



LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 2015-05-20
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

SALUTE TO FLAG:

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ROLL CALL:

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SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

3. 2015 / 220 Spotlight on Excellence: Kara Wilkins- Bartlett Teacher
4. 2015 / 219 Spotlight on Excellence: McAuliffe and Murkland Chorus
5. 2015 / 228 Executive Session: Regarding matters of pending litigation, public discussion of which could have a detrimental effect on the City's position and also to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel.

MINUTES:

6. 2015 / 193 Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2015



7. 2015 / 213 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Monday, May 4, 2015.

8. 2015 / 214 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

9. 2015 / 215 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Thursday, May 7, 2015.

10. 2015 / 216 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Friday, May 8, 2015.

PERMISSION TO ENTER:

11. 2015 / 205 Permission to Enter: May 20, 2015

MEMORIALS:

12. 2015 / 192 Alphonse ‘Al’ Milinazzo, father of Jim Milinazzo, former Mayor of Lowell, Chair of the Lowell Development and Financial Corporation and Board Member of the Lowell Plan

MOTIONS:

13. 2015 / 194 [by Kimberly Scott]: Request the Superintendent purchase Science kits for middle school classrooms.



14. 2015 / 195 [by Kimberly Scott]: Request the Superintendent provide a list of all instructional materials that the district is lacking prior to the FY 2015-2016 budget approval.

15. 2015 / 199 [by Kristin Ross-Sitcawich]: Request the Superintendent work with staff to acquire all needed science kits for all classrooms/ grades across the district for the 2015-2016 school year utilizing projected FY15 budget surplus funds to pay for such supplies.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

16. 2015 / 196 Joint Student Support Services and Finance: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, March 30, 2015 [Kristin Ross-Sitcawich, Chair of Student Support Services and Jim Leary, Chair/Finance]

17. 2015 / 200 Lowell High School: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, April 13, 2015 [David Conway, Chair]

18. 2015 / 197 Personnel: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, April 15, 2015 [Connie Martin, Chair]

19. 2015 / 201 Curriculum: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, April 16, 2015 [Connie Martin, Chairperson]

20. 2015 / 204 Personnel: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, May 4, 2015 [Connie Martin, Chair]

21. 2015 / 227 Finance Subcommittee: Report and approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, May 14, 2015 [James Leary, Chairperson]



22. 2015 / 229 Student Support Services: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2015 [Kristin Ross-Sitcawich, Chairperson]

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

23. 2015 / 203 STEM Curriculum at Lowell High
24. 2015 / 225 Superintendent's Recommended FY2016 Budget
25. 2015 / 223 K-8 Enrollment Report
26. 2015 / 224 Frederick A. Abisi Adult Education Center Monitoring Report
27. 2015 / 222 List of Eligible Teachers
28. 2015 / 211 Personnel Report
29. 2015 / 221 Home Education

NEW BUSINESS:

30. 2015 / 198 Vote to Approve the Amended CREST Collaborative Agreement
31. 2015 / 217 Permission to Post: Program Evaluator
32. 2015 / 218 Permission to Post: Sales Associate



33. 2015 / 226 Vote to Accept Donation: Lowell Police Superior's Union and Lowell Police Patrolman's Union

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

34. 2015 / 206 Patricia Shepherd, Morey School teacher, respectfully request permission to attend the Writing Institute at the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York from Monday, June 22, 2015 to Friday, June 26, 2015. The trip and registration will be paid by Ms. Shepherd. The cost of \$200.00 for a substitute teacher for two days will be paid by the school Professional Development account.
35. 2015 / 207 Carolyn Rocheleau, Coordinator of Special Programs, to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Institute July 27-29 in Dallas, Texas. All expenses will be paid through the 21st Century grant. No substitute teacher will be needed.
36. 2015 / 208 Eighteen to thirty six Lowell High School students, along with seven chaperones Margaret Kennedy White, Rhonda Devost, William Donaghey, Karyn Cassidy, Roberta Fillmore, Jennifer McGlaufflin and Philip Maia, all LHS staff to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Travel will be during April vacation, students will not miss any school and no substitutes will be needed. Students will leave on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 and return on Sunday, April 24, 2016. There will be no cost to the School Department. All expenses will be paid by each student traveling.
37. 2015 / 209 Forty (40) Lowell High School International Language Club students, along with four teachers, William Donaghey, Philip Maia, Deborah Mellus and Mary Ann Dyson to travel to Quebec City, Canada from Friday, February 5, 2016 through Monday, February, 8, 2016. There will be no cost to the School Department. All expenses will be paid by each student traveling. Coverage for the teachers will be arranged within the Foreign Language Department. There will be no cost to the School Department. No substitute teachers are needed.



38. 2015 / 210 The four grade McAvinnue students, along with their teachers to participate in the Museum of Science Camp-In Program in Boston, MA from Friday, June 5, 2015 through Saturday, June 6, 2015. There will be no cost to the School Department. All expenses will be cover by the McAvinnue School Student Activity Account, the students, donations, the Museum of Science Scholarship Fund and school fundraising. No substitute teachers are needed.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:

39. 2015 / 212 The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby donate thirty [30] sick leave days to Gary Buckley, Lowell High School teacher, six [6] sick leave days to Katie Dolan, McAvinnue School teacher and forty three [43] sick leave days to Linda Hunt, McAuliffe School paraprofessional.

ADJOURNMENT:

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