

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

**Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
Thursday, September 8, 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 salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**NECROLOGY**

None listed.

**MINUTES**

1. Eleventh Regular Meeting June 9, 2011 (presented for adoption on June 30, 2011 (no vote was taken)
2. Building & Grounds Sub-Committee, August 11, 2011
3. Curriculum Sub-Committee, August 11, 2011
4. Public Hearing on the FY12 Budget, August 11, 2011
5. Fifth Special Meeting of the School Committee, August 11, 2011

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## **PRESENTATION**

1. The NAMM Foundations 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) Award for Lynn

Mr. Joseph Picano, Director of Fine Arts presented the award to Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham. He thanked the Committee for all their support given to the Fine Arts program.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

1. Dennis Thompson, Vice Principal, Classical High School effective 2011 - 2012.
2. Amanda Curtis, Science Department Head, Classical High School effective 2011- 2012.
3. Christine Lyman, SPED Department Head, Classical High School effective 2011-2012.
4. Hana Walsh, ELL Department Head, Classical High School effective 2011-2012.
5. Mark Johnston, Mathematics Department Head, Classical High School effective June 6, 2011.
6. Stacy Phelan, Program Specialist, Wm. P. Connery School effective 2011-2012.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Lynn Community Health Center, Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement for signatures.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Lynn Community Health Center, Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement. 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.

Each Committee member signed the Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. COMCAST requested permission to distribute flyers to schools for households with children who receive free school lunches under the National School Lunch Program.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request by COMCAST to distribute flyers to the children of Lynn. 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.

Superintendent Latham noted that all students will receive a copy of the COMCAST flyer.

2. National School Boards Association (NSBA) and American Association of School Administrators (AASA) to deregulate No Child Left Behind (NCLB) petition drive.

Mr. Starbard spoke in support of the petition and asked the Committee to join in this effort to deregulate the No Child Left Behind law.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to adopt and sign this resolution to deregulate the No Child Left Behind law. 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. Requests to Home School for 2011-12 school year:

- a. Starkey family (one child, Grade 6)

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

4. Policy regarding School Committee Members visits to schools

Mrs. Carrasco spoke about a recent unannounced visit she made to a school and the issues that her visit created.

Ms. Carrasco made a motion to refer this to the Policy Sub-Committee. 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.

5. Policy regarding Social Network for the Lynn Public Schools.

Ms. Capano made a motion to refer this to the Policy Sub-Committee. Seconded.

Discussion ensued. Mayor Kennedy suggested this be discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. A request was made to invite the president of the Lynn Teachers Union to attend.

Ms. Capano amended her motion to refer this issue to the Committee of the Whole.

**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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Mitchell D. Chester, Commissioner - Notice of Preliminary School Accountability Status under No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files and post this on the School Department WEB site. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. MASC/MASS Joint conference in Hyannis on November 9 - 12, 2011.

Superintendent Latham suggested Committee members consider participating in this joint conference

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

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Inspectional Services Department, Clearance Report - Sisson Elementary School modular classrooms

Superintendent Latham noted that renovations made to the modular classrooms have been completed and are ready for the students.

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

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**INFORMATION**

1. Job Postings

- b. Athletic Director, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute
- c. Cross Country Track, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute
- d. Head Cheerleading Coach, Fall/Winter Sports, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute

New Job Postings

Positions that become available will be filled as necessary.

Superintendent's Report

Opening of school and Transportation went smoothly  
127 new teachers  
Elementary class size in low 20s  
Secondary class size will be in the October 1, 2011 Attendance Report  
5 positions not filled due to new hires not reporting for work  
Enrollment: 14,200 students  
Parent Information Center processed 250 new students Tuesday nights  
Football players were given new uniforms and helmets at a cost of \$70,000.

Ms. Capano made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO  
Secretary of the School Committee

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**Adopted: September 29, 2011**