

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

**First Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

Members present: Ms. Capano, Ms. Carrasco, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Ford
Mr. Gallo, Mr. Starbard

Member absent: 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

Vice Chair Capano presided.

Ms. Capano opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

NECROLOGY

1. Thomas W. McGee, Former Massachusetts House Speaker, on December 21, 2012

MINUTES

1. Policy Sub-Committee Meeting, December 13, 2012
2. Curriculum Sub-Committee Meeting, December 13, 2012
3. Nineteenth Regular Meeting, December 13, 2012

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Lauren Mezzetti, English High School, named the New England Patriots Science Teacher of the Year.

Vice Chair Capano and Superintendent Latham congratulated Ms. Mezzetti for her award.

2. Sgt Maj Kenneth Oswald, MCJROTC program at English High School—commendation

Vice Chair Capano and Superintendent Latham congratulated Sgt Maj Oswald for the commendation he received from the Command Inspector General, United States Marine Corps, Junior ROTC, Quantico, Virginia.

3. Kathleen Kraemer, Bus Driver, and Leidys Torres, Bus Monitor—commendation for their response to medical emergency.

Vice Chair Capano and Superintendent Latham congratulated Ms. Kraemer and Ms. Torres for their award from the Lynn Public Schools, Transportation Department. Dr. Latham praised them for their quick response which avoided a potentially tragic situation on a school bus.

4. Shawn M. Tarasuik, Chairman of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Mr. Starbard introduced Mr. Tarasuik who invited the School Committee to attend the next PAC meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Council ordered that her Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute the Project Funding Agreement (PFA) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for accelerated repairs to the Breed Middle School and the Lynn Vocational & Technical Institute. The PFA must be delivered to the State on or before January 19, 2013.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Project Funding Agreement (PFA) with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for accelerated repairs to the Breed Middle School and the Lynn Vocational & Technical Institute. 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	Absent

Motion passed.

2. Inspectional Services Department (ISD) update on handicapped parking spaces at the elementary schools (per vote of the School Committee on September 27, 2013).

Mr. Gallo made a motion to support Mr. Donovan's efforts to provide on site or curbside handicapped parking spaces. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Trip Requests, Lynn English High School MCJROTC
 - a. 2013 All Service Drill Competition, Colts Neck, NJ, February 15-16, 2013
 - b. 2013 All Service Drill Competition, Reading, PA, March 22-23, 2013
 - c. 2013 National High School Drill Team Championships, Daytona Beach, FL, May 1-8, 2013

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the above-listed LEHS MCJROTC field trip requests to Colts Neck, NJ on February 15-16, Reading, PA on March 22-23 and Daytona Beach, FL on May 1-8, 2013. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) requested permission to conduct their Annual Poster/Writing Contest for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Also a Video Contest for high school students only, grades 9-12.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority request to conduct a Poster/Writing Contest for K-8 and a Video contest for high school students. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Thurgood Marshall Middle School Principal requested permission to accept a donation from the Wahl Corporation in the amount of \$2,000 to sponsor student lanyard for their IDs as well as the Student of the Month recognition program.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the donation from the Wahl Corporation. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The Committee requested a letter of thanks be sent to the Wahl Corporation.

4. Request for Home Schooling:
 - a. Vlado family, 2 children in Grade 1 & 6

Mr. Gallo made a motion to Table. 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	Absent

Motion passed.

5. School Security

This will be discussed at a later date.

6. School Building Space

Superintendent Latham provided the Committee with a report showing the increases in the student population by grade.

7. Electronic Distribution of School Committee materials

Mr. Starbard made a motion to Table. 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	Absent

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS**1. Inspectional Services Department (ISD) communication to City Council member regarding school**

INFORMATION

1. Student Enrollment, January 1, 2013
2. Northshore Education Consortium FY12 Report
3. Superintendents Report

Dr. Latham requested the following be entered into the record: Massachusetts School Building Authority letter dated January 4, 2013 to Mayor Kennedy:

Dear Mayor Flanagan Kennedy:

I write to follow-up regarding the status of several school closure issues in the City of Lynn (the "City") that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") has been working with the City to resolve.

In connection with the Initial Compliance Certification ("ICC") for the Thurgood Marshall Middle School that the City submitted to the MSBA in 2010, the City notified the MSBA that it had closed the following school facilities: the Fallon Elementary School, located at 100 Robinson Street; the Ford Annex School, located at 100 Bennett Street; and the Welcoming School, located at 176 Franklin Street. Subsequently, the MSBA worked with the City to understand the City's decision to close these facilities. The MSBA ultimately put the final payment of \$94,215 for the Fallon Elementary School project on hold pending the implementation of the City's reuse plan for that facility, which was to be reopened in September 2012. The MSBA also asked the City to delay its proposed plan to use the Ford Annex School as administrative space because the MSBA planned to assess the Ford Annex School as a potential solution during the Thurgood Marshall feasibility study. Finally, the MSBA asked for some additional information about the sale of the Welcoming School, and the City provided that information to resolve that school closure issue.

To follow-up regarding the reuse of the Fallon Elementary School and in an effort to finally resolve this school closure issue, the MSBA contacted the Superintendent's office in December 2012 to confirm that the Fallon Elementary School was in fact reopened in September 2012 in accordance with the City's reuse plan. The Superintendent's office confirmed that the Fallon Elementary School was reopened in September 2012 and is currently serving a student population of approximately 47 behavior challenged students. Based on this information, the MSBA will make the final grant payment of \$94,215 for the Fallon Elementary School program in January 2013.

With respect to the Ford Annex School facility, the MSBA has determined that this facilities will not be considered as a potential solution to the issues identified at the Thurgood Marshall School. Accordingly, the MSBA is no longer asking the City to hold off on implementing its reuse plans for this facility.

The MSBA thanks the City for working with the MSBA to resolve these issues. It is imperative that cities, towns, and regional school districts ("Districts") across the Commonwealth work with the MSBA and keep the MSBA informed regarding school closure and reuse issues. The MSBA encourages Districts not to take any steps that could foreclose potential options that might address deficiencies in other school facilities in the District.

Thank you again for your assistance in resolving these school closure issues. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. The MSBA looks forward to continuing to work with the City on the Thurgood Marshall School feasibility study.

Regards,

/Signed/

Christine E. Nolan
Associate General Counsel

cc: Legislative Delegation (via email)
Dr. Catherine C. Latham, Superintendent, Lynn Public Schools (via email)
Janet Costin, Lynn Public Schools (via e-mail)
Richard J. Fortucci, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, City of Lynn (via email)

- Feasibility Study continues at Marshall Middle School
- Marshall Middle School, Monthly Project Update Report
- MSBA Statement of Interest WEBSITE Priority School
- U. S. Department of Justice, Federal Office of Civil Rights requires CORE teachers take a course to assist English Language Learners in their classes.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:05 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. - January 31, 2013