

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

First Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Dr. Warry, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos

Mayor Kennedy presided.

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

NECROLOGY

1. Hilda Brown, Lunch Aide, Cobbet School, on December 1, 2011
2. Pamela Murray, Teacher Aide, Pickering Middle School, on December 18, 2011
3. Marilyn L. McGougan, former Lunch Aide, Ford School, on January 3, 2012

MINUTES

1. Personnel Sub-Committee – November 10, 2011 (Adopted December 8, 2011) for correction
2. Personnel Sub-Committee – November 10, 2011
3. Personnel Sub-Committee – December 8, 2011
4. Policy Sub-Committee - December 8, 2011
5. Nineteenth Regular Meeting – December 8, 2011
6. Sixth special Meeting – December 21, 2011
7. First Special Meeting – January 2, 2012

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. 2011 Columbus Poster/Drawing contest student winners – Joseph Picano, Director of

a. Hood School

- (1) Eileen Salazar – First place – Gr 4
- (2) Adman Jalgl – Second place – Gr. 4
- (3). Byron Garcia – Third place – Gr. 4

b. Lincoln-Thomson School

- (1). Merlyn Garcia – Third place – Gr. 1

Superintendent Latham notified the Committee that this presentation will be rescheduled.

2. John Walsh – Lynn English High School - Coach of the Year – Northeast Conference/South – Boys Track.

Mayor Kennedy congratulated Mr. Walsh on receiving the Coach of the Year Award.

3. Lynn Museum

Director Kate Luchini and Jim Carrigan presented an overview of the following events and programs being offered by the Lynn Museum.

After School Program for Breed Middle School students
Guided Tours with student-centered and interactive learning experiences
Shoe exhibition, Lynn fires of 1889 and 1981, Lynn artifacts (Harry Agganis baseball card, Boyd's potato chips in a can, etc.)
Lynn through a pinhole (photographers Jeff Dykes, Frank Quimby and Dave Parsons)
Painting Land and Sea exhibit
Lynn Teacher Series: Lynn Before Lynn: Before the Puritans
“More Than A Number” an exhibition honoring the heroism of Lynn's survivors of the Cambodian genocide.

4. HighSchoolSports.com – Phil Terrenzoni and Michael Quinn

Mr. Quinn presented information on a proposal to broadcast video of Lynn high school games online. HighSchoolSports.com gives parents, alumni, college coaches and those interested in sports the ability to watch their teams live or on-demand. Part of the advertising revenue will be shared with the area high schools. A dedicated laptop will be provided which will allow schools

to stream live video or download content after the event is completed. Games are saved on the site for up to one week after its completion. This will be presented for a vote at a future School Committee meeting.

The Committee requested this be put on the agenda of the next meeting.

5. Innovation Schools Prospectus

Juli Ierardi, Program Specialist for RTTT, gave an overview of the Innovation Schools program. She noted that the purpose of this initiative is to allow public schools to be innovative without giving up control of schools. Currently Massachusetts has only two Innovation Schools (Revere and Orange). An Innovation School is answerable to the LEA, Authority-Superintendent, up to 5 areas of autonomy, no yearly audit and approval of the Lynn School Committee.

An Innovation School will:

- allows the incorporation of best practices as part of an operational plan
- Thinking out of the box with less restraint
- restructures without actually “restructuring”
- Money is available (RTTT)
- Can be stimulating for frustrated faculty
- Can incorporate site-based management
- RTI and STEM = additional grant funding sources.

Washington Elementary School has been selected as an Innovation School.. The focus will be on the STEM areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

In May, 2012 an Innovation School Plan will be completed and presented to the School Committee for approval.

6. Race to the Top (RTTT) – Wraparound Initiative

Ms. Juli Ierardi, Race to the Top - Program Specialist presented an overview of the Innovation School program to be housed at Washington Elementary School.

One of the many areas to be developed is a Wrap Around Zone (WAZ). This will involve a comprehensive learning support system to include the following:

- Academic
- Behavior/Social
- Emotional/Physical Health
- Family

Educating the whole child, one who is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged is a prerequisite to creating a world-class educational system.

A Comprehensive Learning Support System is:

a resource oriented approach that uses aggregated school and student data, maps and analyze resources to clarify what learning supports a schools needs.

an operational infrastructure at a school district designed to recommend priorities for alignment and redeployment of resources to develop a comprehensive system of learning supports.

This program hopes to increase graduation rates and reduce student dropout rates, re-engage students and reduce the number of schools designated as low performing.

The School Department will be selecting a Convening Committee, obtain commitments from all involved, create working groups, hire a District WAZ Coordinator, collect and analyze data and implementation.

7. Program Specialist – Wraparound Zone Initiative

Superintendent Latham informed the Committee that this will be rescheduled.

8. KnowAtom

Ms. Susan Rowe, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Mr. Francis Vigeant, CEO of KnowAtom gave a brief history with their relationship with the Lynn Public Schools which began as a partnership with GE Volunteer's Foundation. They adopted Lincoln-Thomson Elementary School which has shown a proficiency increase of 33 percentage points. The Gelfand Family Charitable Trust supports this program by offering a curriculum pilot to middle school. GE Volunteers Foundation expanded to Lynn Woods and Brickett Elementary Schools. KnowAtom offers a STEM Curriculum by providing unit-specific kits to the classroom for a hands-on experience. The kits introduces the basics of electricity and static and current electricity and explains how a battery operates. Mr. Vigeant hopes to expand this program to all the elementary schools.

Superintendent Latham thanked the GE Volunteer's Foundation and the Gelfand Family Charitable Trust for all their help in offering this program to the students of Lynn.

9. Redistricting

David Hegan, Director, Parent Information Center and Program/Equity Support provided information on redistricting of the lines for the Washington School. He noted that the program will have Grades K-3 and add a grade each year.

10. 8th Grade Program update

LVTI Director Diane Paradis spoke about the Eighth Grade Recruitment and Evening Open House which was held on the following days: Thursday, January 5, Friday, January 6, Monday

January 9 and Tuesday January 10, 2012, Evening Open House was held on Wednesday, January 11 and 12, 2012. The students/parents viewed displays and talked with LVTI Staff/Students in the Annex Lobby. Tables were set up for all Shops, Academic Departments, Sports, Clubs, and Support Staff. Tours were held during the day in staggered groups and a short video was shown to all students in the library. Students received information flyers/Paw Sticker/T-Shirt and Application form. Buses were provided for transportation from and to their respective middle schools. Ms. Paradis was pleased with the turnout.

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

1. Maureen Horgan, Marblehead, Compliance Officer, effective December 19, 2011
2. Joseph Glowik, Peabody, Assistant Principal at Fecteau-Leary Jr./Sr. High School,
3. Todd Simendinger, Gloucester, Program Specialist for Data and Assessment at Classical
4. Kimberly Skeadas, Swampscott, Academic Support Specialist at Breed Middle School,
5. Deborah Morel, Beverly, Academic Support Specialist at Pickering Middle school, effective January 3, 2012.
6. Election - Nurses (2) positions

Ms. Capano nominated Vonette Rich for the position of School Nurse..

Roll Call

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

Vonette Rich was elected to the position of School Nurse.

Ms. Capano nominated Jennifer Swanson for the position of School Nurse.

Roll Call

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

Jennifer Swanson was elected to the position of School Nurse.

7. James Keefe, Danvers, Program Specialist for Data & Assessment at English High School.

8. Janet Costin, Lynn, Confidential Secretary, Superintendent's Office, eff. January 6, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority)/Lynn City Council - votes necessary

a. Execution of Feasibility Study Agreement

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Execution of Feasibility Study Agreement.
Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

b. Acceptance of Selection Committee for Owners Project Manager

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Acceptance of Selection Committee for Owners Project Manager. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

c. Acceptance of RFS (Request for Services) for Owners Project Manager

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Acceptance of RFS (Request For Services) for Owners Project Manager. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

d. Vote on project submitted under Accelerated Repair Program Project

Ms. Capano made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to approve the project submitted under Accelerated Repair Program Project to repair the Breed Middle School windows. .
Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

Ms. Capano made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to approve the project submitted under Accelerated Repair Program Project to repair the LVTI roof. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

2. Title I Overview

Superintendent Latham indicated that this will be rescheduled.

3. Field Trip Requests

- a. English High School, Sgt. Major Oswald, MCJROTC to Colts Neck High School, Colts Neck, NJ – February 17 & 18, 2012.
- b. English High School, Sgt. Major Oswald, MCJROTC to Reading High School, Reading, PA on March 30 & 31, 2012.
- c. English High School, Sgt. Major Oswald, MCJROTC to 2012 National High School Drill Team Championship, Daytona Beach, FL on May 2 – 9, 2012.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the three above-listed field trips. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. L.V.T.I. Adult Evening Program – Financial report

LVTI Director Paradis presented a review of Tiger PAW After Dark Pilot Program, December 2011. She noted that she sees an increase in enrollment in the future based on feedback from students who could not enroll at this time. An early start-up will allow for some low-cost marketing options. Feedback from students who were enrolled in the program was strongly positive. Attendees suggested additional courses be offered. Director Paradis noted that this program gives the community and alumni a chance to investigate and have positive experiences with Lynn Tech.

5. Superintendent’s Evaluation Process – Mrs. Capano

Ms. Capano made a motion that this issue be sent to the Policy Sub-Committee. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to refer to the Policy Sub-Committee the goals of the Superintendent. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

6. Request to set date for Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding Grants/Contracts.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2012 to discuss grants/contracts. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Request for Home Schooling

- a. Rice family, one child, Grade 7

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Rice family request to home school one child. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. RFS (Request for Services) Project Manager
2. Inspectional Services Department (ISD) – Richard Connick, Supervisor of Maintenance Institute will be covered by ISD
3. National School Boards Association (NSBA) – Annual conference in Boston, April 21 – 23, 2012
4. E. J. Harrington School request approval to accept donation of office supplies and other

The above-listed communications were provided for information only.

Ms. Capano made a motion to send a thank you note to Neighborhood Legal Services for their generous donation. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

FISCAL

1. Transfer of Funds – Mr. McHugh

Ms. Capano made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$255,905 from Special Education Tuition account to various salary accounts and to fund the positions of:

Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction—Science

Assistant Director of Curriculum & Instruction—Instructional Technology

Confidential Secretary

PC LAN Technician

Computer Operator (Data Entry). Note: At the December 8, 2011 meeting this position was inadvertently approved as a “Principal Computer Operator (Data Entry)” instead it should have been approved as a Computer Operator (Data Entry) position.

ESL Teacher (Ford School)

Social Studies Teacher (Classical High School)

Special Education Teacher (Harrington).

and specifically exclude the Deputy Superintendent’s position. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	No
Ms. Coppola	No
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	No
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Capano made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$60,000 from the Special Education Account to salary account for the position of Deputy Superintendent. Seconded.

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	No
Ms. Coppola	No
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	No
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Capano made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$88,704 from the Special Education Tuition Account to various non-salary accounts. Seconded.

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

Motion passed.

INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Report – January 1, 2012

The Enrollment Report was provided for information only.

2. Superintendent's Report

Announced the selection of Sue Rowe to the position of Deputy Superintendent
LEHS received the Stand Up 2011 Award for their Anti-Bullying Program
Breed After School Program, Title I
The Tigers Den cafe was recognized by Boston North Shore Restaurants by Edgar's
Review.
Refer to www.edgarsreview.com

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee.

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