

# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## *REGULAR MEETING MINUTES*

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**Date:** February 15, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

### 1. ROLL CALL:

On a roll call at 6:40 p.m.; members present were, namely, Ms. Martin, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Gendron, Mr. Gignac, Mr. Hoey and Mayor Kennedy. Mr. Descoteaux was absent.

Onotse Omojeni, LHS Student Representative was also present.

### 2. SALUTE TO FLAG

### 3. MINUTES:

3.i. Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, February 1, 2017

**Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the minutes and to place them on file; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

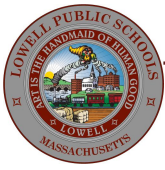
### 4. PERMISSION TO ENTER:

4.i. Permission to Enter: February 15, 2017

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to delay approving Aramark Educational Services, LLC in the amount of \$4,921,313 on the Permission to Enter report until the Superintendent places it back on the agenda and presents the Committee with a report; seconded by Mr. Gendron. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve Community Teamwork, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000 on the Permission to Enter report; seconded by Mr. Gendron 5 years, 2 absent APPROVED**

**Mr. Gignac made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Permission to Enter report; seconded by Mr. Hoey 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**



## 5. MEMORIALS

### 5.I. Memorial - Thomas Fleming

Thomas Fleming, retired Moody School Custodian and brother of Sharon Smith, payroll Clerk, Anne Ruddy, Greenhalge School Custodian, Katherine Fleming, Bartlett School Custodian, uncle of Lynn Moran, Special Education Department Clerk.

### 5.II. Memorial - Paul Jude Oates

Paul Jude Oates, father of Suzanne Keefe, LHS English Department Chair and father-in-law of Mark Keefe, LHS teacher.

## 6. MOTIONS:

### 6.I. [By Jacqueline Doherty]:

Request the City Manager to provide the Committee with a report that details the City's Maintenance of Effort Agreement for the last year related to expenditures on the schools.

There was a typographical error and the motion was read on the floor for the record. The motion is as follows:

**Request the City Manager provide the Committee with a report that details the City's Maintenance of Effort Agreement related to expenditures on the schools for the last three (3) years.**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Gendron. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 6.II. [By Jacqueline Doherty]:

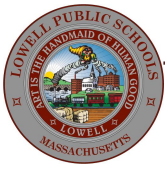
Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report of the transportation cost estimates of bussing students to a high school at Cawley over the next 12 years based on the number of students by neighborhood currently attending our schools.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Gendron. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 6.III. [By Jacqueline Doherty]:

Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report that looks at our K-12 student population by zip code to determine the number of students from each neighborhood.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**



## 7. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### 7.I. 2017 Kathryn P. Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl Competition

The Kathryn Philbin Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl will hold its Preliminary Matches on March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Elimination Rounds will take place on March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. The Final Competition will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent as reports of progress: 7.I, 7.II, 7.III, and 7.V; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 7.II. 2017 Graduation Dates and Lowell High School Commencement Speaker

Lowell High School's graduation will be held on June 7, 2017 at the UMass Lowell Tsongas Center and the Commencement Speaker will be Elinor Lipman. The Adult Education graduation will be held on June 2, 2017 at the Lowell High School Cyrus E. Irish Auditorium.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent as reports of progress: 7.I, 7.II, 7.III, and 7.V; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 7.III. Response to Robert Gignac's Motion of 01/18/17 regarding Extracurricular Activities Throughout the District

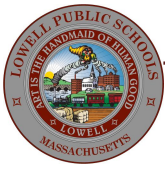
Deputy Superintendent Durkin provided a report to the Committee that showed an overview of all of the extracurricular activities in the Lowell Public Schools as reported by each school Principal. The report also included additional offerings at Lowell High School as well as the schools that are recipients of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent as reports of progress: 7.I, 7.II, 7.III, and 7.V; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 7.IV. Response to Jacqueline Doherty's motion of 01/18/17 regarding the Time Allocated for Recess, Lunch, Physical Education, and Health.

Ms. Darcie Boyer was registered to speak and addressed the Committee regarding this report.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to refer the Time Allocated for Recess, Lunch, Physical Education, and Health report to a Joint Curriculum and Student Support Services Subcommittee meeting for further discussion; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**



#### 7.V. Monthly Budget Report

The Monthly Budget Report that was provided to the Committee by Gary Frisch, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/School Business Administrator showed the budget report for the period ending January 31, 2017. Mr. Frisch gave the following summary:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Original Budget                 | \$158,445,232 |
| Carrying Forward from Last Year | \$1,841,011   |
| Adjusted Budget                 | \$160,286,243 |
| Year-To-Date Expenditures       | \$73,238,880  |
| Outstanding Purchase Orders     | \$8,672,229   |
| Remaining Balance               | \$78,375,133  |

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent as reports of progress: 7.I, 7.II, 7.III, and 7.V; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

#### 7.VI. 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

**Mayor Kennedy presented the first reading of the 2017-2018 School Year Calendar.**

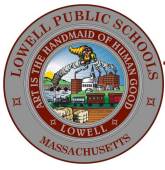
#### 7.VII. 2017-2018 School Committee Meetings Dates

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

#### 7.VIII. Personnel Report

The Personnel Report officially informs the Committee of all retirements, resignations, promotions and new hires.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept the report as a report of progress; seconded by Mr. Gendron. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**



## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.I. Approval of an Educational Research Request

Melinda Willis requested permission to interview and observe Alicia (Negron) Paredes, a Lowell High School science teacher, as part of her research for her doctoral dissertation. Ms. Willis reports that Ms. Paredes is willing to participate in this research. Amy McLeod, Director of Curriculum & Instruction at Lowell High School reported that the high school supports this proposal.

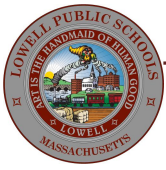
**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 8.II. Update and Phase II of the Eagle Scout Textile Recycling Presented by Michael Wojas

**A request was made to take the agenda out of order to discuss the Update and Phase II of the Eagle Scout Textile Recycling by general consent.**

Michael Wojas provided the Committee with an update on the Textile Recycling Rebate Program. The update informed the Committee that currently we have recycling boxes at fifteen (15) schools and are adding ten (10) more. The bins are emptied once a week and are a source of income for the schools.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the report as a report of progress; seconded by Mr. Gignac. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**



9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. by Mr. Hoey; seconded by Mr. Gendron 6 years, 1 absent

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Salah E. Khelifaoui, Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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