

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

**Eleventh Regular Meeting of the School Committee  
Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.**

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

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

Mayor Kennedy presided.

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

**NECROLOGY**

None listed.

**MINUTES**

1. Tenth Regular Meeting – May 30, 2013

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

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. “First In Math”

Dr. Latham explained that “First in Math” was a pilot program introduced this year in several elementary schools to help students practice their math skills.

Dr. Latham introduced Ms. Shirley Albert, Assistant Director of Curriculum for Mathematics. Ms. Albert explained that this was an online course that students could access at home or while participating in after school programs at the YMCA, Girls & Boys Club and Girls, Inc. Ms. Albert invited the students to come forward to receive their award.

#### Top Students:

- #1 - Yeison DeLeon – Gr. 3 Drewicz, 13,297 stickers earned
- #2 - Lindsey Valeri – Gr. 5 Lincoln-Thomson, 13,209 stickers earned
- #3 - Johnathan Guzman – Grade 3 Ford, 12,635 stickers earned

Top Team: Ms. Breen’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Lincoln-Thomson, 4,360 average stickers per student

Top School: Lynn Woods, 1,564 average stickers per student

Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham and the School Committee congratulated the students on their accomplishments.

### 2. JROTC National High School Drill Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Florida

Mayor Kennedy invited SGTMAJ Oswald to explain the competition. In addition to the “Individual” Trophy, the LEHS Drill Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Mayor Kennedy invited the students to come forward.

#### (a). “Individual Medals” or “Individual” Trophy:

- (1) Karla Cora – Individual Drill Champion out of 800 plus competitors
- (2) Jasmine Reyes – 4<sup>th</sup> place Individual Drill out of 800 plus competitors
- (3) Lisa Romero – 8<sup>th</sup> place Individual Drill out of 800 plus competitors
- (4) Joanna Medina – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Commanders Award out of 25 Commanders

#### (b) Students listed below were the Commanders of the Teams indicated that placed:

- (1) Joanne Medina – Commander of Regulation Platoon which placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 25 schools
- (2) Genesis Grullon – Commander of Squad Exhibition which placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 25 schools
- (3) Genesis Grullon – Commander of Platoon Exhibition which placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 25 schools

Mayor Kennedy, Superintendent Latham and the School Committee congratulated the students on their accomplishments.

Mayor Kennedy called a 5 minute recess at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee resumed at 7:35 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric SY 2013 - 2014

Mrs. Capano and Mrs. Coppola presented a report on the process used to revise the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric.

Ms. Capano made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation Rubric for SY 2013 - 2014 as presented. Seconded.

Discussion ensued.

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

2. Marshall Middle School Building Project

Mayor Kennedy invited Michael Donovan, Building Commissioner to provide an update on the Marshall Middle School project.

Mr. Donovan stated that the project is on schedule and the Walsh Brothers of Boston will be the General Contractor for this project. On August 8, 2013 the plans and cost estimate will be submitted to MSBA. Discussion ensued regarding the schools proximity to the train tracks and the resulting noise. The school construction will make necessary adjustments to the walls/windows facing the train tracks to alleviate the noise. Construction start will be in October, 2014 with an opening in September, 2016.

Mr. Ford made a motion to send a letter of endorsement to the City Council from the School Committee on the Marshall Middle School project and agree to have the public vote on the referendum on September 17, 2013. Seconded.

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes

Mayor Kennedy     Yes

Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Request for Field Trips
  - a. Pickering Middle School – to Canobie Lake Park on June 21, 2013

Ms. Capano made a motion to approve the Pickering Middle School field trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 21,2013.    Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- 2. School Improvement Plans

Ms. Albert, Assistant Director of Curriculum presented the School Improvement Plans for Committee approval.

Ms. Coppola made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans.    Seconded.

**Roll Call**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Ms. Capano	Yes
Ms. Carrasco	Yes
Ms. Coppola	Yes
Mr. Ford	Yes
Mr. Gallo	Yes
Mr. Starbard	Yes
Mayor Kennedy	Yes

Motion passed.

- 3. Request for Executive Session
  - a. Discuss strategies relative to contracts of non-union personnel – Principals
  - b. Discuss strategies relative to Litigation

Ms. Capano made a motion to hold the Executive Session at the end of the meeting.    Seconded. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**INFORMATION**

- 1. Enrollment Report – June 1, 2013
- 2. Superintendent’s Report

An Act Relative to Background Checks. This law affects all newly hired as well as current employees to be subject to state and federal fingerprint and background checks. The fee is paid by the employee.

List of Elementary and Secondary School Mandates and Initiatives.

Lynn Business Education Foundation will sponsor a STEM Initiative at the Washington School

Cost Estimate for Fecteau-Leary Auditorium TBD

Scholarships were awarded to four students from LCHS, LEHS, LVTI and St. Mary's High School by the Lynn Business Education Foundation

Leadership Summer Program at Endicott College

Classroom Jeopardy Games were donated by the Lynn Business Education Foundation to LCHS,

LEHS, LVTI and St. Mary's High School

LPS awarded \$224,747.04 in grants to Lynn teachers by Essex County Hard Scrabble

Connery School-Based Health Clinic contract was awarded to Kneeland Construction Co.

Lynn Police Student Academy

Three students accepted into 2-week Summer Music Scholarship Program

One student received a Governor Christian Herter Scholarship from the State

Five students passed the State Boards in Cosmetology

Three students from Lynn (LCHS, LEHS and St. Mary's) were accepted to Harvard.

The Committee returned to the regular meeting at 9:05 p.m. No votes were made in Executive Session.

A motion from the floor was made to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Seconded.

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

THOMAS P. IARROBINO  
Secretary of the School Committee

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