24 to be scheduled. The committee agreed to meet the first and last week in August.

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26 The Superintendent said they would have a more accurate district enrollment in early August and
27 would be able to make a recommendation then. She said she anticipates working with Station
28 250 staff to monitor rentals and the potential for school aged children.

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30 Ms. Connolly noted that Station 250 will open over six months of phasing. Ms. Michalik pointed
31 out it is new construction and is somewhat of an unknown.

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33 Mr. Healy thanked Ms. Doe for this recommendation. He said they have already done significant
34 work and this is another step in response to the community's concern.

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36 Mr. Ryan asked to address the timetable for redistricting when they meet in August. Ms. Doe
37 stated work is currently underway to update the Master Plan, which will include a
38 recommendation on redistricting. She stated also to be underway is a feasibility study for a new
39 Avery School. She stated they are simultaneously undertaking two major initiatives that impact
40 enrollment. She said she hoped to have an architect to move forward with feasibility later this
41 summer. She said Dore & Whittier will have an enrollment projection this summer as well and
42 Avery is a major driver in this. She stated that when this data is received it will be presented to
43 the committee.

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45 Ms. Driscoll noted she passed out copies of the process for redistricting. Ms. Doe said they work
46 hard to maintain students in their neighborhood elementary schools, even when the lines change.
47 She said they are sensitive to this and would have a target date for new enrollments on streets
48 changing districts. Ms. Driscoll stated some portions of town would be redistricted even without
49 a new Avery.

1 Ms. Connolly asked if the redistricting has to happen before the feasibility study is done. Ms.
2 Doe said that was not necessary.

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4 **LUNCH PRICE INCREASE PROPOSAL –**
5 **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

6 Ms. Flatley stated the Budget Subcommittee met to discuss the proposed lunch price increase for
7 the High School and Middle School. The Food Service Director is recommending an increase
8 from \$2.25 to \$2.50 and from \$2.50 to \$2.75.

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10 Ms. Johnson stated she is not proposing an elementary increase at this time. She said that was
11 done last year and they would review that budget again next year. She said that based on food
12 costs and other market factors, it is necessary to increase the lunch prices.

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14 Ms. Flatley stated that the Budget Subcommittee spent a great deal of time discussing the
15 comparisons with surrounding towns and it voted unanimously to support the recommendation.

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17 Ms. Matthews said she appreciated Ms. Johnson’s exceptionally thorough report. She asked if it
18 is better to chip away and go up a little or if it is better to go up more. Ms. Johnson said they are
19 evaluating that, but they felt that they could cover costs next year with this increase. She said
20 most meals will \$2.50 and a limited number are increasing to \$2.75. She said it is still a better
21 deal than going to the grocery store. Ms. Matthews said Dedham is in the mid range even with
22 the price increase. Ms. Johnson said it is about the community and every community is different.
23 She said she tries to provide what the students want and what keeps participation stable or
24 increases it. She feels they have been taking the right steps.

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26 Ms. Connolly said she looked at the most comparable communities and Dedham may possibly be
27 higher than these, but the explanation was Dedham feeds their children healthier lunches. She
28 wanted to clarify that.

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30 Mr. La Francesca asked Jeanne Johnson to talk about the partnership with community restaurants.
31 Ms. Johnson said that they are working with area restaurants to have one come in once a month to
32 work with High School staff to prepare meals. She said Bugaboo came in this year and almost
33 90% of the students bought lunch that day. She said she is exploring the possibility of doing this
34 at the Middle School as well. She said it is a great learning experience for all involved.

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36 Ms. Johnson stated she is also trying to accommodate all parents and tries to provide families
37 with choices. She said next year skim milk will be an extra item on the menu.

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39 Mr. Roberts asked how many TEC communities are required to be self sustaining. Ms. Johnson
40 replied that all food service programs try to do this. She said with increasing costs many worried
41 about going into the red, but they monitor it so they do not get to that place.

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43 Ms. Matthews said the food service program covers its entire cost, including personnel. She said
44 Dedham does a good job. Ms. Johnson said they have a great staff that works very hard.

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46 Ms. Flatley said an equipment failure can often negatively impact the budget. Ms. Johnson said
47 they spend about \$25,000 per year on equipment and maintenance. She said the goal is to
48 continually upgrade their program.

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50 Ms. Doe said this is an opportune moment to mention the purchasing of tracking equipment. Ms.
51 Johnson said that 20% of their program consists of free and reduced lunch. She said the tracking

1 system, which they have in place at the Middle School, allows for parents to prepay, lock
2 expenditures and limit food choices. She said another benefit is that no one knows who
3 participates in free and reduced lunch, so there is no stigma to being part of this program. She
4 said she currently has cost estimates and proposals for a system at the High School.

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6 Ms. Connolly asked the status of the purchase. Mr. La Francesca stated they are looking to see
7 where they end the fiscal year. Ms. Johnson said she is advocating for rolling it into a capital
8 project.

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10 Ms. Johnson said she brought samples of lunches that have all nutrition components and costs for
11 the committee to see. She said the *Boston Globe* is doing article on school lunches, too.

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13 Ms. Matthews asked to be informed of the next date they would be collaborating with a local
14 restaurant.

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16 Ms. Flatley moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and it was

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18 **VOTED:** to accept the lunch price increase proposal for the High School and Middle School to
19 increase by 25 cents taking it from \$2.25 to \$2.50 and \$2.50 to \$2.75.

20 21 **SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS**

22 Ms. Flatley stated there is a draft of the Superintendent's goals but they are not ready to move
23 forward at this point. They could be prepared to present them at the next meeting.

24 25 **TEC AGREEMENT**

26 Ms. Driscoll stated that annually the School Committee must vote to approve its agreement with
27 The Education Collaborative.

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29 Ms. Doe recommended to continue their participation in TEC for the 2009 fiscal year.

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31 Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Ms. Connolly, and it was

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33 **VOTED:** to continue participation in TEC.

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36 Mr. La Francesca mentioned that TEC agreed to a one year lease extension. It is a \$6,300
37 increase plus \$2,500 for snow removal. He requested the committee sign the agreement.

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39 Ms. Doe recommended the committee accept the conditions of the lease proposed for TEC.

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41 Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Healy, and it was

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43 **VOTED:** to approve the one year lease agreement with TEC.

44 45 **YMCA EXTENDED DAY LEASE**

46 Mr. La Francesca stated that the West Roxbury/Roslindale/Dedham YMCA has asked to renew
47 its lease for the 2008-2009 school year. He said it is status quo; there are no increases. Ms. Doe
48 recommended to proceed with the lease extension.

1 Ms. Matthews moved, seconded by Ms. Connolly, and it was

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3 **VOTED:** to accept the recommendation.

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5 **MINUTES**

6 Ms. Matthews moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and it was

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8 **VOTED:** to accept the May 28, 2008 minutes.

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10 **DONATIONS**

11 Ms. Doe announced that the Avery School recently received a donation of painted murals for its
12 library/media center. The donation is a collaboration of parents, High School students, staff and
13 Mr. Peter Reynolds. Ms. Doe stated the four murals portray several scenes from Mr. Reynolds
14 book, *The North Star*, and with his permission High School students Meghan MacDonald, Kayla
15 Matta, and Melissa Mofford copied and painted the scenes. Mr. Reynolds completed them by
16 inserting text and signing them. Ms. Doe stated the materials were donated by the Avery PTO
17 Library Media Committee, comprised of Samantha Gentile, Vicki Rumpp, Karol Kolostow,
18 Florence Cruz, and Heidi Dillon. She said the murals were donated in memory of Andrew
19 Hopwood (2004-2008).

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21 Ms. Doe stated the Athletic Department had several donations to support the purchase of football
22 practice uniforms for the upcoming season. Mrs. Black donated \$50; Trethewey Bros., Inc.
23 donated \$100; Advanced Graphics donated \$100; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor of Walpole donated \$100;
24 Mr. Maguire of Needham donated \$100; Mr. Crisp donated \$100; Mr. Boncek donated \$100; Mr.
25 and Mrs. Sybertz of South Walpole donated \$150; and the Hampe's of Dedham donated \$100.

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27 Ms. Doe expressed the School Department's appreciation of these donations. She said this shows
28 how individuals can make a difference. The donations amount to a significant sum that they
29 would have trouble funding themselves. She said this was accomplished through Mr. Arria's
30 efforts.

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32 Ms. Matthews moved, with grateful appreciation, seconded by Mr. Healy, also with grateful
33 appreciation, and it was

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35 **VOTED:** to accept the painted murals and the nine donations of varying amounts for football
36 practice uniforms.

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38 **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

39 Ms. Driscoll announced Saturday is the Flag Day Parade. Mr. Roberts said he would be driving.

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41 Ms. Driscoll stated that on Monday the School Committee will be sponsoring a movie with State
42 Rep. Paul McMurtry. She said it is a 3:20 showing and they will have light refreshments.

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44 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

45 Ms. Driscoll said the next agenda would include a vote on the Superintendent's goals, a
46 recommendation from the Academic Reporting Committee and a math program recommendation.

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48 Mr. Roberts suggested they receive the backup materials for the proposed math curriculum
49 change earlier than usual. Ms. Doe offered to provide them with a text for their review.

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51 Ms. Driscoll announced that tonight is her 20th wedding anniversary.

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2 Ms. Genevieve Rose was a late arrival for the Math League recognition. She was recognized at
3 this point.

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5 Mr. Healy wished his parents a happy 50th anniversary on Sunday. He said they put seven
6 children through the Dedham Public Schools.

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8 Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, and it was

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10 **VOTED:** to adjourn.