



Lowell Public School Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: April 5, 2017
Time: 6:30PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **SALUTE TO FLAG**

3. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

3.I. Public Hearing Inter-District School Choice Program

Documents:

[SCHOOL CHOICE.PDF](#)

3.II. Spotlight On Excellence: 2017 Science And Engineering Fair

Documents:

[SPOTLIGHT 2017 SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR \(1\).PDF](#)

3.III. Spotlight On Excellence – Bartlett Community Partnership

Documents:

[4-5-17 SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE -BARTLETT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.PDF](#)

3.IV. Spotlight On Excellence: LHS Ice Hockey Team

Documents:

[LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE.PDF](#)

4. **MINUTES**

4.I. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting Of Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Documents:

[LSC MINUTES - MARCH 15, 2017.PDF](#)

5. **PERMISSION TO ENTER**

5.I. Permission To Enter: April 5, 2017

Documents:

[PERMISSION TO ENTER - APRIL 5, 2017.PDF](#)

6. **MEMORIALS**

6.I. Memorial- Golden

Eileen C. Golden, mother of Thomas A. "Tipa" Golden, Massachusetts State Representative, and mother-in-law of Kenneth C. Trott, Pyne Arts School Custodian.

6.II. Memorial - Stephen O'Brien

Stephen O'Brien, husband of Cheryl O'Brien, Special Education Executive Secretary and father-in-law to Lynne O'Brien, Pawtucketville Memorial School Teacher.

6.III. Memorial - Merrill

William A. Merrill, retired Lowell High School History teacher and Guidance Counselor.

7. **MOTIONS**

7.I. [By Robert Gignac]:

Request the Superintendent work with the City Administration to develop a plan and/or update on the capital improvement funds that were allocated for the schools.

7.II. [By Connie Martin]:

Requesting an update on the plan for recruiting and hiring a new Head of School for Lowell High School, including a proposed timeline for assembling the interviewing committee and any public sessions that will be part of the process.

7.III. [By Steve Gendron]:

Request the Superintendent form a task force to interview Lowell High School Head of School applicants.

7.IV. [By Connie Martin]:

Requesting an update on the staffing plans for Principals and Assistant Principals for the fy17 and fy18.

7.V. [By Jacqueline Doherty]:

Request the Superintendent provide the committee with the DESE School Climate Survey along with recommendations as to whether we should implement this survey or some other instrument. The recommendations should also include timelines for beginning to collect baseline data about school climate, family involvement, or other aspects that address the education of the whole child.

7.VI. [By Steve Gendron]:

Request the Superintendent work with the City and the LRTA to develop a program to provide free bus passes to Lowell High School students based on financial need.

7.VII. [ByConnie Martin]:

Requesting that the administration provide the committee with an update on plans to accommodate the middle school bubble for the FY 17-18 school year

7.VIII. [Robert J. Hoey]:

Request Superintendent conduct a review of safety and security in our schools.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEES**

8.I. Joint Finance And Student Support Services Subcommittee

Report and approval of the minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, March 29, 2017 [Robert Gignac, Chairperson and Jackie Doherty, Chairperson]

Documents:

[JOINT FINANCE AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING -MARCH 29, 2017.PDF](#)

9. **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

9.I. Tutoring Services Offered By The Dharma Center

Documents:

[4-5-17 TUTORING SERVICES AT DHARMA CENTER.PDF](#)

9.II. Community Service Learning Program Update

Documents:

[4-5-17 COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE ACROSS DISTRICT.PDF](#)

9.III. Quarterly Reports On Motions

Documents:

[1- QUARTERLY REPORT MTG. OF APRIL 2017.PDF](#)

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.I. Vote Of Inter-District School Choice

Documents:

[SCHOOL CHOICE.PDF](#)

10.II. Approval Of A Study Proposal

Documents:

11. CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS

11.I. LHS - Trip To Quebec

The Lowell High School International Language Club is requesting permission for 50 Students and 5 LHS staff members, William Donaghey, Stephen Gervais, Tricia Gabor, Jeannine Ameduri and Mary Ann Dyson, to travel to Quebec City, Canada from Friday, February 2nd through Monday, February 5, 2018. The total cost of \$550 will be paid by each student traveling. The cost of \$400 for four substitute teachers will be paid by the LHS Individual School Budget.

Documents:

[LHS QUEBEC.PDF](#)

11.II. LHS - Trip To Spain

Head of School Brian Martin, requests permission for 14 Students and 2 chaperones, Philip Maia and Mary Ann Dyson, both Lowell High staff to travel to Spain (Madrid, Cordoba and Seville) during the April school vacation 2017. Students will miss one day of school leaving on Monday, April 17th and will return on Monday, April 24, 2017. The total cost of the trip to be incurred by each student will be \$2,865. There is no cost to the Lowell School Department or LHS individual fund.

Documents:

[LHS SPAIN.PDF](#)

11.III. LHS - Gervais To Birmingham, Alabama.

LHS Department Head for Foreign Language and ELL Stephen Gervais to attend the 2017 DENSHO workshop on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. There is no cost to the School Department budget.

No substitute teacher is needed.

Documents:

[LHS STEPHEN GERVAIS.PDF](#)

11.IV. LHS Trip To Japan 2018

Lowell High School staff members Stephen Gervais and Darnery Montoya along with 20 students, to travel to Japan during April 2018 school vacation. [Friday, April 13 through Monday, April 23, 2018. The total cost of \$4480 will be paid by each student traveling. There is no cost to the School Department budget. No substitute teachers are needed.

Documents:

[LHS JAPAN 2018.PDF](#)

11.V. AFJROTC Cadet Leadership Course

Lowell High School staff LTCol. Eileen Ironfield, TSgt David Smith, TSgt Susan Antonilini and TSgt Kevin Casilli with approximately 100 cadet students, to attend session 1 of the MA 771's annual Cadet Leadership Course at Fort Devens Airforce Base, Massachusetts. Session 1 will take place from Wednesday, June 21 through Friday, June 23, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$7,000 and will be paid by AFJROTC funds, student fundraising and student contribution. The cost for three substitute teachers for three days will be \$900 and will be paid by the LHS Professional Development funds.

Documents:

[LHS AFJROTC FORT DEVENS.PDF](#)

11.VI. Conference For Lisa Van Thiel And Darcie Coleman

Request permission to attend an overnight out of state conference for Lisa Van Thiel, Early Childhood Coordinator and Darcie Coleman, Early Childhood Social Worker, to attend the National Parent-Child Home Program Model Training in Garden City, New Jersey from June 6, 2017 thru June 8, 2017. No substitute needed. Cost associated with the conference includes travel, registration fees, food and lodging not to exceed 4,800.00 will be paid by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE).

Documents:

[EARLY CHILDHOOD NJ.PDF](#)

11.VII. LHS - Boys' And Girls' Track And Field Teams To New York

The Lowell High School Coaches Tim Patterson, Dave Casey and assistant coaches along with the Boys' and Girls' Track and Field teams to compete in the Glenn D. Louks Games Track and Field Meet at White Plains High School, White Plains, New York, May 12 & May 13, 2017 including a school day and overnight stay on May 12, 2017. The entry fee of \$300.00, transportation cost \$300 and lodging 91,000 will be shared by the Friends of Lowell High School Track

Committee and private funds.

Documents:

[LHS WHITE PLAINS NY.PDF](#)

12. **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

12.I. UTL Donated Sick Leave Days

The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby donate forty five [45] sick leave days to Donna Lamarche, Butler School Food Service.

Documents:

[UTL DONNA LAMARCHE.PDF](#)

12.II. UTL Donated Sick Leave Days

The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby donate fifty five [55] sick leave days to Sarah Ross, Bartlett School Teacher.

Documents:

[UTL SARAH ROSS.PDF](#)

13. **ADJOURNMENT**