

**LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Administrative Offices  
90 Commercial Street  
Lynn, MA 01905**

**Second Special Meeting of the School Committee  
Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 7:10 p.m.**

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

**Member absent:** Ms. Capano

**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 moment of silence and a salute to the flag.

**NECROLOGY**

- 1. Beatrice Cole Boor, Retired Elementary School Teacher for 30 years on March 14, 2011.

**MINUTES**

- 1. First Special Meeting – March 3, 2011.

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

| <b>Roll Call<br/>Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Ms. Capano                  | Absent      |
| Ms. Carrasco                | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Ford                    | Yes         |
| Mr. Spirito                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Starbard                | Yes         |
| Mayor Kennedy               | Yes         |

Motion passed.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Field Trip Study Tour Planning requests:

- a. Classical High School – Annual Pre-season Scrimmage to Mashpee, MA – April 1, 2, & 3, 2011.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the Lynn Classical High School field trip to Mashpee on April 1, 2, & 3, 2011. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call<br/>Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Ms. Capano                  | Absent      |
| Ms. Carrasco                | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Ford                    | Yes         |
| Mr. Spirito                 | Yes         |
| Mr. Starbard                | Yes         |
| Mayor Kennedy               | Yes         |

Motion passed.

- b. Breed Middle School – to Canobie Lake Park, Salem NH – June 10, 2011.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Breed Middle School field trip to Canobie Lake on June 10, 2011. Seconded.

**Roll Call****Member**                      **Vote**

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

Motion passed.

- c. Lincoln-Thomson School to Canobie Lake Park, Salem NH – June 13, 2011.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Lincoln-Thomson School field trip to Canobie Lake on June 13, 2011. Seconded.

**Roll Call****Member**                      **Vote**

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

Motion passed.

- d. Shoemaker School to Nature's Classroom – Charlton, MA – October 3 – 7, 2011.  
 e. Lynn Woods to Nature's Classroom, Charlton, MA – October 3 – 7, 2011.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Shoemaker School and Lynn Woods School field trip to Nature's Classroom on October 3 - 7, 2011. Seconded.

**Roll Call****Member**                      **Vote**

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

Motion passed.

- f. Sisson School to Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – October 3 – 7, 2011.
- g. Lincoln-Thomson to Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – October 3 – 7, 2011.
- h. Aborn School to Nature's Classroom, Freedom, NH – October 3 – 7, 2011.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the Sisson School, Lincoln-Thomson School and Aborn School field trip to Nature's Classroom on October 3-7, 2011. Seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|---------------|-------------|
| Ms. Capano    | Absent      |
| Ms. Carrasco  | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola   | Yes         |
| Mr. Ford      | Yes         |
| Mr. Spirito   | Yes         |
| Mr. Starbard  | Yes         |
| Mayor Kennedy | Yes         |

Motion passed.

#### **2. Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) – Policy News**

- a. Service Animals Policy.
- b. Students Transferring from Commonwealth Charter Schools Policy
- c. Concussions/Head Injuries Policy
- d. Admission of Transfer Students Policy - Student
- e. Admission of Transfer Students Policy - District

Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Service Animals Policy, Students Transferring from Commonwealth Charter Schools Policy, Concussions/Head Injuries Policy, Admission of Transfer Students Policy-Student and Admission of Transfer Students Policy-District. Seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

| <b>Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|---------------|-------------|
| Ms. Capano    | Absent      |
| Ms. Carrasco  | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola   | Yes         |
| Mr. Ford      | Yes         |
| Mr. Spirito   | Yes         |
| Mr. Starbard  | Yes         |
| Mayor Kennedy | Yes         |

Motion passed.

### 3. Request to Home School

- a. Evans family – 1 child (Grade 7)

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the Evans family request to Home School 1 child. Seconded.

#### Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

4. Lynn Teachers Union requested permission to continue the practice of presenting awards to graduates of middle and senior high schools.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to approve the Lynn Teachers Union request to present awards to graduates of middle and senior high schools. Seconded.

#### Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Inspectional Services Department – Microbial Assessment - Fecteau-Leary School
2. Inspectional Services Department – Bioaerosol Sampling – Ford School

Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept for the files the above-listed Inspectional Services Department reports. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

3. Joe Picano, Fine Arts Director

- a. Our first middle school student accepted into the Massachusetts Music Educators National Conference (MMENC) district orchestra.
- b. CHS and EHS will enter the Massachusetts 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional Juried Art competition at Montserrat College in Beverly – sponsored by Senator John Tierney’s office.

Mr. Ford made a motion to accept for the files the above-listed information from Mr. Joe Picano, Fine Arts Director. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. City Council Orders – Youth Civics & Politics Initiative.

Mr. Ford made a motion to accept for the files the City Council Order regarding Youth Civics and Politics Initiative. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

5. James L. McGuinness, Jr.—intent to award three \$1,000 scholarships from the Dr. James L. McGuinness Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the request to **award** three \$1,000 scholarships from the James L. McGuinness Memorial Scholarship Fund and that a letter of thanks be sent from the School Department. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## INFORMATION

1. Posting – School Nurse position.
2. Superintendent’s Report.

Superintendent Latham informed the Committee that completion of the School Department’s budget is on hold pending funding information from the Mayor’s office.

Dr. Latham provided information on the following issues:

- Enrollment figures for all schools—this report shows the enrollment rising in several elementary schools for the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes. Efforts are underway to address the elementary grade space issues.

- There has been meetings recently with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) regarding Marshall Middle School. There is a Statement of Interest for Pickering Middle School but nothing has been decided.
- The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education visited Cobbet Elementary to observe the new on-line MEPA testing.
- The Department of Early Education and Care came to discuss ideas regarding literacy support for Pre-Kindergarten children at our two Level 4 schools. Lynn will be applying for grant money for this program.
- Classical High School was visited by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Richard Roberts whose field is molecular biology. After his talk to students in the AP Biology classes they were given the opportunity to ask questions.
- Parent Prom Night events were held at Classical and Lynn Tech and was well received. Lynn English will host this event on Monday, March 28, 2011. Parents who were unable to attend the LCH or LVTI event may go to Lynn English at 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. These events were sponsored by 2011 Parent Prom Initiative.
- Dr. Latham congratulated the students at Lynn English for their recent performance by Latin Club students of an ancient Greek play, *Medea*, which was first performed in 421 B.C.
- The Parent Information Center (PIC) is adding staff to handle the increase in enrollment of Kindergarten students. PIC will offer registration during the evening and on Saturdays. Additional staff will help with the Early Childhood Fair.
- An Adult Literacy Class will begin on Monday evening, April 25 at Connery and Harrington Elementary Schools. Dr. Latham is looking to offer this program at LVTI.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Spirito suggesting redistricting in order to alleviate the overcrowding. Dr. Latham agreed that redistricting would help and she indicating that her staff is currently reviewing options.

Mr. Starbard made a motion to accept for the files the Superintendent's Report. Seconded.

#### Roll Call

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

Motion passed.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. seconded.  
Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Thomas Iarrobino  
Secretary of the School Committee

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S.C. ADOPTED - 4/12/11