



# Lowell Public School Committee

## *Regular Meeting Agenda*

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**Date:** April 03, 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.i. Spotlight On Excellence: Kathryn P. Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl Competition 2019

Documents:

[4-3-19 SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE - 2019 KNOWLEDGE BOWL.PDF](#)

- 3.ii. Spotlight On Excellence: Generation Citizen's Civics Day

Documents:

[SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE GENERATION CITIZEN CIVICS DAY.PDF](#)

4. **MINUTES**

- 4.i. Minutes:

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Documents:

[LSC MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2019.PDF](#)

5. **PERMISSION TO ENTER**

5.I. Permission To Enter: April 3, 2019

Documents:

[PERMISSION TO ENTER - APRIL 3, 2019.PDF](#)

6. **MEMORIALS**

6.I. Memorial - Moser

Morris Moser, father of LPS Data Analyst Kim Lew and father-in-law of LHS Scheduler Mark Lew.

6.II. Memorial - O'Brien

John O'Brien, Father of Sharon Lagasse, General Manager of Food and Nutrition

6.III. Memorial - McQueen

Donald McQueen, father of MaryLou MacKenzie, Wang School teacher.

6.IV. Memorial - McMahon

Gerald McMahon, friend of Bob Hoey and LHS graduate

6.V. Memorial - Kinney

Georgina "Betty" Kinney, retired Lowell High School math teacher.

7. **MOTIONS**

7.I. [By Andy Descoteaux]:

Ask that the Superintendent check with all school principals to verify if all classroom teachers are reciting the Pledge of Allegiance every day, as required by Mass General Law.

- 7.II. [By Andy Descoteaux]:  
Ask the Superintendent to work with the City Manager to try and obtain the use of some of the Greater Lowell Technical students to help alleviate some of the open work orders that are overwhelming our city workers.
- 7.III. [By Gerard Nutter]:  
School Committee vote to request City provide minimum 42% of their NET School spending requirement in the form of a cash contribution to the Lowell Public School System in the next Maintenance of Effort Agreement.
- 7.IV. [By Gerard Nutter]:  
School Committee request in the next Maintenance of Effort Agreement that the City CFO or their representative attend the 2nd School Committee meeting every January with a detailed report on Maintenance of Effort charges year to date and October with a detailed report on Maintenance of Effort charges for the previous school year.
- 7.V. [By Gerard Nutter]:  
Request for a Finance Subcommittee before the next School Committee meeting and have Assistant Superintendent Turner present a list of policy and procedures that have been put in place that address many of the oversight and accounting issues raised in the Fiscal Audit.
- 7.VI. [By Gerard Nutter]:  
Request Mayor invite City Auditor to attend the next School Committee meeting to address questions / finding stemming from the Fiscal Audit and best practice procedures. Among the issues to address:
- a. Use of School Facilities - The school department directed the City Auditor's office to reclassify \$180,000 of general fund operating expenditures to this fund. The only supporting documentation for this reclassification was a reference to the school budget. There was no direct correlation to the facilities use receipts. As a result, we consider the expenditure non-compliant with the MGL

- b. The school department charged the annual district-wide alarm system bills (\$46,197) and locker repairs (\$6,200) to the fund. We consider these expenditures non-compliant with the MGL as they are general operating expenditures.
- c. School Choice (Fund 1119) – per MGL, these funds are to be used for “expenses incurred in providing education for school choice students”. More than \$50,000 was reclassified to the school choice account from the state hurricane relief grant. The supporting documentation provided (explanation only) was that these costs related to transportation. As noted above, expenditure reclasses should have supporting documentation, otherwise they should not be approved by the City Auditor’s Office.
- d. How the Auditor allowed the Superintendent to submit a full year budget that was never voted on by the Lowell School Committee and why he never notified the City Council, Mayor or City Manager?

7.vii. [By Gerard Nutter]:

Request Mayor to explain why the existing Lowell School Committee Policy BDF - Advisory Committees to the School Committee was not followed when naming the Blue Ribbon Panel? Noting on the following last line of that policy.

8-The school committee possesses certain legal powers and purgatives that cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the school committee. The committee will have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

8. **SUBCOMMITTEES**

8.I. Finance Subcommittee:

Report and Approval of the Meeting of Wednesday, March 20, 2019 [Gerard Nutter, Chairperson]

Documents:

[FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING - MARCH 20, 2019.PDF](#)

9. **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

9.I. Response To Jacqueline Doherty's Motion Of March 20, 2019 Regarding Lowell High School Dual Enrollment Program

Documents:

[4-3-19 MOTION LHS DUAL ENROLLMENT.PDF](#)  
[STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN DE PROGRAMS AT LHS.PDF](#)  
[DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES AT LHS.PDF](#)

9.II. Response To Robert Hoey's Motion Of February 6, 2019 Regarding Cell Phone Usage At LHS

Documents:

[1- CELL PHONE USAGE AT LHS 3.28.19.PDF](#)  
[2- CELL PHONE SURVEY SUMMARY \(2\).PDF 3.28.19.PDF](#)  
[CURRENT CELL PHONE POLICY.PDF](#)

9.III. Response To Connie Martin's Motion Of March 6, 2019 Regarding Pre-School And Kindergarten Admission Policies

Documents:

[RESPONSE TO ASSESSMENT MOTION.PDF](#)  
[1-ASSESSMENT REPORT COVER LETTER FINAL.PDF](#)

9.IV. FY 2020 Inclusive Preschool Learning Environments Award

Documents:

[IPLE GRANT LETTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINAL.PDF](#)  
[FY20 AWARD LETTER-LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.PDF](#)

9.V. Planning For FY20 - Grade 5 Pilot And 5/6 Alternative

## Program

Documents:

[GRADE 5 AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PLAN.PDF](#)

### 9.VI. LEAP Grant Update

Documents:

[LEAP GRANT.PDF](#)

### 9.VII. Update On LPS Technology Plan

Documents:

[4-3-19 UPDATE OF LPS TECHNOLOGY PLAN.PDF](#)  
[4-3-19 LPS TECHNOLOGY PLAN ATTACHMENT.PDF](#)

### 9.VIII. Business Office Update

Documents:

[SCHOOL COMMITTEE - BUSINESS OFFICE UPDATE 3-29-18 \(1\).PDF](#)

### 9.IX. Lowell TeleMedia Center Proposal

Documents:

[4-3-19 REPORT ON LTC MEETING.PDF](#)

### 9.X. Report On Motions

Documents:

[REPORT MOTIONS APRIL 3, 2019.PDF](#)

### 9.XI. Enrollment Figures

Documents:

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

## 10. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 10.I. Resolution-School Committee Support Massachusetts Senate Docket 101, The Education Promise Act

Documents:

[PROMISE ACT COVER PAGE.PDF](#)

RESOLUTION FOR PROMISE ACT.PDF  
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE DOCKET 101, THE EDUCATION PROMISE  
ACT.PDF

## 10.II. Food Service Management Contract

Documents:

ARAMARK CONTRACT 2020-2024.PDF

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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