

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

Fourth Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, February 28, 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

None listed.

MINUTES

1. Third Regular Meeting – February 14, 2013

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Bill Terlecky, General Manager, North Shore Navigators (Ms. Coppola)

Mayor Kennedy introduced Mr. Bill Terlecky who provided an overview of the efforts being made to complete the resurfacing of the turf at Frasier Field. He asked for the Committee's help in distributing free tickets to students to attend the game scheduled for June 7. Superintendent Latham suggested this could be a field trip for the class. Also, Mr. Terlecky would like to provide each Lynn Public School student a Family Pass to any weekend game. Mr. Terlecky noted that two members of the team were from the Lynn Public Schools, Kyle Devin, LCHS and Ben Bowden, LEHS. Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham thanked the North Shore Navigators for their generous offer and stated that the School Department would help in the distribution process.

2. Donna Whelan, Teacher, Brickett School - 5th Grade Class - PowerPoint presentation on recycling
Ms. Whelan and the following students presented information on their recent recycling project

“Got Trash?”

Savannah Joyce	Christopher Mejia
Yerdy Grullon	Ijeoma Oghuiké
Edward Perez Ortiz	Thania Maravilla
Hayliana Howes	

The students learned about the benefits of recycling from:

Sharon Kisihda, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator helped the class understand how to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and consequently help the earth.

Melissa Mack, Meteorologist, Channel 4, Boston explained about the different seasons and learned about the importance of keeping the earth healthy.

Dr. Marcos Luna, Professor, Salem State University, Salem talked about the carbon footprint.

Anne Savage, Ph.D., Conservation Director, Disney’s Animal Programs, Walt Disney World came into the classroom via Skype and taught about deforestation effects on wildlife.

Lynn Woods Ranger Dan Small taught the students about the ecosystem during a field trip into the Lynn Woods Reservation.

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham congratulated the students on an excellent presentation.

Mayor Kennedy called a 5-minute recess at 7:25 p.m.

APPOINTMENT/ELECTION

1. Harold German, Lynn, Head Varsity Baseball Coach at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, effective February 14, 2013.

Coach German thanked the Superintendent and School Committee for this opportunity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. District Improvement Plan

Dr. Latham answered questions from Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request to cancel March 14, 2013 meeting—Friendly Knights of St. Patrick.

Mr. Ford made a motion to postpone the March 14, 2013 School Committee meeting to March 21, 2013 at 6:00 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.

2. Ratification of votes taken by the Grants Sub-Committee, Coordinator of Private Partnerships presentation.

No votes were taken.

3. Request to have Tracy Elementary schoolyard on the parking list for the City of Lynn during snow storms (The closest parking lots to the Pine Hill Community are Sisson, Callahan and Lynn Tech.).

Discussion ensued regarding opening all schools to public parking during a snow storm.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to open all school yards and put on the parking list for City of Lynn during snow storms pending approval by Mike Donovan, Director, Inspectional Services Department. 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. Superintendent's Report

- Family-School Communications Survey—WrapAround Zone, Nashville Model
- Sequester concerns
- Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Update—Brookline Street site
- Move of Administration building to the Bennet Street site
School Safety Check
- Connery School—Food Bank serviced 400 families with the help of student volunteers
- Joslin, Lesser and Associates, Inc. Update (2 letters)

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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