

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

First Regular Meeting of the School Committee
School Committee Room
January 13, 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; and Yariel Tejada, Student Representative.

Mayor Nicholson presided.

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

IN MEMORIAM

- A. Robert Barnard – retired carpenter on December 5, 2021
- B. Ruth Ann Silva – retired teacher on December 20, 2021
- C. Diane Lynch – Department Head at English High on December 26, 2021

MINUTES

- A. Policy Sub-Committee meeting on December 7, 2021
- B. Policy Sub-Committee meeting on December 9, 2021
- C. Personnel Sub-Committee meeting on December 9, 2021
- D. Nineteenth Regular meeting on December 9, 2021
- E. First Special meeting on January 3, 2022

Ms. Coppola made a motion to accept the minutes for the Policy Sub-Committee meeting on December 7, 2021; Policy Sub-Committee meeting on December 9, 2021; Personnel Sub-Committee meeting on December 9, 2021; Nineteenth Regular meeting on December 9, 2021; and First Special meeting on January 3, 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

None listed

PRESENTATIONS

A. English Learner Education updates – R. Caldwell and A. Campbell

Dr. Tutwiler welcomed Rania Caldwell, Executive Director of English Learner Education and Amanda Campbell, Assistant Director of English Learner Education, who gave an update on English Learner Education (ELE) and Tiered Focus Monitoring. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None listed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Vote to cancel the Fourth Regular meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022.

B. Vote to cancel the Fifth Regular meeting scheduled for March 10, 2022.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to cancel the Fourth Regular meeting scheduled for February 24, 2022 and the Fifth Regular meeting scheduled for March 10, 2022 and set a meeting for March 3, 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.

C. Spectators at events – Dr. Tutwiler

Dr. Tutwiler recommended to the Committee that we follow the vast majority of Greater Boston League teams by allowing only two spectators per athlete to middle and high school athletic events temporarily. The LPS Nursing Director and the City’s Health Director are prepared to support this decision.

Ms. Magnolia made a motion to allow only two spectators per athlete at middle and high school athletic events temporarily. 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.

D. Discussion regarding signing of warrant – Mr. McHugh

Mr. McHugh explained that a member of the Committee is required to sign the warrant now that John Ford has retired.

Ms. Magnolia made a motion to elect Mr. Pena to sign the warrant. 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.

E. FY22 Net School Spending update – Dr. Tutwiler and Mr. McHugh

Mr. McHugh gave an overview of Net School Spending and Chapter 70 funds. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken.

F. FY23 Budget Timeline/Priorities – Dr. Tutwiler

Dr. Tutwiler gave an overview of the FY23 Budget Timeline and Priorities. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken

G. Operating Protocol review – Dr. Tutwiler

Dr. Tutwiler gave an overview of the School Committee Operating Protocols and explained that this will be a standing agenda item once per month. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken

H. School Committee Sub-Committee assignments – Mayor Nicholson

Mayor Nicholson informed the Committee that two sub-committees, Grants and Finance are no longer needed, their business seems to be taken care of in other forums. Per Member Castellano’s request, a Diversity Equity Inclusion Sub-Committee has been added. The Mayor assigned members to sub-committees.

No votes taken.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to move section IX. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION before section VIII. NEW BUSINESS, I. Request for Executive Session. 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 – January 1, 2022
- B. Northshore Education Consortium – 2020-2021 Annual Report
- C. Superintendent’s Report
 - Covid update
 - Pickering project

- I. 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, and Monitors, Teamsters Local 42. 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.

- J. Request for executive session to conduct strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel, i.e. school committee attorney(s) and to discuss strategy with regards to ongoing litigation. The discussion of these matters which involves litigation strategy in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on and compromise the litigating position of the City of Lynn and the Chair so declares.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to enter into Executive Session for two reasons at 8:40 P.M.

1. 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, and Monitors, Teamsters Local 42. 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, and

2. To conduct strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel, i.e. school committee attorney(s) and to discuss strategy with regards to ongoing litigation. The discussion of these matters which involves litigation strategy in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on and compromise the litigating position of the City of Lynn and the Chair so declares. 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 return to the Regular Meeting at 9:30 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.

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

Ms. Coppola made a motion to allow Dr. Tutwiler to impact bargain with all unions. 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 schedule interviews for School Committee Council candidates on Monday, January 24, 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.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 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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Adopted: January 27, 2022