



# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** May 10, 2021  
**Time:** 5:00PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

Pursuant To Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying The State's Open Meeting Law Issued March 12, 2020, Meetings Will Be Held Using Remote Participation As Follows: Members Of The Public May Not Participate In-Person And May View The Meeting Via LTC.ORG (On-Line; Live Streaming Or Local Cable Channel 99) And Zoom.

### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

### 2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 5:09 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark and Mr. Descoteaux. One seat is temporarily vacant due to a resignation.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### 3.1. Public Budget Hearing

No one spoke in favor or in opposition during the public hearing.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to vote for the Action of Necessity, because the School Committee will be voting for their own-bottom line figure; seconded Mr. Dillon. 6 yeas, 1 vacancy APPROVED

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1110: School Committee  
Total amount for approval

\$106,790

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$106,790; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 yeas, 1 vacancy APPROVED

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1200: Superintendent

\$1,126,833

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,126,833; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 yeas, 1 vacancy APPROVED



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**1400: Finance and Administrative Services \$2,604,421**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to increase the General Fund by \$90,000 (Data Analyst); seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,694,421; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**1410: Finance & Operations \$1,364,216**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to decrease the General Fund by \$90,000 (Internet Service Provider) seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,274,216; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 years, 1 nay (Ms. Doherty), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2110: Instructional Leadership \$2,226,101**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to decrease the General Fund by \$61,594 (Academic Chair in Physical Education); seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 years, 1 nay (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,164,147; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2200: Principals/School Leadership \$8,594,723**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to transfer the Associate Head of School position into the Suspense Account; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$8,464,723; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 years, 1 nay (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2305: Personnel Classroom Teachers \$98,262,488**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to transfer the Virtual Academy positions into the Suspense Account; seconded by Ms. Martin. 5 years, 1 nay (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$98,262,488; seconded by Ms. Clark. 6 years, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2305: Medical/Therapeutic Services \$21,869,839**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$21,869,839; seconded by Ms. Clark. 6 yeas, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2352: Coaching Curriculum Support \$2,098,395**

**Mr. Dillon made a motion to transfer the ESSER Funds into the Suspense Account; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 yeas, 1 nay (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,098,395; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2410: Non-Personnel Textbooks \$3,670,538**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$3,670,538; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**2710: Guidance Counselors 4,289,848**

Ms. Doherty requested a report on how the Climate Specialists are supporting and impacting students as well as the district as a whole and why the administration believes it's important. She also requested the job description.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to transfer the School Climate Specialists positions into the Suspense Account; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$4,289,848; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

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**3100: Attendance and Parent Liaison Services \$1,598,214**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to transfer the ESSER Funds into the Suspense Account; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,598,214; seconded by Ms. Martin. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**



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**3300: Transportation** **\$11,616,517**

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$11,616,517; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

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**3500: Athletics & Student Activities** **\$1,833,372**

Ms. Martin made a motion to increase the General Fund by \$61,594 (Administrator of Athletics) and approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,895,326; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

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**4000: Custodial & Security Services** **\$6,074,978**

Ms. Martin made a motion to transfer the Assistant Facilities Director position (\$50,000) into the Suspense Account; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$6,024,978; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

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**5100/5200: Employee Benefits & Retirements** **\$20,297,192**

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$20,297,192; seconded by Ms. Martin. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

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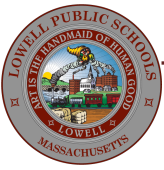
**5350: Rental of Buildings** **\$552,672**

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$552,672; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED

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**7000: Capital Outlay** **\$225,000**

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$225,000; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 years, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED



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**9000: Out of District Budget** **\$5,872,241**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$5,872,241; seconded by Ms. Martin. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Suspense Account** **\$0**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$7,767,482; seconded by Ms. Martin. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**



#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to recess at 8:16 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 5 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Clark), 1 vacancy APPROVED**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee**

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