

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Administrative Offices
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts

Public Hearing on the FY 15 Budget
Lynn School Committee
Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6:04 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, Superintendent
Ms. Rowe, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Mayor Kennedy presided.

The FY 15 Budget Hearing began with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Mayor Kennedy requested those wishing to speak in support of the FY 15 Budget to come forward. This request was repeated three times. No one spoke in support of the budget.

The Mayor declared the FY 15 Budget Hearing for those in favor of the budget closed.

Mayor Kennedy asked those wishing to speak in opposition to the FY 15 Budget to come forward.

The following speakers came before the Committee to speak in opposition to the proposed FY 15 Budget.

1. Scott Nowka, 7 B Lynn Shore Drive, Lynn
2. Stanley Wotring, 148 Maple Street, Lynn
3. Paul Coombs, 9 Parker Avenue, Lynn
4. Joel Rojas, 562 Chestnut St., Lynn

Mayor Kennedy asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak in opposition to the FY 15 Budget to come forward. She repeated this three times. No one else spoke in opposition to the budget.

The Mayor declared the FY 15 Budget Hearing for those in opposition to the budget closed.

The Mayor declared the FY 15 Public Hearing on the FY 15 Budget closed at 6:12 p.m.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: September 11, 2014

LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
James Leo McGuinness Administration Building
100 Bennett Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Fifth Special Meeting of the School Committee
August 28, 2014 at 7:10 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Dr. Latham, 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. Mary M. Noon – former lunch aide on June 22, 2014
2. Florence J. Tomczykowski – retired clerk on July 4, 2014
3. Paulette Langone – retired teacher on July 7, 2014
4. Maureen E. Kelter Devaney – teacher on August 13, 2014

MINUTES

1. Policy Sub-Committee on June 26, 2014
2. Curriculum Sub-Committee on June 26, 2014
3. Twelfth Regular Meeting on June 26, 2014
4. Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 10, 2014
5. Fourth Special Meeting on July 10, 2014

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

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. Joan Martineau – Director of Language Support – effective June 24, 2014

2. Antonietta DiMeo-Zavras – Social Studies Department Head at English High School – effective June 24, 2014
3. Claire Pappas – Special Education Department Head at English High School – effective June 24, 2014
4. Patricia Hebert – Principal at Drewicz Elementary School – effective July 2, 2014
5. Christopher Warren – Vice Principal at Classical High School – effective August 1, 2014
6. Debra Ruggiero – Interim Principal at Ford Elementary School – effective August 12, 2014
7. Christina Colella – Interim Principal at Harrington Elementary School – effective August 18, 2014
8. James Ridley – Interim Principal at Marshall Middle School – effective August 25, 2014
9. Lynn Catarius – Assistant Director of Curriculum/Data Assessment/Curriculum Integration – effective September 2, 2014
10. Timothy Phelps – Acting Assistant Athletic Director at Classical High School – effective September 4, 2014
11. Heidi Fernandes, RN, BSN – School Nurse election
12. Samantha Iapicca, RN, BSN – School Nurse election
13. Anne Marcoux, RN, BSN – School Nurse election
14. Francine Rinfert-Cronin, RN, BSN – School Nurse election
15. Lauren Rodriques, RN, BSN – School Nurse election

Mayor Kennedy asked for a name to be placed in nomination for the position of school nurse and requested a roll call on the nomination.

Ms. Capano nominated Heidi Fernandez for the position of school nurse.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Heidi Fernandez
Ms. Carrasco	Heidi Fernandez
Ms. Coppola	Heidi Fernandez
Mr. Ford	Heidi Fernandez
Mr. Gallo	Heidi Fernandez
Mr. Starbard	Heidi Fernandez
Mayor Kennedy	Heidi Fernandez

Heidi Fernandez was elected to the position of school nurse.

Ms. Capano nominated Samantha Iapicca to the position of school nurse.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Samantha Iapicca
Ms. Carrasco	Samantha Iapicca
Ms. Coppola	Samantha Iapicca
Mr. Ford	Samantha Iapicca
Mr. Gallo	Samantha Iapicca
Mr. Starbard	Samantha Iapicca
Mayor Kennedy	Samantha Iapicca

Samantha Iapicca was elected to the position of school nurse.

Ms. Capano nominated Anne Marcoux for the position of school nurse.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Anne Marcoux
Ms. Carrasco	Anne Marcoux
Ms. Coppola	Anne Marcoux
Mr. Ford	Anne Marcoux
Mr. Gallo	Anne Marcoux
Mr. Starbard	Anne Marcoux
Mayor Kennedy	Anne Marcoux

Anne Marcoux was elected to the position of school nurse.

Ms. Capano nominated Francine Rinfert-Cronin for the position of school nurse.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Ms. Carrasco	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Ms. Coppola	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Mr. Ford	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Mr. Gallo	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Mr. Starbard	Francine Rinfert-Cronin
Mayor Kennedy	Francine Rinfert-Cronin

Francine Rinfert-Cronin was elected to the position of school nurse.

Ms. Capano nominated Lauren Rodriques for the position of school nurse.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Lauren Rodriques
Ms. Carrasco	Lauren Rodriques
Ms. Coppola	Lauren Rodriques
Mr. Ford	Lauren Rodriques
Mr. Gallo	Lauren Rodriques
Mr. Starbard	Lauren Rodriques
Mayor Kennedy	Lauren Rodriques

Lauren Rodriques was elected to the position of school nurse.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requests to Home School for 2014-2015 school year.

- a. Batista family – 5 children – Grades 9, 7, 6, 5, & 2

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request from the Batista family to Home School 5 children..
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.

- b. Bene family – 2 children – Grades 7 & 5

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Bene family to Home School 2 children.
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.

c. Brown family – 1 child – Grade 2

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Brown family to Home School 1 child. 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.

d. Egbe family – 1 child – Grade 10

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Egbe family to Home School 1 child. 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.

e. Gilbert family – 2 children – Grades 7 & 5

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Gilbert family to Home School 2 children. 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.

f. Nunes Costa family – 1 child – Grade 3

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Nunes Costa family to Home School 1 child. 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.

g. Ramos Hayes family – 1 child – Grade 5

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Ramos Hayes family to Home School 1 child. 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.

h. Rice family – 1 child – Grade 10

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Rice family to Home School 1 child. 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.

i. Starkey family – 1 child – Grade 9

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the request of the Starkey family to Home School 1 child. 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. Gordon College

Mr. Gallo spoke in support of severing ties with Gordon College based on the recent letter written by the new President of Gordon College to President Obama to request that they be allowed to discriminate against gays and lesbians in their hiring practices and to not have them on staff.

Mayor Kennedy invited each Committee member to speak about severing ties with Gordon College.

Ms. Capano made a motion to suspend the rules and allow members of the audience to speak on the Gordon College issue. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Members of the audience spoke about the issue.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to sever any and all ties between Gordon College and the Lynn Public Schools on the basis of its expressed intent to discriminate against the LGBTQ community in its hiring practices, but not on the basis of its religious beliefs or behavioral code of conduct. Seconded.

Discussion ensued. Superintendent Latham recommended approval.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	No
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	No
Mayor Kennedy	No

Motion passed.

Mayor Kennedy recessed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:19 p.m.

3. Superintendent's Evaluation: Time Line – Mrs. Capano

Superintendent Latham will present information on the Evaluation Time Line at the next regular School Committee meeting.

4. Principal Postings – Mrs. Coppola

Ms. Coppola made a motion to post the position of principal for the Ford and Marshall schools
Seconded.

Discussion ensued. The Superintendent indicated that each posting is being developed and will be presented to the Personnel Sub-Committee for Committee to review.

Ms. Coppola withdrew her motion.

5. FY 15 Budget

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the Superintendent's proposed FY 15 Budget as presented.
Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	No
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	No
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

1. MSBA Monthly Progress Report June 2014
2. MSBA Monthly Project Update Report July 2014
3. Authorized district personnel to ride school buses
4. Transportation Manuals for 2014-2015

5. Superintendent's Report

Staffing Report for 2014 - 2015

Elementary School Classroom Organizations
Middle School Organization
High School Organization

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION – Administrator

1. Richard Cowdell, Principal of Marshall Middle School, effective 8/28/14

RETIREMENT - Administrator

1. Claire Crane, Principal of Ford Elementary School, effective 9/1/14

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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