



LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2020
Time: 6:00PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:04 p.m., all members were present, namely: Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark and Mr. Descoteaux.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. FY21 Budget Public Hearing

Superintendent Boyd addressed the Committee again reiterating the district's financial uncertainty due to the lack of information we have received from the State.

Mayor Leahy opened the public participation portion of the meeting. The following people registered and spoke about the FY 2021 Budget:

- Gen Parasole
- Patty Clark
- Art Santos
- Elkin Montoya
- Mary Tauras (Mayor read an email for email from her)

Ms. Martin made a motion to start the process for the FY21 Budget line by line; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Mr. Hoey, Mr. Descoteaux) APPROVED

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 Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED



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1110: School Committee

Total amount for approval **\$103,290**

Ms. Martin made a motion to reduce the School Committee line by \$6,000 (School Committee salary line) and to move the money into the Suspense Account; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Mr. Dillon) APPROVED

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$97,290; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

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1200: Superintendent

\$1,701,760

Mayor Leahy made a motion to reduce the Superintendent line by \$183,000 (Superintendent's Personnel and Contracted Services) and to move the money into the Suspense Account; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux) APPROVED

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,518,760; seconded by Mayor Leahy. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux) APPROVED

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1400: Finance and Administrative Services

\$2,499,056

Ms. Martin made a motion to reduce the Finance and Administrative Services line by \$45,000 (Counsel for Collective Bargaining) and to move the money into the Suspense Account; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 4 yeas, 3 nays (Mr. Hoey, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux) APPROVED

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,454,056; seconded by Ms. Martin. 4 yeas, 3 nays (Mr. Hoey, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux) APPROVED

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1410: Finance & Operations

\$847,228

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$847,228; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

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2110: Instructional Leadership

\$1,724,530

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,724,530; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED



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2200: Principals/School Leadership \$8,493,040

Ms. Doherty made a motion to ask the Superintendent to explore all potential cost-saving measures including, but not limited to furloughs and freezing increases for union, unaffiliated and contract employees; seconded by Ms. Martin. 3 yeas, 4 nays (Mr. Dillon, Mr. Hoey, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux)
FAILS

Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$8,493,040; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

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2305: Personnel Classroom Teachers \$88,324,488

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$88,324,488; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

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2305: Medical/Therapeutic Services \$21,297,332

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$21,297,332; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

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2352: Coaching Curriculum Support \$2,201,395

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,201,395; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

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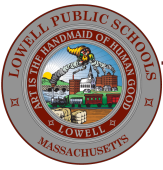
2410: Non-Personnel Textbooks \$2,282,600

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,282,600; seconded by Ms. Clark. 7 yeas APPROVED

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2710: Guidance Counselors \$7,992,830

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$7,992,830; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED



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3100: Attendance and Parent Liaison Services **\$1,479,471**

Ms. Martin made a motion to reduce the Attendance and Parent Liaison Services line by \$148,000 (a Student Support Specialist and Parent Liaison) and to move the money into the Suspense Account; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 3 yeas, 4 nays (Mr. Dillon, Mr. Hoey, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux) FAILS

Mr. Hoey made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,479,471; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED

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3300: Transportation **\$11,794,256**

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$11,794,256; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

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3500: Athletics & Student Activities **\$1,531,972**

Mayor Leahy made a motion to have the Superintendent explore making some changes in the Athletic Director's position; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,531,972; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

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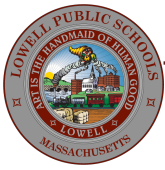
4000: Custodial & Security Services **\$5,960,270**

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$5,960,270; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

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5100/5200: Employee Benefits & Retirements **\$19,106,886**

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$19,106,886; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED



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5350: Rental of Buildings **\$702,075**

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$702,075; seconded by Ms. Clark. 7 yeas APPROVED

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

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$225,000; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

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9000: Out of District Budget **\$5,300,000**

Ms. Clark made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$5,300,000; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

Suspense Account **\$0**

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$234,000; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the FY21 Budget as a report of progress; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. FY21 Budget Session and Adoption of 1/12 Budget

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve adoption of a 1/12 Budget in the amount of \$14,948,595; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED



5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

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

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