

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

**Eleventh Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
June 9, 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.

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

**NECROLOGY**

No Necrology listed.

**MINUTES**

No School Committee Minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fallon School – 100 Robinson Street – Reopen school for SY 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to reopen Fallon School. Seconded.

Discussion ensued. Superintendent Latham explained that the Fallon School will provide Special Education programs now located at the Washington School. Washington School will then be used to alleviate overcrowding at Cobbet, Harrington, Ingalls and Connery. Dr. Latham further stated that Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) is planning on withholding \$94,000 until Fallon is reopened. If the Committee authorizes reopening Fallon, MSBA will be notified. Dr. Latham indicated that, after repairs are completed, the Fallon School will reopen for the SY 2011 - 2012.

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

2. Summer Employment Opportunities – Mrs. Coppola

Ms. Coppola made a motion to have the Lynn Public Schools put together summer programs for high school students in the areas of academics, community service, volunteer in school buildings; also, the School Department will provide a \$100 stipend. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with Committee members supporting the basic concept and suggested the need for more time to put together such an undertaking. Dr. Warry indicated that she will look into using Classical this summer. Mayor Kennedy noted that City Hall had offered jobs to high school students but, due to lack of funding, only a small number were hired for summer employment. Mr. Starbard spoke about the tax breaks to businesses who participate and suggested local businesses be informed of tax incentives. Mayor Kennedy suggested that John Kasian, Lynn City Hall and Mary Sarris, Work Force Investment Board speak to the School Committee at the next meeting.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to table. Seconded.

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

3. Field Trip Requests:

- a. Lynn Woods School – to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH – June 8, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Lynn Woods field trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 8, 2011. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- b. Marshall Middle School – to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH – June 16, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Marshall Middle School field trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 16, 2011. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

c. Classical High School – to Water Country, Portsmouth, NH – June 22, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Classical High School field trip to Water Country on June 22, 2011. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Student Discipline Code (Student Dress Code Policy) Student Appearance – for review

Ms. Coppola made a motion to change the Student Dress Code Policy to permit knee-length shorts to be worn during the months of September, October, May and June. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with the request that all high school principals be contacted for their comments.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to table. Seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

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

Motion passed.

5. FY 12 Budget

Mayor Kennedy requested this be moved to the end of the meeting.

Mayor Kennedy requested that Agenda Item VII (C) Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP - Municipal Client Advisory - May, 2011 be discussed under Agenda Item VI. Communications.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Lynn School Administrator's Association – awarding \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from each high school, this year they are including Fecteau-Leary Senior High.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Lynn Teachers Union – awarding \$1,500 scholarships to senior high school students based on the AFL-CIO Labor History Exam given in February 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP - Municipal Client Advisory - May, 2011  
*Enforcement Letters From Attorney General's Office Highlight Need For Specificity Under Open Meeting Law.*

Attorney Mihos explained that the Committee will no longer receive a "Revised" School Committee Agenda. He further stated that when the School Committee meets in Executive Session to discuss non-union central office administrative personnel contracts, the posting of the School Committee Agenda should identify those individuals by name.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

### A. Superintendent's Report and Enrollment Report—June 1, 2011

The Superintendent's proposed Budget 2011-2012. Grant allocation amounts have not been formalized and this budget reflects amounts comparable to those of last year.

The following are issues that were taken into consideration while preparing the budget:

- A modest increase of funding over last year
- Loss of ARRA Funding
- Grant funds have rolled over into this budget
- No layoffs
- Classroom size at 29 students
- Increased enrollment in grades K-2 (Cobbet, Connery, Ingalls and Harrington)
- Enrollment increased by 431 students since September
- Principals requested Reading teachers as their top priority
- Assessment Data position at English and Classical High Schools (Concentration on MCAS and Dropout Rate)
- Program Specialist added to Cobbet Elementary School which has an enrollment of 660 students.
- Cobbet Elementary has six Grade 2 classes
- Hall Monitors were added to each middle school
- Supplies and Textbook lines have been maintained at last year's level.

Mr. McHugh provided each Committee member a copy of the Superintendent's proposed Budget.

Dr. Latham provided a brief overview and stated that this budget is for \$108,579,655.

Mayor Kennedy stated that the proposed budget will be posted on the School Department WEB site.

Superintendent Latham invited LVTI Director Paradis to speak to the Committee regarding the house that was built by LVTI students and located inside the building. Director Paradis stated that this was a project begun by a junior carpentry class and the house will be dismantled and relocated to another area.

Ms. Coppola asked about the need for outside live work for seniors. Director Paradis spoke about the issue of transportation and only jobs located within walking distance are feasible unless students have their own cars. Mr. Starbard asked about using Lynn Public School busses. Director Paradis indicated that the School Department would have to pay for the cost of the bus unless the business is willing to fund the cost.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Thomas Iarrobino  
Secretary of the School Committee

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ADOPTED S.C. – September 8, 2011