

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

**Third Special Meeting of the School Committee
(Student Government Day)
Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 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

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

NECROLOGY

1. Anthony F. Grappi, retired Adjustment Counselor on March 31, 2011.

MINUTES

1. Second Special Meeting March 24, 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. 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.

PRESENTATION

1. Henry Kelley, Psy.D., Chief Psychologist Suicide Prevention Policy

Dr. Kelly, Chief School Psychologist presented a draft of a proposed Suicide Prevention Policy. This comprehensive policy would train teachers and staff to look for signs and behavior of at-risk students. Dr. Kelly noted that there must be an environment present where people can talk about the formerly taboo subject of suicide. The policy will encourage students who are depressed or in need to come forward and resources made available.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Ingalls School Garden

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease with The Food Project. Seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ingalls School garden and rodent issues. It was noted that the meeting of November 17, 2010 of the School Committee had requested information regarding the cost to install fencing, locks, lights and cameras. Ms. Coppola asked about the need for The Food Project to have background checks on all personnel working at the garden.

Mr. Ford withdrew his motion.

Mr. Harrison, North Shore Regional Director, The Food Project spoke to the Committee about the required changes that were requested during the November 17, 2010 meeting and that most issues had been addressed. He further stated that Officer Ferrari did not recommend increasing the height of the fence or installing locking gates. The installation of additional lighting and cameras will be completed within the next two weeks.

Mr. Harrison noted that The Food Project submitted an Integrated Pest Management plan (IPM) to the School Committee for inclusion in an outdoor IPM plan for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Additionally, B&B Pest Control has been hired to help monitor and control rodents.

The Food Project will continue to conduct criminal background (CORI) and Sex Offender Register Board (SORB) checks on all employees, volunteers and community gardeners. The Food Project has set aside a 25 foot buffer zone between the vegetable beds and the abutter at the

north end of the lot. He suggested that the area be planted with wild flowers and maintained by The Food Project.

Mr. Ford made a motion to grant permission to The Food Project to commence planting until April 30, 2011, pending approval of the lease extension. 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. Coppola asked that a Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011 prior to the regular meeting and requested Officer Ferrari be present at that Sub-Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote confirming last day of 2010-11 school year Friday, June 24, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to confirm the last day of 2010-2011 school year Friday, June 24, 2011.

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. Vote to continue non-participation in School Choice for 2011-12

Ms. Capano made a motion to continue to not participate in School Choice for school year 2011-2012. 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.

3. Request to Home School

1. Bradlee family 1 child (Grade 9)

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Bradlee family request to Home School. 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.

4. Field Trip Study Tour/Planning request:

1. Breed Middle School to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH, three Grade 8 Clusters and one Grade 6 Cluster on June 16, 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Breed Middle School trip to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on June 16 2011. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Council Orders Appropriation Transfers Sisson School Portable Classrooms Storm Damage

1. From: Reserve Fund: \$50,000 To: Account of ISD expense: \$50,000
2. From: ISD Payroll: \$65,000 To: ISD Expense: \$65,000

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the above-listed City Council Orders, Appropriation Transfers, Sisson School Portable Classrooms Storm Damage:

From: Reserve Fund: \$50,000 To: Account of ISD expense: \$50,000
From: ISD Payroll: \$65,000 To: ISD Expense: \$65,000

Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Breed Middle School organizing a 5K run/walk/family fun run May 14, 2011 to encourage healthy lifestyles for our students.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the Breed Middle School 5K run/walk/family fun run on May 14, 2011. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Latham provided information on the following issues:

The Fine Arts Department will hold a Student Art Exhibit at Lynn Arts, Inc.

A conference call will be held on Friday, April 15, 2011 with the Massachusetts School Building Authority regarding the Marshall Middle School project. Superintendent Latham will provide more information at the next Committee meeting.

Early Childhood Fair had approximately 1,400 families this year and was a great success.

GE and MIT has offered to hold a 1 week day program at MIT July 25 - 29, 2011 for 25 girls in Grade 6 (going into Grade 7). This program is funded by General Electric. This program will

emphasize the STEM areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The Leadership in Learning Program will be held again this summer for four weeks at Endicott College for 250 students in Grades 7 and 8.

The Parent Information Center has provided New Admissions data from September 8, 2010 through April 4, 2011. Ms. Maura Sherre, Data Department gave an overview of the New Admission graphs and spreadsheets which showed new admissions. The data showed new students coming from outside the US, other states, cities and towns within Massachusetts. The total number of new admissions is 1,960.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the Superintendents Report for the files. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Spirito applauded the Parent Information Center staff for the information provided to all the parents who attended the Early Childhood Fair.

Ms. Capano made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Thomas Iarrobino
Secretary of the School Committee

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ADOPTED S.C. – April 28, 2011