

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

**Third Regular Meeting of the School Committee**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:15 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  
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**

1. Muriel M. Murray-Hinton, retired Houseworker, on January 18, 20120
2. Joyce E. Day, retired Chief Lunch Aide, on January 27, 2012
3. Margaret Manning, retired Lipreading teacher, on January 2, 2012

**MINUTES**

1. First Regular Meeting - January 12, 2012

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

2. Committee of the Whole – January 19, 2012

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

3. Second Regular Meeting – January 26, 2012

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

4. Policy Sub-Committee Meeting – January 26, 2012

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

5. Building & Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting – January 26, 2012

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Starbard made a motion to suspend the rules and proceed to Item (B) on the agenda and allow the students of the Sewell-Anderson School to make their presentation first. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

1. Sewell-Anderson Principal

Principal Patricia Mallet presented the first edition of “*The Bobcat News*”. All the articles, pictures, crossword puzzles, etc. have been written, drawn and created by the students of Sewell-Anderson. Among the students involved in developing the school paper were: Uyioghosa Arigbe-Osula who wrote about his trip to Africa with his family; Ava Moreno and Camilo Ferrand presented their report after interviewing Mrs. Hayes, a third grade teacher.

The Mayor and the Superintendent congratulated the students on their wonderful newspaper.

2. AP Scholars – student(s) who have received a 3 or higher on three or more AP exams:

Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham and Lynn Classical Principal Constantino presented the awards to the following:

a. Classical High School

AP Scholar with Honor: Leslie Lim

AP Scholars: Nahomy Alvarez, Kristen Kurpeil, Jarrod Macullar, Jordan Pena  
Kathy Tran, Cristina Freitas, Gabriella Galeazzi, Courtney Gavin  
Martin Nelson, Carlos Ramirez

Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham and Lynn English Principal Strangie presented the awards to the following:

b. English High School

AP Scholars with Honor: Thanh Bui and Jacqueline Ma

. AP Scholar: Selina Sotomayor

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated all the AP Scholars on their achievements.

### 3. Kevin Richardson – Food Service Program - update

Food Service Director, Mr. Kevin Richardson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new offerings of the Food Service. (Chartwells and Preferred Meals).

Mr. McHugh indicated that Food Services will be striving to increase nutritional values in the meals and maximize the purchasing of commodities from the federal government to lower costs.

Mr. Richardson provided a makeshift serving line with fresh fruits and vegetables, etc. for the Committee members to sample. He noted that these foods are going to be offered by Chartwells and Preferred Meals in the near future.

Mr. Richardson will be introducing to the school the following:

- Environments Program,
- Increasing Commodity Usage
- Introduce “Choice Lunch” in the elementary school, beginning with the Shoemaker School gradually include other schools
- Introduce an online payment service for families.

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham thanked Mr. Richardson and the people from Chartwells and Preferred Meals who helped with the presentation.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. City Council Orders, Lynn Youth Council/School Committee

Mr. Gallo asked the Committee to approve the creation of a Lynn Youth Council/School Committee. He noted that they would help advise the Lynn City Council/School Committee on youth issues in Lynn. This is an ideal way to get the young people of the City to learn about their government.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to adopt the Lynn City Council Resolution of January 24, 2012 to establish a Lynn Youth Commission/School Committee. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with Lynn City Councilor Crighton speaking in support of this pilot program. Councilor Crighton answered question from Committee members.

**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.

Mayor Kennedy suggested that the Committee suspend the rules and take up Item F (Ratification of votes taken in the Personnel Sub-Committee) before Item B.

Mr. Starbard made a motion suspend the rules and proceed with discussion on Item (F) on the agenda and vote on the Ratification of votes taken by the Personnel Sub-Committee before voting a vote to extend the Superintendent's contract. Seconded.

Motion passed on a voice vote.

## 2. Ratification of votes taken in Personnel Sub-Committee – Posting Superintendent position

Ms. Coppola, Chair, Personnel Sub-Committee made a motion to post the position of Superintendent of Schools which is set to be vacated on August 1, 2012. Seconded.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Starbard spoke about the legality of posting a position before it is vacated. Attorney Mihos indicated that this is a decision of the Chair. Mrs. Capano suggested that it would be better to wait until the position has been vacated before posting. Ms. Coppola spoke in support of opening the job up for applicants. Ms. Carrasco voiced support of the motion to post the job. She said that she owed it to the parents of the students in the schools. Attorney Gallo did not believe it was appropriate to post this position at this time. He believed it was not right to hold interviews while the Superintendent is in place. He further stated that it is a question of whether or not the Superintendent is doing the job. Mayor Kennedy stated that, if the Committee believes that the Superintendent has done her job as expected, it would be tortuous to put her through months of uncertainty.

### **Roll Call**

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

Motion failed.

## 3. Superintendent's contract.

Superintendent Latham asked for a 3-year renewal of her contract. She thanked all the principals and staff in all the schools for their hard work. She noted the following:

- State of the Schools report will be provided next month
- Commissioner's Districts Ranked Lynn No. 1 in English Language Arts (ELA) from among the following schools Lynn, Lawrence, Lowell, Brockton, Boston, New Bedford, Fall River, Springfield and Worcester
- Reduced Drop-Out Rate (lowest in the last 8 years)
- Reduced the Achievement Gap in 3 Sub-Groups: Hispanic, SPED and Low Income. (Hispanic ELA and Mathematics— is above the state average)  
(Special Education Sub-Group—Lynn is in the highest for this SPED Sub-Group.in ELA and Mathematics)  
(Low Income Sub-Group—Lynn has reduced the Achievement Gap in ELA and Mathematics)
- We have the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest population of student whose first language is not English and 3<sup>rd</sup> highest population of those students who receive free and reduced lunch.

Ms. Capano made a motion to renew the Superintendent's contract for a 3-year period. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Gallo asking for information about the Superintendent's goals. The Superintendent stated the following goals:

- Emphasize and support standard-based instruction for all grades and content areas
- Emphasize and support data-driven decision making
- Establish excellence in our Data Department
- Enhance education through technology
- Reduce the Drop-out Rate
- Explore alternative programs
- Improve Vocational and Technical Education
- To assist, support and improve our lower-performing schools
- To maintain safe and drug-free schools
- To explore innovative programs to support and improve student achievement

Mr. Starbard voicing concern over using the evaluation instrument. It was noted that the evaluation tool this will be used in the one recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Ms. Capano made the following Amendment: "To extend the time line of the contract for 3 years and agree to negotiate the specific details of the contract in Executive Session at a later date."

**Roll Call on Amendment**

<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.

**Roll Call on main motion to extend for 3 years**

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Kennedy called a 5-minute recess.

4. Cancel School Committee meeting February 23, 2012 – school vacation week

Mr. Starbard made a motion to cancel the February 23, 2012 meeting. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Open Washington School and Redistricting.

Superintendent Latham spoke about the changes in the Innovation School plan by starting in Grade K - 3. She noted that the Know Atom program is too expensive to sustain. With the savings from doing this, the new Science Coordinator will offer STEM subjects throughout the city. General Electric has offered to send volunteers to the schools to focus on one topic.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Redistricting Plan and open the Washington School. 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.

#### 6. Massachusetts School Building Authority – update

No action was taken (for information only).

#### 7. Field Trip Request

- a. Classical High School Tennis Team to attend the US Open Tennis Tournament in New York City on August 28 & 29, 2012.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Classical High School Tennis Team field trip to New York City on August 28 & 29, 2012. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### 8. Request for Executive Session - contracts

No Executive Session was held. The Mayor requested this be put on the March 8, 2012 Agenda and that specific issues be listed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc. regarding Day on the Hill, March 27, 2012.

Superintendent Latham presented an overview of the recent participation in the Day on the Hill event.

### **INFORMATION**

1. Enrollment Report – February 1, 2012

Provided for information only.

2. Superintendent's Report

- Massachusetts was granted a waiver on the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) from the Federal Government

- State Auditor's Office regarding Unfunded Mandate to provide transportation and education of some homeless children after they are placed in a different municipality for temporary housing.
- New WEB site online
- Emergency Evacuation at Marshall Middle School due to a gas leak. Students were bused to Lynn English High School and the cafeteria works feed all 900 students. The Secretaries provided class lists and parents were arriving to pick up their children. She applauded everyone for their great job.
- Secretary of Education visit Lynn Public Schools "Gateway Community".
- State of Schools address will be provided at the next meeting.

Ms. Capano made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Seconded.  
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO  
Secretary of the School Committee

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ADOPTED S.C. - March 8, 2012