

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

**Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting and a
Committee of the Whole Meeting**
Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Ford, Chair
Ms. Carrasco
Ms. Coppola

Observing: Ms. Capano, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Starbard

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

Chairman Ford presided.

Item 1: Request by Lynn Community Television to use space at the LVTI Annex to rebroadcast community programs, City Council and School Committee meetings.

Superintendent Latham introduced Mr. Pedro Diaz, Manager of Programming who requested permission to set up their equipment at LVTI Annex.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to recommend to the full Committee approval of the request by Lynn Community Television to use space at the LVTI Annex. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Coppola made a motion adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: January 14, 2016

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Lynn, Massachusetts 01905

Nineteenth Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, December 10, 2015 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
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator
Attorney Mihos
Mr. Iarrobino, Secretary of the School Committee

Observing: School Committee member elect Jared Nicholson
School Committee member elect Lorraine Gately

Mayor Kennedy presided.

The Mayor opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

NECROLOGY

1. Anthony Pedro – former hall monitor and football coach on November 9, 2015
2. Barbara Cote – retired paraprofessional on November 16, 2015
3. Kathryn Kane – volunteer for reading program on November 16, 2015
4. John Reynolds – retired principal on November 28, 2015
5. Sopia Winn – God Mother of Mayor Kennedy on December 9, 2015

MINUTES

1. Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting on November 12, 2015
2. Policy Sub-Committee Meeting on November 12, 2015
3. Seventeenth Regular Meeting on November 12, 2015
4. Executive Session on November 12, 2015

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

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

1. Tyler Ferguson – School Psychologist effective on November 30, 2015
2. Philip McQueen – English Department Head at Classical effective on December 1, 2015
3. Lauren Mezzetti – Science Department Head at English effective on December 7, 2015
4. Joan Wienczak – Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Coach at Classical

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Request to televise Open MIC (tabled October 8, 2015) – Ms. Carrasco/Mr. Mihos

Attorney Mihos reported to the Committee that he had researched the FCC regulations and found no restrictions in televising the Open MIC.

Ms. Carrasco made a motion to approve televising Open MIC and add a 7-second delay. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Remarks by outgoing School Committee members

Mayor Kennedy thanked Mr. Starbard and Mr. Gallo for their service and wished them well.

Rick Starbard and Charlie Gallo thanked their fellow Committee Members, administration and staff for all their support during their time on the School Committee.

Mayor Kennedy and Superintendent Latham presented the plaques to Mr. Gallo and Mr. Starbard and thanked them for their service to the students of Lynn.

2. Home School request

1. Vazquez family – 1 child – grade 10

Mr. Gallo made a motion to approve the request by the Vasquez family. 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. Vote on MCAS vs. PARCC due by December 18, 2015

Superintendent briefed the Committee on the differences between MCAS and PARCC.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to choose PARCC for the purpose of discussion. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Capano made a motion to suspend the rules and allow the Lynn Teachers Union President Brant Duncan to speak before the Committee. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Duncan spoke to the Committee about the future of testing and the benefits of PARCC and using it as a diagnostic tool.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gallo withdrew his original motion and substituted a motion to opt the Lynn Public Schools into PARCC.. (1): for 1-year only; (2) provided that it is a paper test only in order to: (1) avail the District “The Hold Harmless provision” and (2) provide a break in high-stakes testing to our teachers and our students.

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. Memorandum of Agreement with North Shore Community College for Dual Enrollment and Early College

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with North Shore Community College for Dual Enrollment and Early College and authorize the Superintendent to sign the agreement. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member **Vote**

Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Abstain
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

5. Ratification of votes taken in the Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee: Space request

Mr. Ford made a motion to ratify the vote made in the Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee regarding the request of Lynn Community Television to rebroadcast community programs, City Council and School Committee meetings at the LVTI Annex. 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	Abstain

Motion passed.

6. Request for Executive Session to discuss contract with non-union personnel – School Business Administrator

Mr. Gallo made a motion to suspend the rules and move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting to discuss the contract with non-union personnel. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Enrollment report – December 1, 2015

2. DESE – Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge Champion – Early Childhood Center and Fallon Elementary School
3. Superintendent’s Report

State of the Schools Report

\$9,000 STEM grant from General Electric and a \$60,000 Grant to purchase and replace musical instruments. This grant is the first to be funneled through the Lynn Business Education Foundation, our 501C3 partner.

Commissioners Weekly Memo

Visit to Lynn TECH by Governor Baker

Superintendents’ Testimony at a Charter School Public Hearing on December 8, 2015

DESE announcement regarding the Massachusetts School Breakfast Challenge. The Champions were Lynn Public Schools Early Childhood Center and the Fallon Elementary School

Accountability and Assessment Results for individual schools

Official signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Shore Community College and the Lynn Public Schools on December 11, 2015

PERSONNEL

ASSIGNMENTS – Teachers

1. Taylor DeFronzo, assigned to Building. Sub. at Breed, returned to day-to-day Sub. List eff., 11/30/15. Non Certified.
2. David Laverdiere, assigned to Biology at LEHS, eff., 11/16/15. Certified.
3. Wanda Reines, assigned to Foreign Language, Spanish at LEHS, eff., 11/23/15. Certified.
4. Christopher Holey, assigned to Special Ed. at Marshall, eff., 11/30/15. Non Certified.
5. Allison McCarthy, reassigned to Building Sub. at Breed, eff., 11/23/15. Non Certified.
6. Chad Johnson, reassigned to Building Sub. at Breed, eff., 11/30/15. Non Certified.
7. Adriane Dobias, reassigned to Gr. 5 at Callahan, eff. 11/9/15. Certified.
8. Heather Santiello, reassigned to Gr. 4 at Callahan, eff., 11/9/15. Certified.
9. Karen Poverman, assigned to Long-Term Sub. Special Ed. at Sisson, eff., 11/18/15. Certified.
10. Allison Kelly, assigned to Long-Term Sub. Gr. 5 at Connery, eff., 11/16/15. Certified.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE -Teachers

1. Amanda Brock, assigned to ESL at Washington, FMLOA eff., 4/26/16 thru end of June 2016
2. Sara Fox-Raye, assigned to Social Worker/Clinical Director at Fallon, paid FMLOA eff., 11/30/15 thru 2/14/16. Using 48 days paid.
3. Kristin Pepp, assigned to ESL at Ingalls, to extend unpaid Maternity LOA thru to the end of June, 2016.
4. Alysha MacDougall, assigned to Reading at Cobbet, paid FMLOA eff., 3/2/16 thru to 6/1/16. Using 60 days paid.
5. Mark Duchane, assigned to Vocational Inclusion at LVTI, paid FMLOA eff., 11/30/15 thru 12/18/15. 15 days paid.

RETIREMENTS - Teachers

1. Elizabeth Gaeta, assigned to Itinerant Library, retirement eff., 11/30/15.
2. Elizabeth Ayer, assigned Special Ed. at Marshall, retirement eff., 11/11/15.

RESIGNATIONS - Teachers

- 1. Laura Mead, assigned to Special Ed. at Callahan, resignation eff., 11/27/15.
- 2. Samantha Giangrosso, assigned to Gr. 5 Long-Term Sub. at Hood, resignation eff., 11/25/15.
- 3. Sheila Peretti, assigned to Foreign Language, Spanish at LEHS, resignation eff., 11/24/15.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Therapists

- 1. Mary-Jo McElligott, assigned to PT, FMLOA, eff. 2/18/16 for 60 days paid.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Administrators

- 1. Amanda Curtis, assigned to ELL Department Head at Classical, paid Maternity LOA eff. 11/30/15 thru to end of June, 2016. Using 28 days paid.

RETIREMENTS - Administrators

- 1. Marilyn Iarrobino, assigned to Cluster Department Head, Program and Web Design at LVTI, retirement eff. 12/31/15.
- 2. Fausto Ricciardi, assigned to Cluster Department Head, Electronics at LVTI, retirement eff., 12/31/15.

RETIREMENTS - Principals

- 1. Patricia Riley, assigned to Shoemaker, retirement eff., 2/29/15.

TEACHER AIDE – Resignation

- 1. Amanda Britton, assigned to Shoemaker, resignation eff., 12/4/15.
- 2. Linda Kasper, assigned to Hood, resignation eff., 11/25/15.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Lunch Aide

- 1. Paula Clark- assigned to Sewell-Anderson, unpaid Leave of Absence eff., 11/4/15.

LUNCH AIDE – Resignation

- 1. Joan Green, Breakfast Aide, assigned to Cobbet, Lunch Aide, assigned to Washington, resignation eff., 11/18/15.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Cafeteria

- 1. Comeau Mary, assigned to 8-Hour Café Helper at LEHS, unpaid FMLOA 11/16/15 thru 11/20/15.

Mr. Gallo made a motion to go into Executive session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the contract with a non-union personnel member, School Business Administrator. 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.

The Committee returned to the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Ms. Gallo made a motion to ratify the motion made in Executive Session to approve the contract for Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator, with terms as stated to extend the contract until June 30, 2019. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO
Secretary of the School Committee

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