# LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Administrative Offices 90 Commercial Street Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

# Second Regular Meeting of the School Committee Thursday, January 31, 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

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 moment of silence and a salute tot he flag.

### **NECROLOGY**

- 1. Angela M. Pegoraro, retired cook on January 9, 2013
- 2. Richard B. Viger, Founder, Lynn's Christmas Eve Parade, January 24, 2013
- 3. John M. Alicudo, LCHS Monitor, January 31, 2013

#### **MINUTES**

1. First Regular Meeting – January 10, 2013

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 1. Certificates of Academic Excellence
  - a. Classical High School Neyat Fiseha & Phillip Chea
  - b. English High School Jake Meagher & Kelsey Littlefield
  - c. Lynn Vocational Technical Institute Christine Kou & Tayla Grimes

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham, LCHS Principal Constantino, LEHS Principal Strangie and LVTI Assistant Director Buontempo congratulated the students on their academic award.

2. Donation of two microscopes from Aaron Rothbard a Marblehead High School senior valued at \$500 each.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to Table. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. McKenzie Shultz, English High School senior and Captain of the English High School swimming and diving team – the team organized a Christmas fundraiser for the families affected by the Sandy Hook

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated LEHS student McKenzie Shultz on her fund raising efforts. The Committee requested a letter of thanks be sent to McKenzie Shultz and the LEHS Swim Team.

## APPOINTMENT/ELECTIONS

- 1. Suzanne Waldron, Salem, Appointment School Psychologist effective January 28, 2013.
- 2. Rachael Bradley, RN, MSN, Lynn, Election School Nurse effective February 4, 2013.
- 3. <u>Kim Keighley</u>, Lynn, Appointment Acting Assistant Athletic Director effective January 14, 2013.

Mayor Kennedy called a recess at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee resumed the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Request for Executive Session
  - a. School Security update (tabled on 1/10/13)

Ms. Capano made a motion to put this on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

b. Grievance procedures (tabled on 1/10/13)

Ms. Capano made a motion to have a grievance report provided to the School Committee when a grievance reaches the Superintendent's level or arbitration level. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Electronic Distribution of School Committee materials – Mr. Starbard (tabled on 1/10/13)

Mr. Starbard made a motion to Table. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Request for Home Schooling
  - a. Vlado family 2 children Grades 1 & 6 (tabled on 1/10/13)

Mr. Gallo made a motion to Table. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Race to the Top (RTTT) in Massachusetts: Guidance for responses to the Years 2 - 4, Request for

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the Race to the Top request for proposals and allow training. 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.

2. AFSCME Local 3147A – School Nurses request to enter into negotiations to modify the Agreement currently in effect.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept for the files. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Field Trip Request:
- a. Ford School to New York City on June 2, 3, and 4, 2013 for Grades 4 & 5

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Ford School field trip to New York City on June 2, 3 and 4, 2013. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

#### 4. School Councils.

Ms. Carrasco requested clarification of the status of school councils.

Dr. Warry stated that school councils have evolved since its inception over two decades ago. The councils still exist in schools, as well as, PTOs and School Improvement Planning Teams which are involved in the budget process. It was requested that an effort be made to involve more parents in the School Councils.

5. Early Release Days – teacher evaluation training

Mr. Starbard made a motion to allow early release days (February and March) for the purpose of training educators on the new evaluation system. 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.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Letters of thanks
  - a. North Reading Transportation (NRT) Bus, Inc, from President & Owner, for honoring two NRT
  - b. Kathleen Kraemer (NRT) bus driver for recognition at S.C. 1/10/13

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the above-listed letters of thanks. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

## 1. Superintendents Report

Dr. Latham provided an overview of a draft of the Lynn Public Schools' District Improvement Plan, January 2013 — June 2017.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:15 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. - February 14, 2013