

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
James Leo McGuinness Administration Building
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Thirteenth Regular Meeting of the School Committee
September 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held at 90 Commercial Street
Lynn, MA 01905

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.

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

NECROLOGY

1. Wayne Johns, retired custodian, September 6, 2013

MINUTES

1. Public Hearing on the FY14 Budget – August 8, 2013
2. Fourth Special Meeting – August 8, 2013

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Lynn Museum Partnership – Mr. Gallo

Mr. Gallo introduced Ms. Abby Battis, Assistant Director and Curator of the Lynn Museum and Historical Society.

Ms. Battis provided an overview of an upcoming exhibit “The Way We Work” exploring the American workforce provided by the Smithsonian Institute. This exhibit will showcase the America’s work history on labor in the United States and Lynn. The exhibit will run for 7 weeks, October 12 - December 1, 2013. Ms. Battis encouraged the Administration allow the students of Lynn to attend this exhibit. Special school tours will be held for the students.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

1. Marilyn Mahoney, Principal, Early Childhood Center – effective July 1, 2013

2. Molly Cohen, Vice Principal, Breed Middle School – effective July 8, 2013
3. Zachary Johnson, Social Studies Department Head, Classical High – effective August 1, 2013
4. Rardy Pena, Bilingual Guidance Counselor, English High – effective August 6, 2013
5. Michelle Flynn, Assistant Director of Curriculum & Instruction-Early Childhood – effective July 1, 2013
6. Richard Held, Acting Assistant Director for Curriculum and Instruction-Science – effective August 19, 2013.
7. Laurie Bogart, Acting Supervisor of Cafeterias – effective July 18, 2013
8. Christina Colella, Program Specialist – Harrington – effective September 9, 2013_

Mayor Kennedy congratulated all the new appointees.

The Mayor called a recess at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Patronizing the Lynn Business Community

Ms. Coppola asked the Administration to consider using Lynn businesses when purchasing food for meetings.

Mrs. Coppola made a motion that anytime we have to purchase breakfast or lunches for events to use Lynn businesses.

Mayor Kennedy asked that this be sent to the Policy Sub-Committee before the full Committee decides this issue.

2. Wait List procedures – Ms. Carrasco

Ms. Carrasco spoke about the Parent Information Center's policy on Wait List procedures. She noted that many parents are still confused and asked for the Administration to help the parents understand the system.

Superintendent Latham invited Parent Information Center Director, Dave Hegan, to provide an overview of how the Wait List is created. Mr. Hegan explained the procedures used. It was suggested that the procedures be provided in different languages.

Mayor Kennedy suggested the Parent Information Center post on line a Wait List Status Report using the Student's Identification number.

3. Field Trip Requests

- a. Lincoln-Thomson School - Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – October 7 – 11, 2013
- b. Sisson School - Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – October 7 – 11, 2013

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

4. Requests for Home Schooling

Deputy Superintendent Rowe recommended the following requests for Home Schooling:

- a. Egbe Family, 1 child – Grade 9

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Egbe family request for Home Schooling. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- b. King Family, 1 child – Grade 8

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the King family request for Home Schooling. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- c. Maldonado & Ramos Family, 3 children – Grades 5, 8, & 10

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Maldonado and Ramos family request for Home Schooling. .

Mr. Gallo made a motion to Table. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

- d. Wendt-Som Family, 1 child – Grade 1

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Wendt-Som family request for Home Schooling. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Ratification of votes taken in the Building & Grounds Sub-Committee – Fecteau-Leary Auditorium

This meeting was cancelled.

6. Ratification of votes taken in the Grants Sub-Committee – Gateway Cities Grants: ELL Grant, Career Academics Planning Grant Program

No votes were taken

COMMUNICATION

1. New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) – after review of Pre-Self-Study Report – Classical High School approved for continued accreditation. A decennial evaluation visit is scheduled in 2016.

INFORMATION

1. Thurgood Marshall Middle School Project – Progress/Monthly Report – July 2013

Dr. Latham noted that a vote will be held on September 17, 2013.

2. Transportation Manual – 2013-2014

Provided for Information only.

3. Superintendent's Report

The position of Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Science has been filled

MCAS results will be out in September

Dr. Latham will hold MCAS tutorials one night in East Lynn and one night in West Lynn

Information regarding School Improvement Plans will be provided during the next Committee Meeting

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). This will replace the MCAS Test

General Electric donation of \$2,500 to the LPS General Electric Volunteers worked to beautify schoolyards and helped at Washington Community School Science Lab.

Four full scholarships to Endicott College donated by President Wylie of Endicott College (for seniors who participated in the LLP Endicott College Program)

Lutheran Church is dealing with a mold problem resulting in us terminating the lease and moving the Pre-K classes to The Kindergarten Center at Commercial Street.

School Committee to be moved to 100 Bennett Street by October 31, 2013

Early Childhood Center opened on schedule at LVTI Annex

Breed Open House to show the Home Access Center

Veterans Parade on Sunday, September 22, 2013 in Lynn

Mayor Kennedy left at 8:08 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO

Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted SC – September 26, 2013