

**Lynn Public Schools
Administrative Offices
90 Commercial Street
Lynn, Massachusetts**

**Policy Sub-Committee of the School Committee
Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 6:30 p.m..**

Members present: Mr. Starbard, Chair
Mr. Ford
Mr. Gallo

Observing: Ms. Capano, Ms. Carrasco, Ms. Coppola, Mayor Kennedy

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

Chairman Starbard presided.

Item 1: Extended Vacations/Unauthorized Absence of Students

Dr. Latham spoke about meeting with parents and Mrs. Carrasco regarding the need to form a Sub-Committee to look into this issue further. This committee would be composed of administrators, parents, students and School Committee members.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to create a Committee to discuss the Extended Vacations/Unauthorized Absence of Students and report back to the Policy Sub-Committee. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Ford made a motion to recommend to the full Committee that a Sub-Committee be formed to discuss the issue of Extended Vacations/Unauthorized Absence of Students. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

Item 2: Dress Code

Ms. Carrasco spoke in support of changing the dates of September and June when shorts are allowed to be worn in school.

Mr. Ford spoke in support of keeping the current policy. He noted that this dress code is needed to maintain discipline in the high schools.

Mr. Gallo suggesting banning shorts above the knee.

Mr. Starbard indicated that none of the surrounding communities ban the wearing of shorts. He spoke in support of changing the current policy.

Mrs. Coppola spoke regarding the need for common sense. She spoke in support of changing the policy to allow pants that go to the knee.

Ms. Capano spoke in support of the current dress code.

Chairman Starbard introduced three students from Lynn Classical High School who spoke in support of changing the current dress code and allow students to wear shorts.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to change the current Dress Code Policy and delete, in its entirety, Section C which prohibits shorts except in the months of September and June and insert B2a "Shorts or pants of any kind rising above the knee." Seconded.

Roll Call

Member Vote

Mr. Ford Yes

Mr. Gallo Yes

Mr. Starbard Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to recommend this to the full Committee. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

Item 3: Nurses on Field Trips

Mr. Gallo made a motion to Table Nurses on Field Trips. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Ford made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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APPROVED S.C. – April 24, 2012