



Lowell Public School Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: February 1, 2017

Time: 6:30PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. ROLL CALL

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

3. MINUTES

- 3.1. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting Of Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Documents:

[SC MINUTES 01.18.17.PDF](#)

4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

- 4.1. Permission To Enter: February 1, 2017

Documents:

[PERMISSION TO ENTER - FEBRUARY 1, 2017.PDF](#)

5. MEMORIALS

- 5.1. Memorial- McOsker

Mary E. (Murray) McOsker, step mother of Fred McOsker, Assistant Principal at the Morey School.

6. MOTIONS

- 6.1. [By Mayor Edward Kennedy]:
Request that the Superintendent and Administration at Lowell High School provide information regarding how many students walk to Lowell High School and how many students participate in athletic events.

6.II. [By Mayor Edward Kennedy]:

Request that the Superintendent and Administration at Lowell High School provide an update on the proposal to institute a STEM curriculum or STEM Academy at Lowell High School.

6.III. [By Mayor Edward Kennedy]:

Request to either postpone or cancel the School Committee meeting scheduled for April 19th, which falls during April school vacation.

6.IV. [By Mayor Edward Kennedy]:

Request the Superintendent provide a report and update on the school department's efforts towards recruitment designed to bring diversity to the Lowell High School faculty.

6.V. [By Mayor Edward Kennedy]:

Request that the Superintendent direct the Lowell High School Administration to take advantage of the free tutoring services offered at the Dharma Center on Merrimack Street.

6.VI. [By Robert Gignac]:

Request the Superintendent develop and distribute an Organizational Health Survey to all staff and parents throughout the district.

6.VII. [By Robert Hoey]:

Request that the Superintendent send a letter of appreciation to Coach George Bossi, on behalf of the Lowell Public Schools and the Lowell School Committee, in recognition of Coach Bossi's holiday wrestling tournament, held at the Paul Tsongas Arena annually, and known to bring large crowds into the city.

6.VIII. [By Robert Hoey]:

Request that the Superintendent send a letter of congratulations to Coach Tom Cassidy, on behalf of the Lowell Public Schools and the Lowell School Committee, on Greater Lowell Technical High School Gryphons wrestling team's recent win over Lowell High School.

6.IX. [By Andy Descoteaux]:

Have the Superintendent work with the Lowell High School administration to look into adding the IB (International Baccalaureate) program to offer our advanced HS students another opportunity in addition to AP course work.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEES**

7.I. Finance Subcommittee:

Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2017 [Robert Gignac, Chair]

Documents:

[FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 24, 2017.PDF](#)
[FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ATTACHMENT 2.PDF](#)
[FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ATTACHMENT 3.PDF](#)

7.II. Joint Facilities And Lowell High School Subcommittee Meeting

Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Joint Facilities and Lowell High School Subcommittee Meeting of Tuesday, January 24, 2017 [Steve Gendron, Chairperson and Robert Gignac, Chairperson]

Documents:

[JOINT FACILITIES AND LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 24, 2017.PDF](#)
[LHS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.PDF](#)
[LSC-FSC 2017-01-24 ED PRGM PRES.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

8.I. Online Community Resource Guide

Documents:

[ONLINE COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE.PDF](#)

8.II. Chapter 70 State Aid

Documents:

[1- CHAPTER 70 MEMO.PDF](#)
[2-CHAPTER 70 FOUNDATION BUDGET.PDF](#)
[3- FY 18 CHAPTER 70 SUMMARY.PDF](#)

8.III. Proposed 2018 Budget Calendar

Documents:

[2018 BUDGET CALENDAR 2-1-17.PDF](#)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. Budget Transfer

Documents:

[BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FEB 1 2017.PDF](#)

9.II. Disposal Of Surplus Supplies

Documents:

[DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS SUPPLIES.PDF](#)

9.III. SPED Reserve Fund - New Legislation

Documents:

[SPED RESERVE FUND.PDF](#)

10. **CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

10.I. LHS - Business Professionals Of America Framingham, MA

Head of School Brian Martin, request permission for Lowell High School Business Professional Advisor, Jill McNamara along with 15 members of the Lowell Chapter of the Business Professionals of America to attend the National Leadership Conference in Framingham, MA from Saturday, March 4, 2017 through Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel & Conference Center. Students will be absent from school on Monday, March 6, 2017. The only cost will be \$100 for a substitute teacher for 1 day and will be paid by Lowell High School Individual School account. The cost of the conference will be paid for through The 1826 School Store for students and staff. Students have been raising funds to defray the cost of the trip and each student will pay \$200 of the \$250 per student. This will include all meals and 2 nights at the Sheraton Tara. There will be no additional cost to the Lowell School Department budget.

Documents:

[LHS FRAMINGHAM MA.PDF](#)

10.II. LHS - New England Wrestling Championship

Head of School Brian Martin, request permission for a one night over night stay on March 3 and 4, 2017 for LHS Wrestlers to attend the New England Wrestling Championship to be held at the Providence Career and Technical Academy in Providence, RI. The Students will be under the supervision of Head Coach George Bossi, and assistant coaches James Dillon, Michael Dillon, and George Gilbride. Transportation will be via private vehicle provided by the Lowell High School Wrestling Coaches with written parental permission. The cost of the trip will not exceed \$2000.00 paid by the Lowell High Athletic Department.

Documents:

[LHS PROVIDENCE RI.PDF](#)

10.III. LHS- Outdoor Adventures Russell, MA

Head of School Brian Martin, request permission for Outdoor Adventures Advisor, Kendra Bauer and Donna Newcomb, both employees of Lowell School Department, to participate in an overnight winter adventure excursion supported by the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunity Program with 10 – 14 club members. They will be traveling to Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell, Massachusetts from Monday, February 20 – Wednesday, February 22, 2017 (school vacation week). No substitutes are required. The club will travel via school bus, which will be paid for by the students and subsidized by the club's funds.

Documents:

[LHS RUSSELL MA.PDF](#)

10.IV. LHS Trip To Greece April 2018

Lowell High School staff Jill McNamara, Wayne Taylor and Danielle Lessard, along with chaperone Jo Ann LaBranche who is CORI and 24 students, to travel to Greece, Athens, and Islands during April 2018 school vacation. The total cost of \$3,335 will be paid by each student traveling. The cost of \$200 for two substitute teacher will be paid by the LHS Individual School Budget.

Documents:

[LHS GREECE.PDF](#)

10.V. Thomas Thornton Student Council Workshop Hyannis, MA.

Permission for eleven (11) Student Council Representatives as well as Student Council Advisor, Thomas Thornton to attend the 2017 Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop on Wednesday, March 8 through Friday, March 10, 2017 held at the Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, in Hyannis, MA. Students will miss three (3) days of school. No substitutes will be needed and all expenses will be paid through the Office of Student Activities at LHS funds not to exceed \$2,100. There is no cost to the Lowell School Department.

Documents:

[LHS HYANNIS MA.PDF](#)

10.VI. Bartlett School Music Teacher - Albany, NY

Bartlett School Music teacher, Rachel Crawford to attend an out of state conference as part of an National Science Foundation. The conference will be held in Albany, NY on April 7th and 8th 2017. The total cost of

\$726.00, including the daily substitute will be paid by UML the National Science Foundation Grant. There is no cost to the Lowell Public Schools.

Documents:

[RACHEL CRAWFORD ALBANY NY.PDF](#)

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.I. Letter Of Appreciation To William Haddad, Executive Director Of On The Move

Documents:

[THANK YOU LETTER WILLIAM HADDAD.PDF](#)

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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