

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

**Second Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
Thursday, January 26, 2012 at 7:10 p.m.**

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

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

Mayor Kennedy presided.

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

**NECROLOGY**

None Listed.

**MINUTES**

None Listed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Classical High School Choral Group to perform

Fine Arts Director Mr. Joseph Picano introduced Lynn Classical High School Choral Director Ms. Lisa Cunningham.

The Choral Group performed “Benedictus” and “Tres Cantos”

The following students participated in the program:

Valeria Caceres Nieves, Moira Dunn, Enna Arely Escobar Galo, Xiomara Escobar Galo, Makayla Faulkner, Denyse Hairston, Petro Khieu, Kostantinos Kourembanas, Lina Le, Tomaryroeuth Long, Pierrelene Louis, Catherine Murray, Martha Perdomo Martinez, Leola Pierrelouis, Stavroula Tzortzis, Richard Valentine, Gabriella Zucchari.

The National Anthem was sung by Catherine Murray

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated the students on their wonderful performance.

## 2. Jonathan Flores, LVTI Student

Dr. Latham introduced LVTI student, Jonathan Flores who won Regional 33N Lions Youth Speech Zone Contest beating out the best high school speakers from surrounding communities. He goes on to compete at the State Level on May 5 in Sturbridge. Jonathan was congratulated by Mayor Kennedy and the Committee.

## 3. Brickett School Grade 5 students (10)

Ms. Donna Whalen, Grade 5 teacher presented ten Grade 5 students who each described their efforts in developing ways to control car emissions. She noted that their project was entered into this year's Disney Challenge. .

Mayor Kennedy and Dr. Latham presented the students with a Certificate of Appreciation and a sign that states the following: "No idling within 100 feet of the school," which will be permanently attached outside the school on Lewis Street.

Brickett School Principal Eileen Cole filmed the students' presentation..

Students participating in this project were:

Tiffany Coogan, Julianna Beratis, Alexander Patten, Julio Cora, Emilio Mendoza, Devin Carter, Oliver Sanabia, Vanneth Pen, Dasan Culbreath, Adamaris Sanchez, Nachary Gomez, Kayla Chau, Morenike Smith, Keyanni Darling Laury Sanchez, Hillary Ramos, Marisol Cornejo, Hannah Fuccione.

## **ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

1. Timothy J. Burt, Lynn, Program Specialist–Elementary School – Cobbet School – effective January 23, 2012

Provided for information only.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. HighSchoolSports.com – contract consideration – John Mihos  
(presented at January 12, 2012 School Committee meeting)

Attorney Mihos indicated that he is waiting for more information. No action was taken. The Committee will reschedule this for any meeting.

2. Program Specialist – Wraparound Zone Initiative

Deputy Superintendent Rowe and Juli Ierardi, Program Specialist for RTTT presented information about the requirement of the grant to fill this position and answered questions of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding funding. Deputy Superintendent Rowe indicated that this position is funded through “Race to the Top” grant money. Ms. Ierardi noted that the federally funded grant

requires this position. She further stated that the \$4.5 million Wraparound Zone Initiative grant would be at risk if this position is not filled.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Wraparound Zone Initiative Program Specialist position. Seconded.

### **Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	No
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	No
Mayor Kennedy	No

Motion passed.

## **REDISTRICTING**

Attorney John Mihos requested this be scheduled for another meeting as he is waiting for more information.

Ms. Capano made a motion to table. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ratification of votes taken in Building & Grounds Sub-Committee – Ford School Garden

As recommended by the Building & Grounds Sub-Committee, Mr. Ford made a motion to approve building an addition to the Ford School Garden as a “Hoop House” with the stipulation that the building adheres to City of Lynn building codes. Seconded.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion passed.

2. Ratification of votes taken in Policy Sub-Committee – High School Physical Education Requirements and Canning Policy.

The issue of canning will be rescheduled.

As recommended by the Policy Sub-Committee, Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the High School Physical Education Policy. Seconded.

**Roll Call**

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

Motion passed.

3. Warrant Procedure

Mrs. Coppola spoke about being able to see the warrants earlier in the month. She suggested that the Committee should review the warrants at a School Committee meeting.

Mayor Kennedy stated that the previous month's invoices are approved and processed by the City Comptroller whose office is responsible for putting together the Warrants. It is necessary that the School Committee sign off on the warrants near the end of each month. Attorney Mihos stated that an opinion was passed by the courts in 1997 stating that a School Committee must approve expenditures of the School Department. Mr. McHugh stated that the majority of the Warrants include appropriation line items and those are the majority of the warrants. Ms. Capano voiced concern over the small businesses having their payment delayed. Mr. Ford indicated that many of the small businesses depend on receiving their checks in a timely fashion.

No action was taken.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Inspectional Services Department – Michael Donovan - completed energy efficiency lighting improvements at Lincoln-Thomson School.
2. Ingalls School Principal expressing sincere appreciation to the Classical High School community for Christmas gift giving for Ingalls students

The above-listed communications were provided for information only.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Superintendent's Report

Sewell-Anderson Elementary School will give a presentation next month

LVTI PAW Evening Program will be offering many different courses.

New WEB site for the Lynn Public Schools will go online next week.

Draft of survey by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents will be available March 12 - April 6, 2012. The results for each school will be available in May, 2012.

Information on the pending legislation on Virtual Schools.

MSBA Feasibility Study Agreement for Marshall Middle School has been received.

Request For Services (RFS) for the Owners Project is pending

Donation of \$1,000 to the Lynn Public School's Jazz Band by Educational Coordinator for the Salem Jazz and Soul Festival.

New England Automotive Report magazine, page 57, an article about the Fallen Hero Project. LVTI students enrolled in Mr. Barry McCaul's Auto Collision and refinishing class are working on a Mustang once owned by MAJ Jeffery R. Calero, 34 who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2007. Upon completion of this project the car will be delivered to his family.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded.  
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO  
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted SC - 2-9-12