

**Lynn Public Schools
Administrative Offices
Third Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Thursday, February 10, 2011
at 7:05 p.m.**

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

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

Mayor Kennedy presided.

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

Ms. Capano made a motion to suspend the rules in order to have a discussion regarding the portable classrooms. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

The Superintendent spoke about the condition of the Sisson roof. Inspectional Services Department requested a waiver to fix the roof immediately. The damaged classrooms may take approximately 4 weeks to complete repairs. Dr. Latham noted that the portable classrooms are needed at this time.

The Committee resumed the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NECROLOGY

1. Janine Serrano-Struyde, Special Education teacher on January 9, 2011
2. Rosalie Kurpiel, Lunch Aide on January 15, 2011
3. John Marr, retired EHS History teacher on January 18, 2011
4. Janice Sheehan, Payroll Clerk on January 26, 2011

THIRD REGULAR MEETING OF THE S.C.

February 10, 2011

MINUTES

1. Nineteenth Regular Meeting – December 9, 2010

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the above-listed minutes.
Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificates of Academic Excellence

Lynn Classical High School: Gabriella Shaye Galeazzi
Mina Kathryn Healey

Lynn English High School: Shawna Henry
Alexandra Kolwicz

Lynn Vocational Technical Institute: Meybelin Salmeron
Nikkie Corzo

2. Race To The Top Grant

Juli-Ann Ierardi presented an overview of the “Race to the Top” grant. She noted that Massachusetts received \$250 million. The City of Lynn’s allocation is \$4.596 million. Additional funds can be applied for through competitive grants. This money is limited to a set of given projects predetermined by the Department of Education and cannot be used arbitrarily within the system. The following six projects are required by the grant:

- (1) Improve teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance
- (2) Ensure effective leaders and teachers in every classroom
- (3) Use data to inform instruction
- (4) Increase college and career readiness
- (5) Help develop and implement a statewide teaching and learning system
- (6) Turnaround the lowest achieving schools.

3. LVTI Goals update

LVTI Director Diane Paradis presented an overview of what LVTI has done to promote the Lynn School District-wide goals and objectives.

- (1) Emphasize and support standards-based instructions
- (2) Emphasize and support data-driven decision making
- (3) Enhance education through technology
- (4) Reduce drop-outs and support students and families
- (5) Support full inclusion for students in Special Education and ESL/SEI classes
- (6) Improve vocational technical education and improve academic programs
- (7) Assist, support and improve lower-performing schools
- (8) Attract and retain highly qualified teachers
- (9) Explore innovative programs that support improved student achievement
- (10) Maintain safe and drug-free schools

APPOINTMENTS

1. Elaine Appleton, Lynn, Adult Basic Literacy Teacher, eff. January 10, 2011.
4. John L. Pavia, Salem, Vice Principal at English High School, eff. January 18, 2011.
3. Joan C. Martineau, Wenham, Program Specialist for Language Support, eff. January 3, 2011.
5. Margaret Hines, Salem, Confidential Secretary to the Department Head in the Superintendent's office, eff. January 4, 2011
6. Candace MacCallum, Peabody, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction-ELA/Reading, eff. February 7, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MSBA Vote—Statement of Interest, Pickering Middle School

Ms. Capano made a motion that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority a Statement of Interest dated February 10, 2011, for the Pickering Middle School located at 70 Conomo Avenue which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Lynn may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future, for the complete refurbishment both interior and exterior of Pickering. Repairs and updates pertaining to structure, HVAC, electrical, lighting, plumbing, grounds, statutory and handicap accessibility, and hereby further specifically

acknowledges that by submitting this **Statement of Interest**, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other **funding** commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Lynn to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

2. Field Trip/Study Tour Planning

- a. English High School to Italy, April 15 - 26, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the English High School trip to Italy, April 15-26, 2011.

Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- b. English High School, 2011 MCJROTC Region One Championships in Pennsylvania, March 25 - 26, 2011.
- c. English High School, 2011 MCJROTC National High School Drill Team Championships at Daytona Beach, Florida, April 27 - May 4, 2011.

Mr. Spirito made a motion to approve the above-listed MCJROTC field trips to Pennsylvania and Florida. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Request to Home School for 2010-11 school year:

- a. Batista family – 4 children (Grades 1, 2, 3, and 5)

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Batista family request to Home School their 4 children.

Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

b. Starkey family — 1 child (Grade 5)

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Starkey family request to Home School their child. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Ratification of votes taken by Personnel Sub-Committee on February 10, 2011.

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the posting of a new Deputy Superintendent position. Seconded.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to require administration positions be posted for 30 days and come before the Committee. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

5. S.T.A.R. Club Program—Classical High School

SFC Zonte Pendergrass, Senior Instructor/NCOIC requested permission to offer a course entitled “Students Taking Active Roles” (or “STAR”) at Classical High School. This program is being offered in conjunction with the U.S. Army and emulates many aspects of the Junior ROTC national high school program.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the STAR Program at Classical High School. Seconded.

Roll Call

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Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

6. State Ethics Commission—Gifts to Public School Teachers and Staff .

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept as policy the State Ethics Commission—Gifts to Public School Teachers and Staff. Seconded.

Roll Call

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Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

7. Request to reschedule the May 12, 2011 School Committee Meeting

Ms. Capano made a motion to cancel the regular meeting of May 12, 2011 and hold the meeting on May 5, 2011. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

8. Reschedule February 24, 2011 School Committee meeting—February School vacation

Ms. Capano made a motion to cancel the regular meeting of February 24, 2011 and hold the meeting on March 3, 2011. Seconded.

Roll Call

Member	Vote
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Spirito	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

9. MASC Day on the Hill—March 29, 2011

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the MASC Day on the Hill of March 29, 2011 for information. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ingalls School Principal to Lynn English High School Future Teachers' Club Advisor – thanks to the students for their efforts during the holiday season for Ingalls' families.
2. Chartwells—President Obama's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.
3. Inspectional Services Department to Classical High School Principal regarding Post Remediation Report.
4. Inspectional Services Department regarding Marshall Middle School Bioaerosol Report.
5. Department of Early Education and Care regarding Health Care Reform.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the above-listed Communications. Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Superintendent's Report

- a. MA DESE—Student Learning Time: Guidance on the 180-Day Requirement

Dr. Latham stated that the last day of school is scheduled for June 24, 2011.

b. Dress Code

Dr. Latham notified the Committee that information regarding student response to school dress codes can be found in the Lynn English High School paper *The Voice*.

c. Redesign Plans

Dr. Latham informed the Committee that MA DESE will hold a meeting on February 15, 2011 in Malden to discuss eligibility for additional grant funding.

d. State of the Schools

Superintendent's Goals for the School Year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011:

1. Emphasize and Support Standards-based instruction for all grades and all content areas.
2. Emphasize and support data-driven decision-making.
3. Enhance education through technology.
4. Reduce drop-out and support students and their families.
5. Support full inclusion for special education students.
6. Improve vocational/technical education.
7. Assist, support and improve lower performing schools.
8. Attract, retain, and support highly qualified teachers.
9. Explore innovative programs to support improved student achievement.
10. Maintain safe and drug-free schools.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept for the files the Superintendent's Report. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Seconded.
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Thomas Iarrobino
Secretary of the School Committee

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