

**LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Administrative Offices
90 Commercial Street
Lynn, MA 01905**

**Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 7:05 p.m.**

Members present: Ms. Capano, Ms. Coppola, Ms. Carrasco, Mr. Ford
Mr. Spirito, Mr. Starbard, Mayor Kennedy

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee
Attorney Mihos

Mayor Kennedy presided.

Mayor Kennedy opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

NECROLOGY

None listed.

MINUTES

1. Committee of the Whole on September 22, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Policy Sub-Committee on September 29, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Building & Grounds Sub-Committee on September 29, 2011

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Fourteenth Regular Meeting on September 29, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Individual schools per pupil expenditures

Ms. Carrasco voiced concern over the way funds are allocated to the various schools. After reviewing a recent report, she noted that some schools having the same number of students have a drastic difference in the amount allocated per student.

Mr. McHugh explained that the report was drafted using the current approved budget.

Mr. McHugh explained that one school shows:

One school has Four Grade 2 classrooms with a total of 81 students
Another school has Four Grade 2 classroom with a total of 112 students

The larger the enrollment the more you have to spread out the cost per student. Mr. McHugh noted that you have to look at the correlation between the number of students in the school with the actual staff needed to service the students.

Dr. Warry stated that a principal has the discretion to use Title I funds to increase staff or use their Title I funds to offer summer programs or after-school programs.

Ms. Carrasco asked for a report showing clarification of per pupil expenditures.

Mayor Kennedy supported Mrs. Carrasco's request for a simpler way to see the per pupil expenditures.

Mayor Kennedy requested this issue be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee. She suggested the information be broken down into three categories: Elementary Schools, Middle Schools and High Schools.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to refer the issue of equity in per pupil expenditures to the Finance Sub-Committee. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

2. Ratification of votes taken in Policy Sub-Committee (ELL Students)

The Policy Sub-Committee tabled this issue.

3. Ratification of votes taken in Curriculum Sub-Committee (Snack/Lunch Times)

No votes were taken.

4. Executive Session – Contract issues/Collective Bargaining

Mr. Starbard made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Capano made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

No motions were made in Executive Session.

Attorney Mihos provided a brief overview of the changes made to the contract with the Lynn Teachers Union, Local 1037. This agreement puts the following into the contract: teacher stipends, assignment of teacher aides if class size goes below the mandated number and changes to archaic language to modernize. This contract has a 2.5% increase for 2010-2011 and a 2.5% increase for 2011-2012.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the agreement between the Lynn Teachers Union, Local 1036 and the Lynn School Committee. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Abstain (due to a conflict of interest)

Mr. Ford	Abstain (due to a conflict of interest)
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Abstain (due to a conflict of interest)
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Kennedy explained that the rules regarding conflict of interest prohibit any School Committee member who has a relative covered by this contract from voting on it.

INFORMATION

1. New Job Posting:

a. Academic Support Specialist – Breed Middle School

Provided for information only.

2. Superintendent's Report

Letter from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, State Director of Special Education, Special Education Planning and Policy Development Office regarding the appeal of the Level 4 designation. Lynn was granted the change to a Level 2 designation.

Massachusetts School Building Authority regarding Marshall Middle school commencing to the feasibility study stage. The MSBA has approved the change in the enrollment figure to 1,100. A form was provided for Committee members signature. This form will be put on the agenda at the next meeting on November 10, 2011.

SROs will be assigned to the three middle schools.

Governor Patrick and DOE Commissioner Chester will be visiting Connery Elementary School next Tuesday, November 2, 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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