

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

**Sixth Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
Thursday, March 29, 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  
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. Robert Badger, Jr. – Custodian on March 3, 2012

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Governor Patrick's Project 351 Student Ambassador

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated the students for all their service to the community.

- a. Ashley Blake – Pickering Middle School (absent from March 8, 2012 presentation)
- b. Shawna Upton – Classical High School received The Prudential Spirit of Community Award on behalf of President Barack Obama for her volunteer service to her community

Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham and the Director of Fine Arts Mr. Picano congratulated the students for their achievements.

2. Congressional District High School Art Award – Best of School Winners:

- a. Christa Martin – Classical High School
- b. Akeem Bicar – English High School

3. Endicott College Art Exhibit Award Winners

- a. Erastus Thuo – “Best in Drawing” Award - Classical High School
- b. Jamie Lee Mah – English High School

4. Lean Finely Textured Beef

Mr. Kevin Richardson, Chartwells, the food service provider presented an overview of recent information from the USDA Commodity Program which runs the National School Lunch Program. The USDA and the FDA have stated that Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) is safe to use. Any school district may opt out of using LFTB for the next school year. This will result in a 5% cost increase per case of beef.

Ms. Capano spoke in support of purchasing beef which does not contain Lean Finely Textured Beef.

Ms. Coppola asked that, after all the current cases of LFTB are used, the District purchase another product commercially.

Ms. Capano made a motion to eliminate the purchase of beef containing Lean Finely Textured Beef beginning in September 2012. 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.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to use stock on hand and do not purchase any more beef containing Lean Finely Textured Beef. 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.

## 5. Dental Programs – Middle Schools

### a. Forsyth Dental Institute—School-Based Oral Health Programs

Dr. Philip Stashenko, DMD, Ph.D., President and CEO of Forsyth Institute and Dr. Jennifer Soncini, Director of the ForsythKids Program. Dr. Stashenko presented a PowerPoint on the School-Based Oral Health Programs currently being offered to the elementary students in Lynn for the nine years. He noted that all children receive a dental exam by a licensed dentist, oral health education, cleaning, dental sealants, fluoride varnish and when necessary, temporary fillings by a dentist.

Dr. Stashenko requested the Committee allow Forsyth to continue the Pre-K - 5 elementary program, add a middle school program which will offer the same services and continuity facilitated by e-dental records of children in Pre-K - 5, and pilot a new high school program—Forsyth Teens in Classical High School.

Mayor Kennedy left at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

### b. Polished Dental Program

Ms. Ellen Downing Gould, RDH. MPA is the Co-founder of Polished and The Polished Family. The goal of Polished is to fight to end dental disease. Ms. Downing stated that Polished is (1) Fiscally responsible; (2) Self sustainable; (3) Local; (4) Member of local health advisory council; (5) Based on a successful sustainable business model; (6) Based on Best Practice of the American State and Territorial Dental Directors; (7) Based on current best evidence; (8) Based on Pew Charitable Foundation recommendations (9) 501C3 for uninsured.

She further stated that Polished does not bill insurance for any services that will impact the patient's relationship with the dentist; does not rely on State funding or grants; operates The Polished Family, a 501C3, through which we obtain small grants to cover the cost of the uninsured participants.

Ms. Gould emphasized the benefits of preventive care. She presented Best Practice Benchmarks, Enrollment Data Trend for FY 2010 through FY 2012, Program Budget Comparisons for FY 2012 between Polished and Forsyth.

The Polished proposal:

Provide preventive dental services to all schools in Lynn and at no cost to families, taxpayers, the City of Lynn or the State of Massachusetts. All care to be provided by licensed dentists and licensed dental hygienists. All services are provided regardless of insurance or insurance eligibility.

Ms. Gould asked the Committee to give Polished an opportunity to provide services in Lynn.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 1. Request for Executive Session

- a. Contract negotiations with non-union personnel  
Confidential Secretaries (tabled from SC March 8, 2012)
- b. Discuss Strategies with Respect to Collective Bargaining – Administrators Association,

Mr. Starbard made a motion to hold the Executive Session at the end of the meeting. 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. Contract for signature – Attorney Mihos

- a. The Forsyth Institute contract (Elementary Schools) renewal (tabled from SC March 8, 2012)

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of using one provider in the elementary schools and another provider in the middle and high schools.

Mr. Ford made a motion to renew the Forsyth Institute contract for elementary schools. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with Ms. Capano voicing concern over signing the Forsyth contract and not being able to use another agency.

Attorney Mihos indicated that he will review the contract with Forsyth and return with information at the next meeting. Attorney Mihos suggested that both companies prepare proposals regarding services at the middle schools.

Ms. Capano made a motion to table the Forsyth contract. 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. HighSchoolSports.com – Draft Agreement – Attorney Mihos

Attorney Mihos stated that he will have to review the section of the agreement regarding the Statute of Limitations being limited to one year. He indicated that this may be against public policy.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to Table. 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.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### 1. Field Trip Requests

- a. Joseph Picano, Fine Arts Department to Washington, DC on July 3 - 6, 2012

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the field trip to Washington, DC on July 3 - 6, 2012. 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.

- b. Lynn Woods School to Canobie Lake Park, NH on June 5, 2012

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the field trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 5, 2012. 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.

- c. Brickett School, Grade 5, to Disney World, Orlando, Florida – April 12 - 15, 2012

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the field trip to Disney World, Florida on April 12 - 15, 2012. 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. Home School Request

- a. Parissis family – one child – Grade 9

Superintendent Latham recommended approval of the request to Home School by the Parissis family.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Home School request by the Parissis family. 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. Lynn Teachers Union requests permission to award scholarships to graduating high school Students

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Lynn Teachers Union to continue to award scholarships to graduating high school students. 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.

4. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) - update

Superintendent Latham presented information on Marshall Middle School Selection Committee has reviewed proposals for services for the Project Manager. A selection has been made but the MSBA must approve the selection.

Under the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program, the request for new windows at Breed and a new roof a LVTI were approved at 80% reimbursement.

5. Ratification of votes taken in Building & Grounds Sub-Committee – Fisher College License Agreement

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Fisher College License Agreement. 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. The Fisher College License Agreement was signed by Committee members.

6. Ratification of votes taken in Athletic Sub-Committee – Coaches Stipend Changes.

No motions were made.

7. Ratification of votes taken in Policy Sub-Committee – Extended Vacations/Unauthorized Absence of Students – Dress Code – Nurses on Field Trips

Mr. Starbard made a motion have the administration form a Committee to meet with families regarding Extended Vacation/Unauthorized Absence of students and to report back 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. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to Strike Section C of the Dress Code and add B2a “Pants or shorts of any kind rising above the knee.” Seconded.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to suspend the rules and allow the principals of the high schools to speak regarding the dress code. 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.

Mr. Strangie, Principal, LEHS spoke to the Committee regarding proposed changes to the Dress Code. He stated that the principals requested a chance to have a meeting between the principals and the students before a vote is taken by the Committee. He further stated that when students come to school wearing shorts they tend to want to relax and play. Ms. Capano suggested a meeting be held with the Youth Council. Mr. Strangie agreed that a dialogue would be helpful.

Mr. Ford made a motion to Table. No one seconded. Motion failed.

Mr. Constantino, Principal, LCHS, agreed with Mr. Strangie that a meeting with students should be held to review the entire dress code. Mr. Constantino concluded by agreeing with proposed change as moved by Mr. Gallo.

LVTI Director Paradis noted that the students at LVTI are being trained to enter the work force. We are always on the alert to ensure that the students dress appropriately. They know what is expected of them. Ms. Paradis also concluded by agreeing with the proposed change as moved by Mr. Gallo.

**Roll Call on Mr. Gallo’s original motion.**

<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.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to refer to the Policy Sub-Committee the task of discussing the composition of the committee to review the Dress Code. 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.

8. Request for Sabbatical Leave of Absence – Laura Luna, Educational Psychologist – full year (2012 - 13) at half pay.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Sabbatical Leave of Absence of Laura Luna for a full year (2012- 2013) at half pay. 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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Department of Health regarding Drewicz School Air Quality

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the Department of Health report regarding the Drewicz School Air Quality. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

1. Student Government Day scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012

Ms. Capano made a motion to cancel the April 26, 2012 meeting of the School Committee and reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent noted that the only topic was the MSBA report on the repairs to Breed Middle School and LVTI which was presented earlier in the meeting.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Thomas P. Iarrobino  
Secretary of the School Committee

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