

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

Committee of the Whole
Interviews for the position of
Legal Services to the Lynn School Committee
Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 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; and
Yariel Tejada, Student Representative

Mayor Nicholson presided.

The purpose of this meeting is to interview a candidate for Legal Services to the School Committee. Mr. Nicholson explained that each member of the School Committee will ask a question of the candidate.

The following candidate answered questions from Committee members:

- KP Law – Thomas McEnaney, Darren Klein, and Lauren Goldberg

Questions

1. Ms. Coppola: Why do you think that you/your firm would be a good fit to provide legal advice and counsel to the School Committee of the Lynn Public Schools?
2. Mr. Pena: Could you tell us about your/your firm's **experience** providing legal services to school committees in **urban school districts/municipalities** comparable to Lynn?
3. Mr. Castellanos: Could you describe your/your firm's experience providing legal services related to **personnel, labor relations and collective bargaining** in public education?
4. Dr. Magnolia: Could you describe your/your firm's experience providing legal services related to **special education, student discipline, and general school law** issues?

5. Mr. Dugan: *(If a firm)* How does your firm manage **having multiple staff representatives working with the same client?**
- Beyond the primary point of contact, who from your firm would Lynn Public Schools interface with? Who would attend school committee meetings?
 - How many individuals from your firm would be assigned to provide legal advice or counsel to Lynn Public Schools?
- (If an individual)* How would you balance **having multiple client representatives** working on behalf of the same client?
6. Ms. Gately: If a school committee member received a constituent call alleging that a particular school was acting in violation of LPS policy and the planned action was scheduled for the following day, **how would you/your firm handle** the situation?
- (If a firm)* Who from your firm would be responsible for providing legal services related to this specific request?

Ms. Coppola made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 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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Second Regular Meeting of the School Committee
School Committee Room
January 27, 2022 at 7:05 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 Tejeda, Student Representative.

Mayor Nicholson presided.

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

IN MEMORIAM

- A. Traci Lee Burke – food services cook on January 9, 2022
- B. Timothy Twomey – retired teacher on January 11, 2022
- C. Frederick Cole – retired Assistant Superintendent on January 22, 2022
- D. Claire Glowik – retired Confidential Secretary on January 24, 2022

MINUTES

- A. First Regular meeting with Executive Session on January 13, 2022

Ms. Coppola made a motion to accept the minutes for the First Regular meeting with Executive Session on January 13, 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. Lynn Community Enrichment Program – Ms. Guzman

Ms. Michelle Guzman, Coordinator of the Lynn Community Enrichment Program, and Ms. Lupe Velez with the New Lynn Coalition gave an update/overview of the Lynn Community Enrichment Program. Discussion ensued.

No votes taken.

Mayor called a recess at 7:32 P.M.

Mayor called to reconvene at 7:38 P.M.

B. Pickering Building Project Update – Mr. Donovan

Mayor Nicholson welcomed Mr. Michael Donovan from the Inspectional Services Department who gave an update on the Pickering Building Project. Discussion ensued.

No votes taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None listed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to accept donations from the Marblehead Municipal Employees Union and Power Up of sports equipment, musical instruments, and art supplies.

Dr. Tutwiler recommended the Committee accept a donation from the Marblehead Municipal Employees Union and Power Up of sports equipment, musical instruments, and art supplies.

Mr. Pena made a motion to accept the donation from the Marblehead Municipal Employees Union and Power Up of sports equipment, musical instruments, and art supplies. 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.

- B. Request to accept donation from the Curtin family who are proud to make the donation to fund loaner instruments in memory of their mother Shirley Curtin, a long-time band parent and supporter of the arts in the Lynn Public School System.

Dr. Tutwiler recommended the Committee accept a donation from the Curtin family to fund loaner instruments in memory of their mother Shirley Curtin, a long-time band parent and supporter of the arts in the Lynn Public School System.

Mr. Castellanos made a motion to accept the donation from the Curtin family to fund loaner instruments in memory of their mother Shirley Curtin, a long-time band parent and supporter of the arts in the Lynn Public School System. 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. Lynn Teachers Union requests permission to continue the practice of presenting awards to deserving students in the graduating classes of the middle and senior high schools.

Dr. Tutwiler requested the support of the Committee to allow the Lynn Teachers Union to continue the practice of presenting awards to deserving students in the graduating classes of the middle and senior high schools.

Mr. Castellanos made a motion to allow the Lynn Teachers Union to continue the practice of presenting awards to deserving students in the graduating classes of the middle and senior high schools. 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. Internet/Wi-Fi access at schools – Dr. Magnolia

Dr. Magnolia voiced her concern regarding intermittent internet access in school buildings and asked for information regarding hot spots. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken

E. Request to temporarily suspend attendance standard.

Dr. Tutwiler asked for the Committee’s approval to temporarily suspend attendance standard. He recommended the following:

- Allow schools the flexibility to allow students to receive the actual grade that they earned during quarter 2 even if they exceeded four unexcused absences, and
- Allow students who did not meet the attendance standard for quarter 1 to receive the grade earned whether or not they met the attendance standard during quarter 2.

Barring any unforeseen challenges, we would resume the policy application for quarter 3. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to accept Dr. Tutwiler’s recommendation. Seconded.

Dr. Magnolia asked for an amendment to the motion to extend this recommendation for the rest of the 21/22 school year. 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. Vote to approve/appoint School Committee attorney.

Mayor Nicholson asked the Committee to vote for their top candidate for the position of School Committee attorney. Discussion ensued.

A motion from the floor was made to elect an attorney for the School Committee. Seconded.

Roll Call Member	Vote
Mr. Castellanos	Mr. Timothy Phelan
Ms. Coppola	Mr. Howard Greenspan
Mr. Dugan	Mr. Timothy Phelan
Ms. Gately	Mr. Timothy Phelan
Dr. Magnolia	Mr. Howard Greenspan
Mr. Pena	Mr. Howard Greenspan
Mayor Nicholson	Mr. Howard Greenspan

Attorney Howard Greenspan is elected Attorney for the Lynn School Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Superintendent's Report

- GLEAM Grant
- Early College

Ms. Coppola made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 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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