- In June, 1996, the same concerned citizen was invited by the School Committee to come and tell them what he knew about the history of the Feoffees. At this meeting, besides sharing a brief written history, he presented a record of the Feoffees' contributions since 1976 as reported annually in the Town Report. He pointed out that their contribution of $25,000 in FY 1995 represented only 0.19% of the assessed value of the Feoffees' assets at Little Neck (then $13,354,500).
- In the months following this meeting the School Committee appointed a sub-committee on the Feoffees. Their deliberations were kept confidential.
- The then Superintendent, as a resident of Little Neck, recused himself from discussions of the Feoffees' responsibility to the schools.
- In February, 2001, following growing citizen concern, the School Committee invited the chairman of the Feoffees, Donald Whiston, to an open meeting of the Committee to talk about the Feoffees. He spoke at length, leaving little time for questions or discussion. The majority of the Committee asked no questions and did not press him on the size of the Feoffees' contributions. The School Committee chairman made no statement. The Committee's minutes record that Mr. Whiston appeared before the Committee but do not record any of the brief discussion that followed. (Meeting on 2/14/01).
- Following this meeting 75 citizens signed a petition to put an article on the warrant for the April Town Meeting providing for the appointment of a Town committee to look into the affairs of the Feoffees.
- Counsel for the School Committee wrote to the Superintendent of Schools on March 26 urging that the School Committee "take some public position rather than remain silent...It should be careful not to appear out of step with the citizens' desire to maximize contributions to the school system". He concluded: "The School Committee should be working on a long-range plan with the Feoffees rather than reacting to issues brought before them by the Feoffees or by the public" (Letter from Attorney Richard M. Kallman, 3/26/01).
- At Town Meeting on April 2 the School Committee voted against the appointment of a Town committee. (The Selectmen and the Finance Committee voted for it).
- On January 17, 2002, the School Committee voted unanimously "to go forward with investigating the task of rewriting the Feoffees' trust and to begin the process by asking Mr. Hopping, as a member of the town committee on the Feoffees, to inform them of the School Committee's vote" (School Committee minutes).

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March 27, 2002