

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

**Third Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, February 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
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. Miriam Suriel, Paraprofessional on December 16, 2012

MINUTES

1. Second Regular Meeting - January 31, 2013

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Donation of two microscopes from Aaron Rothbard a Marblehead High School senior valued at \$500 each (tabled 1-31-13)

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham thanked Aaron Rothbard for his donation and asked that a thank you letter be sent on behalf of the School Committee.

2. Project 351 Ambassador's

These students were being honored for their community service as part of the Governor's Project 351. Project 351 celebrates the power of young people as a force for positive change in their communities and our Commonwealth. Through service, leadership development, enrichment, and friendship with a statewide community of peers, Ambassadors build skills and confidence, explore issues, embrace leadership, and motivate a lifetime of service. The mission of Project 351 is to unite diverse 8th grade service exemplars from every city and town in the Commonwealth for an inspirational ear of community service, leadership development, and enrichment.

- a. Cheyenne Porcher - Breed Middle School
- b. Axel Barrios - Marshall Middle School
- c. Aaliyah Cleghorn - Pickering Middle School

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated the students for their achievement and presented each with a Certificate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request for Executive Session

- a. School Security update (tabled on 1/10/13 & 1/31/13)

Mayor Kennedy requested this be held at the end of the meeting.

2. Electronic Distribution of School Committee materials

Mr. Starbard (tabled on 1/10/13)

Mr. Starbard asked the Committee to volunteer to receive materials electronically for a period of six months as a pilot program.

Discussion ensued with several members speaking in support of Mr. Starbard s request.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to implement a six-month pilot program to receive School Committee materials electronically. 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.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to include the distribution of the School Committee Agenda electronically for six months. 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.

Ms. Capano made a motion to include the distribution of Warrants in the six-month pilot program. 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. Translators/Interpreters - Ms. Carrasco

Ms. Carrasco requested an update on the efforts by the Administration to improve the availability of translators/interpreters in the schools.

Dr. Latham indicated that the School Department purchased new equipment that will be available for use at the Parent Information Center and at various schools as needed. This equipment has the capability of broadcasting in three different languages and comes with 30 headsets.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Trip Request

- a. English High School - Cape Elizabeth HS, Cape Elizabeth, ME on May 14, 2013

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the LEHS Field Trip to Cape Elizabeth, Maine on May 14, 2013. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- b. Classical High School Costa Rica, on April 11 through April 19,

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the LCHS field trip to Costa Rica on April 11 - 19, 2013. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Non-resident students - Attorney Mihos

Attorney Mihos indicated that the District can accept non-resident tuition students. The School Committee may authorize accepting students without paying tuition.

Mayor Kennedy indicated that an AdHoc Committee will be established to look into the feasibility of allowing the District to accept outside students.

3. District Governance Support Project: meeting dates

Mr. Gallo made a motion to hold 5-sessions beginning in March on 5 Thursdays when there is no School Committee meeting scheduled except Holy Thursday. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. 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.

4. Ratification of Educator Evaluation System

Ms. Coppola made a motion to ratify the Educator 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.

INFORMATION

1. Enrollment Data - 2/1/13

Provided for information only.

2. Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Latham thanked the DPW and ISD for their recent snow removal
- The Ford School is in need of new flooring
- LVTI Job Fair
- Walk to School Safely, Safe Foods to School
- An ELL grant for \$300,000 at the middle school
- DOE Commissioner cited Lynn for improving the 4-year graduation rate and the drop-out rate.
- Connery/Harrington Level 4 School Review
- Repair Projects at LVTI (Roof) and Breed (Windows)
- Annual Day on the Hill sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees .

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 9:00 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 28, 2013