



# Lowell Public School Committee

## *Regular Meeting Agenda*

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**Date:** February 19, 2020  
**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 – Wang School Performance Of Frozen Junior

Documents:

[SPOTLIGHT.DOCX.PDF](#)

4. **MINUTES**

- 4.1. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting Of Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Documents:

[LSC MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2020.PDF](#)

- 4.2. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Lowell School Committee Of Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Documents:

[LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 5, 2020.PDF](#)

## 5. **PERMISSION TO ENTER**

### 5.1. Permission To Enter: February 19, 2020

Documents:

[PERMISSION TO ENTER -FEBRUARY 19, 2020.PDF](#)

### 5.2. Director Of Special Education Michael Lovato, Contract Approval

Documents:

[LOVATOMICHAEL CONTRACT 2020.PDF](#)  
[JOB POSTING - DIRECTOR OF SPED.PDF](#)

## 6. **MOTIONS**

### 6.1. [By Mayor John Leahy]:

Request that the Superintendent work with the Fire Department to establish an Opioid Prevention Program at Lowell High School.

### 6.2. [By Andy Descoteaux]:

Ask the Superintendent to review whether or not ALL of our schools (save the High School) have incorporated recess into their daily schedules.

### 6.3. [By Andy Descoteaux]:

Ask the Superintendent to assign the responsibility to someone in the district to maintain a system-wide calendar of events that will be easy to navigate for all of our parents and staff who would attend many of these events if they knew where they could go on our website to find out.

### 6.4. [By Andy Descoteaux]:

Ask the Superintendent to review whether or not some schools had administrative interference in the selection process of their SSC's. It should involve parents only.

6.5. [By Hilary Clark]:

Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the feasibility of procuring licenses for the Smore newsletter software for use at every school in the district. Report back should include cost and plan for implementation including training. Smore is currently in use at the Pyne Arts Magnet School, Washington Elementary and Lowell High School. Benefits include translation of newsletter content into 100 languages and tracks engagement.

6.6. [By Hilary Clark]:

Request the Superintendent provide a status update on the use of the Makerspace's at Lowell High School and the Bartlett Community Partnership School.

6.7. [By Jackie Doherty]:

Request the City Solicitor's office review the confidential report "Issues Related to the Office of Human Resources" for completeness and accuracy in preparation to share it with the entire school committee.

6.8. [By Jackie Doherty]:

Request the Superintendent develop the spending plan and timeline for informing the committee and engaging the community on how the district will use additional funds generated from the Student Opportunity Act prior to April 1, which is the deadline for submitting to DESE.

6.9. [By Jackie Doherty]:

*Per December 2018 motion*, request the Superintendent invite leaders from the Citywide Family Council to make their annual presentation updating the school committee on their work to engage families.

## **7. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **7.1. Strategic Planning Update**

Documents:

[SC UPDATE 2-19-20 FINAL.PDF](#)

### **7.2. Budget Update**

Documents:

[BUDGET UPDATE.PDF](#)

### **7.3. Report On Motions**

Documents:

[REPORT MOTIONS FEBRUARY 19, 2020.PDF](#)

#### **7.3.1. Response To Motion 4. COO Of 01/15/19 By Robert Hoey: Pledge Of Allegiance**

Documents:

[REPORT ON PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FLAGS.PDF](#)

### **7.4. Personnel Report**

Documents:

[2020 FEBRUARY 19 PERSONNEL REPORT.PDF](#)

### **7.5. 2020-2021 School Calendar**

Documents:

[OPTION A.PDF](#)  
[OPTION B.PDF](#)

### **7.6. 2020-2021 School Committee Meeting Dates**

Documents:

[2020-2021 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR.DOCX.PDF](#)

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Budget Transfer**

Documents:

8.2. Approval Of Upgrade To Food Services Offering For The  
Remainder Of School Year

Documents:

[UPGRADE TO FOOD SERVICES OFFERING.PDF](#)

9. **CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

9.1. Out Of State And Overnight Travel Request: LHS

Permission for Krista Earley to attend the College Board's  
Advanced Placement Program to be held on June 10, 2020 through  
June 18, 2020 in Kansas City. There are no costs to the School  
Department Budget. No Substitute is needed.

Documents:

[KIRSTA EARLEY, KANSAS CITY.PDF](#)

10. **ADJOURNMENT**