

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

Seventeenth Regular Meeting of the School Committee
November 14, 2013 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
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. Jane T. Inglis – retired Head Librarian at LVTI on September 28, 2013
2. Paul F. Barrett – retired teacher on October 22, 2013
3. Janet McLean – retired teacher on October 24, 2013

PRESENTATION

1. First in Math

Shirley Albert, Assistant Director, Curriculum and Instruction—Mathematics gave an overview of the *First in Math* program.

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham presented awards for the top sticker earners for the *First in Math* Program for September/October 2013.

Top Schools: Lynn Woods Elementary, Drewicz Elementary and Marshall Middle School

Top Teams: Tracy School, Grade 5
Marshall Middle School, Grade 8
Sewell-Anderson Elementary School, Grade 5

Top Students: Marshall Middle School Mariama Keita, Grade 7
Drewicz Elementary School Yeison DeLeon, Grade 4
Ford Elementary School Jonathan Guzman, Grade 4

MINUTES

1. Fifteenth Regular Meeting – October 10, 2013

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the minutes of the Fifteenth Regular Meeting of October 10, 2013. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

1. Stacey Pena, Program Specialist for Special Education - effective November 4, 2013
2. Kaitlyn Wechsler, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at LVTI – effective 11/8/13

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request for Home Schooling, Vlado family–2 children–tabled October 10, 2013

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the request to Home School from the Vlado family. Seconded.

Discussion ensued.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Field Trips:
 - a. English High School to Brown University – from November 8 – 12, 2013

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the English High School field trip to Brown University on November 8 - 12, 2013. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- b. English High School to John Hopkins University on February 6 – 9, 2014

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the English High School field trip to John Hopkins University on February 6 - 9, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- c. Pickering Middle School to Greece on April 18 – 27, 2014

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Pickering Middle School trip to Greece on April 18 - 27, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- d. Pickering Middle School to Washington, DC on April 10 – 13, 2014

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the Pickering Middle School trip to Washington, DC on April 10 - 13, 2014. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Request for Home Schooling

- a. Batista family – 4 children

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the request from the Batista family to Home School their children. Seconded.

Discussion ensued with Attorney Robert Cabrera, Home School Legal Defense Association speaking to the Committee.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

- b. Yaffe family – one child – Grade 1

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the Yaffe family request to Home School. This motion was not seconded. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Capano made a motion to send a letter to the Yaffe family requesting clarification of their answers to questions regarding curriculum. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

- c. Diaz family – one child – Grade 1

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the Diaz family request to Home School. 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.

3. Food Service Contract – Mrs. Coppola

Mrs. Coppola requested copies of the Food Service Contract be provided to all Committee members.

4. Request to accept donation from Patrick J. McGrath, McGrath Construction, for nine or (10) Toshiba laptops for Connery School at one (1) per month for students selected by lottery by the Principal.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the donation from Patrick J. McGrath to give computers to the Connery School. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. Vision Program – Kathy McNulty

Kathy McNulty requested permission be granted to offer a Vision Program by Dr. Thomas Anzaldi, Bay State Eye Service.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request to offer the Vision Program. Also, to change the parental consent form and add the words: “Opt In.” Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

6. Ratification of votes taken in Policy Sub-Committee meeting: Discipline Code, Screening Committee Procedures, Wellness Policy – Food Allergies, Transportation Manual/Revision)

No votes were taken.

7. Nurses Union Local 3147A – request for one-day leave with pay (Friday, November 8, 2013) for Valerie Lozzi, to attend the 21st Biennial Convention of Council 93 in Danvers.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Nurses Union Local 3147A to attend the convention. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Reports
 - a. October 1, 2013
 - b. November 1, 2013

2. Update on District Focus Area #1: Assist Lower Performing Schools

Deputy Superintendent Rowe provided an update of the District Focus Areas #1

Assist Lower Performing Schools
Objectives and Strategies

3. MSBA – Project Scope and Budget Agreement

Provided for information only.

4. Superintendents Report/Goals Update

Marshall Middle School Building Committee Update

Endicott Scholarship Update

Joseph Picano, Fine Arts Director—Art Teachers at Peabody Essex Museum,
Handle Hyden Society, Master Class Workshop

Imagine Learning on line learning at the Ford and Ingalls Elementary Schools

Field Trip to Lynn Museum “The Way We Worked” over 1,400 students have view the exhibit

Lynn Museum event on November 19, 2013 at 4 - 6 p.m.

U.S. Attorney and Essex County District Attorney, Lynn Police Department and Officer Ferrari spoke to 7th Grade students at Pickering on “Your Future Your Decision.”

High School English Teachers will be attending the National Council of English Teachers convention

Two teachers have been National Board Certified. Information meetings for teachers will be held at Breed and Pickering Middle Schools

Congratulations to the SGTMAJ Oswald and the LEHS MJROTC cadets for their work in the schools during Veteran's Day celebrations

Goals Update

- Visited four schools (Harrington, Sewell-Anderson, Washington and Cobbet) in October
- After School Science/Robotics Programs supported by a grant from Eastern Bank
- Visit to LVTI Life Skills area
- Meetings held to explain MCAS scores held at all schools
- Drop Out Data Collection in progress
- Guidance curriculum in progress

Ms. Capano made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: December 12, 2013