

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, February 10, 2022
6:16 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Castellanos, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Dugan, Ms. Gately
Dr. Magnolia, Mr. Pena, and Mayor Nicholson

In Attendance: Dr. Tutwiler, Superintendent; Ms. Powers, Deputy Superintendent;
Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Superintendent;
Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator;
Ms. Jules, Secretary of the School Committee: Attorney Greenspan; and
Nadesha Martinez, Student Representative

Mayor Nicholson presided.

Superintendent Evaluation Training – Ms. Presser

Dorothy Presser, Field Representative with MA Association of School Committees gave an overview of the Superintendent’s Evaluation for the new members. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 P.M. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Mary Jules
Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: March 3, 2022

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Public Hearing on the School Lunch Program
School Committee Room
February 10, 2022 at 5:37 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Castellanos, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Dugan, Ms. Gately, Dr. Magnolia, Mr. Pena, and Mayor Nicholson

In attendance: Dr. Tutwiler, Superintendent; Ms. Powers, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator; Ms. Jules, Secretary of the School Committee; and Attorney Greenspan.

Mayor Nicholson presided.

The Mayor opened the meeting and explained that we are streaming live on YouTube rather than our usual way due to a problem with system.

Those who spoke in support of the petition were:

Sophia Seang
Maria Vega Vierra

The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to speak in support of the petition. He repeated this three times. No response.

Responding to the petitioners were:

Peggy-Jo Surette
Marion Minninger

The Mayor asked if anyone else wished to speak for the respondents. The Mayor asked this three times. No response.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:55 P.M.

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Third Regular Meeting of the School Committee
School Committee Room
February 10, 2022 at 7:01 P.M.

Members present: Mr. Castellanos, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Dugan, Ms. Gately, Dr. Magnolia, Mr. Pena, and Mayor Nicholson

In attendance: Dr. Tutwiler, Superintendent; Ms. Powers, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Ruggiero, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator; Ms. Jules, Secretary of the School Committee; Attorney Greenspan; and Nadesha Martinez, Student Representative.

Mayor Nicholson presided.

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

IN MEMORIAM

A. Catherine “Linda” (Brown) McGrath – former chairperson on January 22, 2022

MINUTES

- A. Committee of the Whole meeting on January 24, 2022
- B. Committee of the Whole meeting on January 27, 2022
- C. Second Regular meeting on January 27, 2022

Ms. Coppola made a motion to accept the minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 24, 2022; The Committee of the Whole meeting on January 27, 2022; and the Second Regular meeting on January 27, 2022. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

School Nurse Election – Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED

Mr. Castellanos made a motion to elect the school nurse. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Ms. Coppola	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Mr. Dugan	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Ms. Gately	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Dr. Magnolia	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Mr. Pena	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED
Mayor Nicholson	Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED

Andrea Cervenka, ASN, MED was elected to the position of school nurse.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Dual Language Program update – R. Caldwell and A. Campbell

Member Coppola made a motion to table the Dual Language Program update. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Coppola made a motion to have a discussion on masks. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Nicholson asked Michele Desmarais of the City of Lynn Health Department to speak regarding the mask mandate in schools. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Magnolia made a motion to make masks optional on March 14, 2022 following DESE guidelines that masks will continue to be required:

- on all buses per federal order
- if an individual is symptomatic at school
- for anyone working in or visiting the nurse's office
- for health staff completing COVID-10 specimen collection for symptomatic or pool testing
- on return to school from isolation or quarantine for days 6-10. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

A. Student Opportunity Act Amendment discussion

Dr. Tutwiler explained the Student Opportunity Act Amendment to the Committee. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken.

B. Motion to approve Attorney Greenspan's contract and authorize the Chair to sign

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve Attorney Greenspan's contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to take the Agenda out of order by moving “COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION A and B” before “NEW BUSINESS C, D, E, and F”. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Report – February 1, 2022
- B. Superintendent’s Report
 - Operating protocols
 - Emergency license for educators
 - Congratulations to LEHS musicians and their teachers

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- C. Request for Executive Session to discuss strategies with respect to collective bargaining relative to Lynn Teachers Union, Local 1037, Administrators Association, Nurses, Local 3147-A, Clerical Union, Local 1736, Monitors, Teamsters Local 42 and Vice Principals Association. The discussion of these matters which involves strategy in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on and compromise the bargaining position of the public body
- D. Request for Executive Session relative to contract negotiations with non-union personnel
- E. Request for Executive Session to update and discuss school security issues

Ms. Coppola made a motion to request Executive Session for all three of the above at 7:54 P.M.
Seconded

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Castellanos made a motion to return to Regular Session at 9:22 P.M. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

F. Ratification of votes, if any, taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to allow Dr. Tutwiler to continue to impact bargain with Lynn Teachers Union, Local 1037, Administrators Association, Nurses, Local 3147-A, Clerical Union, Local 1736, Monitors, Teamsters Local 42 and Vice Principals Association.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 P.M. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Dugan	Yes
Ms. Gately	Yes
Dr. Magnolia	Yes
Mr. Pena	Yes
Mayor Nicholson	Yes

Motion passed.

Mary Jules, Secretary of the School Committee

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