

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

**Committee of the Whole of the School Committee  
Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Ms. Capano, Ms. Carrasco, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Ford  
Mr. Gallo, Mayor Kennedy

Mr. Starbard arrived at 6:20 p.m.

**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.

The Mayor opened the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Kennedy noted that a petition to hold a public hearing on the Kindergarten Center has been approved by the City Clerk. She further stated that notification must appear in the newspaper seven days prior to the hearing. The Committee agreed to hold the hearing on June 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tiger's Den.

Mayor Kennedy asked the Superintendent to give an overview of the proposed 2014 Budget and invited Committee members to ask questions

The Superintendent noted that the State Budget has not been finalized. The Mayor has given the School Department a bottom-line figure which may change.

Due to an increase in enrollment, Chapter 70 funds may increase  
Establish the Early Childhood Center  
Keep elementary class sizes at 28  
Reduction in Retirement costs  
Funding of our Safety and Security systems (cameras, etc.)  
Added additional WiFi for the schools and technology equipment for the Bennet Street facility  
Increased funding for transportation and translation services at the Parent Information Center  
(consolidated services from SPED, ELL and PIC)

Added funds to support the GE Volunteer Project at Washington STEM Lab  
Added a Pilot Program for the Gifted and Talented at four elementary schools in September  
National Board for Professional Teacher standards (NBPT) support our teachers in their efforts to become NBPT Board certified.  
Seven Teacher TBDs, 3 Para TBDs, 2 1-1 Nurse TBDs  
Expanded funding for Early Childhood program at LVTI  
Connery and Harrington School Redesign Grants were funded at \$400,000 each  
Possible Title One cuts by as much as 10% and these cuts have been built into budget  
Circuit Breaker Funding has not been finalized (funding for SPED outside placement)  
Outside SPED Placement costs and transportation are approximately \$12 million  
ELL support and Newcomer Program costs are difficult to determine  
Homeless Transportation costs are an unfunded mandate  
9C cuts may be returned to the City

Committee members asked questions of the administration.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to suspend the rules and allow Marilyn Mahoney, Early Childhood program to speak before the Committee regarding an Early Childhood Specialist position. Seconded.  
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Mahoney spoke about grants and funding of positions in the Early Childhood Program.

Ms. Carrasco spoke about the need to increase the school supplies for students.

Mr. Gallo asked the Superintendent to review the budget procedures used in making the budget. Superintendent Latham stated that all the principals present their needs, class sizes and projections for the upcoming school year are reviewed, classrooms needs are reviewed. At the secondary level the overall total enrollments are reviewed. The Mayor provides the School Department with a bottom line which must be adhered to.

Mr. Gallo praised the administration for supporting the arts program and working toward establishing a gifted and talented program in both STEM and non-STEM areas.

Mr. Gallo spoke in opposition to the School Department paying \$6,000 dues for membership in the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

Mr. Ford recommended a third Assistant Principal at Classical High School due to increased enrollment.

Mr. Starbard spoke about the increases in class sizes at Lynn Woods. The Superintendent noted that class sizes are constantly monitored and, if space is available, classes could be split if too large. Mr. Starbard spoke in support of adding back a guidance counselor at LVTI due to an increase in enrollment.

Ms. Capano asked how the Parent Information Center handles the placement of elementary students when the class sizes increase. The Superintendent stated that the students are placed in their District school.

Ms. Capano asked about students in the Newcomer Program not being able to attend LEEP. Superintendent Latham stated that these students have little or no formal schooling. Some of the older students need to work and wanted to go to LEEP. An attorney for one of the students complained and the School Department was forced to cancel the program. This has resulted in 14 of the students in the

Newcomer Program dropping out. The Mayor noted that a meeting was held with Congressman Tierney regarding the need for relief at the federal level to possibly allowing expansion of the LEEP Program to be compliant with the requirement of Equal Education Opportunity

Mr. Ford requested this issue be discussed further. Mayor Kennedy suggested this be put on the agenda for an Executive Session at the next School Committee meeting.

Ms. Capano made a motion to recommend the proposed budget for the purpose of a public hearing in accordance with the City Charter. Seconded.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to amend the budget to strike the MASC membership dues. Seconded.

**Roll Call on the amendment**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	No
Ms. Carrasco	No
Ms. Coppola	No
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	No
Mayor Kennedy	No

Motion failed.

**Roll Call on the original motion**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO  
Secretary of the School Committee