



# Lowell Public School Committee

## *Regular Meeting Agenda*

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**Date:** January 16, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

3.1. Spotlight On Excellence- McAuliffe School STEM Wars

Documents:

[STEM WARS VIDEO PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

4. **MINUTES**

4.1. Minutes:

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Documents:

[LSC MINUTES - DECEMBER 19, 2018.PDF](#)

5. **PERMISSION TO ENTER**

5.1. Permission To Enter: January 16, 2019

## 6. **MOTIONS**

### 6.I. [By Mayor William Samaras]:

Request that the School Committee begin establishing the process for the appointment and hiring of the permanent Superintendent of the Lowell Public Schools.

### 6.II. [By Mayor William Samaras]:

Request the LHS Social Studies Department work with Lowell Historic Board administrator on crafting a more fitting testimonial to display with the portrait of Benjamin Butler in Lowell City Hall and request that it be sent back to the City Council for final approval.

### 6.III. [By Robert Hoey]:

Move to pay all unaffiliated staff the same amount the Unions receive.

### 6.IV. [By Mayor William Samaras]:

Request that the Lowell School Committee draft a resolution in support of Massachusetts Senate Docket 101, An Act providing rightful opportunities and meaningful investment for successful and equitable education, also known as the Education PROMISE Act.

### 6.V. [By Robert Hoey]:

Requesting that the Administration provides the Committee with a report on how many 51As have been filed by schools for the 2018-2019 school year and for what reasons.

6.VI. [By Dominik Hok Lay]:

Schedule a Technology Subcommittee meeting to review the district's current technology and assess anticipated needs for current and additional technology.

6.VII. [By Robert Hoey]:

A Report on how many in district transfers, and departures out of the district. A list from each individual school for the past five years.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEES**

7.I. Finance Subcommittee:

Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, December 19, 2018 [Gerard Nutter Chair]

Documents:

[FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - DECEMBER 19, 2018.PDF](#)

8. **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

8.I. Rezoning The District To Neighborhood Schools

Documents:

[TRANSPORTATION REPORT.PDF](#)  
[TRANSPORTATION ATTACHEMENT.PDF](#)

8.II. 2018 District MCAS Results And Accountability Overview

Documents:

[ACCOUNTABILITY PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

8.III. LHS Dress Code Proposal

Documents:

[SC DRESS CODE PROPOSAL CHANGE.PDF](#)

8.IV. Special Education Indicators

Documents:

**8.V. Response To Gerard Nutter's Motion Of 09/19/18  
Regarding Temperature Issues And Andy Descoteaux' S  
Motion Of 08/15/18 Regarding MSBA Proposals.**

Documents:

[TEMPERATURE AND MSBA REPORT.PDF](#)

**8.VI. Citywide Family Council**

Documents:

[CITYWIDE FAMILY COUNCIL REPORT.PDF](#)

**8.VII. Turnaround Grant 325 Award Notification**

Documents:

[TURNAROUND GRANT 325.PDF](#)  
[TAG GRANT AWARD LETTER.PDF](#)

**8.VIII. Use Of Facilities Review**

Documents:

[USE OF FACILITIES MEMO.PDF](#)

**8.IX. Residency Notification And Verification**

Documents:

[RESIDENCY NOTIFICATION.PDF](#)

**8.X. Knowledge Bowl 2019 – Competition Schedule**

Documents:

[KB 2019 MEMO FOR SC.PDF](#)

**8.XI. Human Resource Director RFP Update**

Documents:

[FY19-20 HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR RFP UPDATE.PDF](#)

**8.XII. Response To Gerard Nutter's Motion Of 09/19/18  
Regarding The Feasibility Of Eliminating February/April  
Vacation Beginning In The 2019/2020 School Year, Creating**

## 1 Vacation Week In March

Documents:

[VACATION CONSOLIDATION MEMO TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

### 8.XIII. Enrollment Figures

Documents:

[1.11.18.PDF](#)  
[ENROLLMENT CHANGES.PDF](#)

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 9.I. Vote To Approve Changes To The Approved FY19 Budget

Documents:

[UPDATE TO SC FOR REVISED BUDGET AS OF 1-14-19.PDF](#)

### 9.II. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The Dr. Gertrude M. Bailey Elementary School Under The Accelerated Repair Program

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST BAILEY SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[BAILEY - VOTE.PDF](#)

### 9.III. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The James S. Daley Middle School Under The Accelerated Repair Program

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST DALEY SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[DALEY - VOTE.PDF](#)

### 9.IV. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The Fredrick T. Greenhalge Elementary School Under The Accelerated Repair Program

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST GREENHALGE SCHOOL 2.PDF](#)  
[GREENHALGE - VOTE.PDF](#)

### 9.V. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The Abraham Lincoln Elementary School Under The Accelerated Repair Program

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST LINCOLN SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[LINCOLN - VOTE.PDF](#)

**9.VI. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The Lowell High School Freshman Academy Under The Accelerated Repair Program**

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN ACADEMY 1.PDF](#)  
[LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN - VOTE.PDF](#)

**9.VII. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School Under The Accelerated Repair Program**

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST MCAULIFFE SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[MCAULIFFE - VOTE.PDF](#)

**9.VIII. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School Under The Accelerated Repair Program**

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST PAWTUCKETVILLE MEMORIAL SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[PAWTUCKETVILLE - VOTE.PDF](#)

**9.IX. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The STEM Academy At Rogers School Under The Accelerated Repair Program**

Documents:

[STEM ACADEMY AT ROGERS.PDF](#)  
[STEM ACADEMY AT ROGERS - VOTE.PDF](#)

**9.X. Vote-Authorize MSBA Statement Of Interest For The James F. Sullivan Middle School Under The Accelerated Repair Program**

Documents:

[STATEMENT OF INTEREST SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.PDF](#)  
[SULLIVAN - VOTE.PDF](#)

## 9.XI. Budget Transfer

Documents:

[BUDGET TRANSFER.PDF](#)

## 9.XII. Disposal Of Surplus Supplies

Documents:

[SURPLUS SUPPLIES.PDF](#)

## 9.XIII. Vote To Accept Grant Award Of \$5,000 To The J.G. Pyne Arts Magnet School From Lowe's Toolbox For Education Grant

Documents:

[DONATION ACCEPTANCE REQUEST.PDF](#)

## 10. CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS

### 10.I. LHS - Trip To Florida

Head of School Marianne Busteed, request permission for ROTC staff members Lt. Col Eileen Ironfield, MSgt Kevin Casilli, and TSgt David Smith to travel to Daytona Beach, Florida with approximately 45 students for the Multi-Service JROTC Drill Competition. The competition is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2018 through Sunday, May 5, 2018. The team will depart Lowell High School at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2018 and travel by bus paid for by the AFJROTC funds, and will return on Wednesday, May 7, 2018. The estimated cost of the competition will not exceed a total of \$43,500 including transportation; lodging and food. This will be paid with Air Force funds, fundraising, and donations.

Documents:

[ROTC DAYTONA BEACH FL.PDF](#)

### 10.II. LHS - Trip To Hyannis -Student Council

Permission for twelve (12) LHS Student Council Representatives as well as Student Council Advisor,

Thomas Thornton to attend the 2019 Massachusetts Association of Student Council Workshop on Wednesday, March 6 through Friday, March 8, 2019 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 \$3,000. There is no cost to the Lowell School Department.

Documents:

[LHS HYANNIS MA.PDF](#)

#### 10.III. LHS - Trip To Italy And Greece

Lowell High School staff members Thomas Thornton, Wayne Taylor, Kara Pigeon and Michelle Callahan, along with thirty five [35] students, to travel to Rome, Italy and Athens Greece during April 2020 school vacation. The students will miss one day from school Friday, February 17, 2020 and will be returning on Sunday, April 26, 2020. The total cost of \$3,485 will be paid by each student traveling. The cost of \$315 for one substitute teacher per day will be paid by the LHS Individual School Budget.

Documents:

[LHS ITALY AND GREECE APRIL 2020.PDF](#)

#### 10.IV. LHS - Trip To Paris

Head of School Marianne Busted, requests permission for twenty four [24] to forty [40] LHS students and four [4] chaperones, Susan Brassard, Seth Bernier, Cassandra Johnson and Brianna Heughins, all Lowell High staff to travel to Paris, France and the Riviera during the February school vacation 2020. Students will miss one day of school, Friday, February 14, 2020 and two [2] substitutes will be needed for one day. The cost of the substitutes in the amount of \$210 will be paid by LHS individual school budget. Each student traveling will incur the total cost of between of \$3,060 and \$3,239.00.



Documents:

[LHS PARIS FRANCE 2020.PDF](#)

#### 10.V. LHS - Trip To British Isles

Permission for eighteen [18] to twenty four [24] LHS students and three chaperones, Thomas Thornton and two other staff members to be determined, to travel to Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England during the February school vacation 2020. Students will miss one day of school, Friday, February 14, 2020. The cost of two substitutes in the amount of \$210 will be paid by LHS individual school budget. Each student traveling will incur the total cost of \$3,080.00.

Documents:

[LHS CAPITAL OF THE BRITISH ISLES FEB. 2020.PDF](#)

#### 10.VI. Trip To N.H. - LHS Outdoor Adventure Club

Head of School Marianne Busteed, request permission for LHS Outdoor Adventures Advisors, Kendra Bauer and Donna Newcomb, to participate in an overnight winter adventure excursion supported by the Appalachian Mountain Club's Youth Opportunity Program with 8 club members. They will be traveling to Pinkham, N.H. from Friday, January 18th through Sunday, January 20, 2019. The club will travel via van, which will be paid for by the students and subsidized by the club's funds. Each student traveling will incur the total cost of \$20. The cost of one substitute in the amount of \$110 will be paid by LHS individual school budget.

Documents:

[LHS PINKHAM NH.PDF](#)

#### 10.VII. Trip- D.C. - Wang And Sullivan Schools

Previously Approved: The 8th grade Wang School

students, along with teacher/chaperones Kathy Clark, Matthew Palmer and Alison Kuzara to travel to Washington D.C. from Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, May 31, 2019. Fundraising activities will be held throughout the school year to defray the cost of the trip [\$742/per student] for all participating students. No substitute teachers are needed.

Additionally:

The 8th grade Sullivan School students (10-20), along with teacher/chaperone Keith Valliere and Wang School students to travel to Washington D.C. from Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, May 31, 2019. Fundraising activities will be held throughout the school year to defray the cost of the trip [\$725/per student] for all participating students. No substitute teachers are needed.

Documents:

[WANG CHANGE TO APPROVED DC FIELD TRIP.PDF](#)  
[SULLIVAN WASHINGTON, DC.PDF](#)

## 11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11.I. Letter Of Appreciation To Manuel Silva For The 33 Years Of Service To The LPS

Documents:

[MANUEL SILVA 01.16.18.PDF](#)

## 12. **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

- 12.I. LSAA-Donated Sick Days

The members of the Lowell School Administrator Association (LSAA) hereby request to donate forty two [42] sick days to Shelby Boisvert, Lowell High School Guidance Counselor.

Documents:

[LSAA.PDF](#)

- 12.II. The Members Of The United Teachers Of Lowell Hereby Donate Eight [8] Sick Leave Days To Tamara Jordan, Robinson School Teacher.

Documents:

[UTL SICK DAYS.PDF](#)

- 12.iii. The Members Of The United Teachers Of Lowell Hereby Donate Five [5] Sick Leave Days To Patricia Jussaume, Butler School Teacher.

Documents:

[UTL SICK DAYS.PDF](#)

### 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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