



LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date:	June 8, 2023
Time:	6:30PM
Location:	City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

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1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:40 p.m., members present were, namely: Mayor Chau, Ms. Chhoun, Ms. Delrossi, Ms. Doherty, Ms. Martin and Ms. Thompson. Mr. Lay via zoom at 6:46 p.m.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. Spotlight On Excellence: Recognition of 2022-2023 Lowell Public School Retirees

The Spotlight on Excellence featured the Lowell Public School Retirees. Mayor Chau thanked the retirees who were present in the chamber as well as the retirees who weren't in attendance for their dedication to the students and wished them well.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the Minutes of the FY24 Budget Session of Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting as well as the FY24 Budget Session that were held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 and Wednesday May 17, 2023; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 years, 1 absent (Mr. Lay) APPROVED

4.2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting as well as the FY24 Budget Session that were held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 and Wednesday May 17, 2023; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 years, 1 absent (Mr. Lay) APPROVED



5. PERMISSION TO ENTER

5.1. Permission to Enter: June 8, 2023

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the Permission to Enter; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 5 yeas, 2 absent (Mr. Lay, Ms. Martin) APPROVED

6. MOTIONS

6.1. [By Eileen DelRossi]: Request the Superintendent to work with the facilities department and/or the DPW to assure that the compressor is working and the temperatures are even at the McAuliffe School.

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.2. [By Eileen DelRossi]: Request to have a special education subcommittee meeting to discuss the handicap accessible exit routes at each school during an emergency and the efficiency for students in wheelchairs and those who need the maximum level of assistance to safely exit the building.

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.3. [By Eileen DelRossi]: Request the Superintendent to organize a joint facilities meeting before his last day in order to discuss school building issues throughout the district.

Ms. Doherty made a friendly amendment with no objection by the maker of the motion to include receiving a facilities report before the meeting and to have the meeting before summer school begins.

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.4. [By Eileen DelRossi]: Request the Superintendent to work with proper departments to research the feasibility of implementing a wellness program for our administrators, teachers, para-professionals and any support staff. In order to enhance educator well-being and retention, foster student social-emotional learning, and develop a school-wide culture of SEL and wellness.

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 7 yeas APPROVED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Budget Transfer

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$2,277,888.42; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

7.2. Approval of Summer Pay Rates for Summer Cafeteria Operations

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the summer pay rates for summer cafeteria operations; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED



8. CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS

8.1. Out of State & Overnight Travel Request: LHS Students and Chaperones to Travel to Twinsburg, Ohio

Ms. Chhoun made a motion to approve the convention/conference requests; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 7 yeas APPROVED

9. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

9.1. The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell Hereby Donate Eleven [11] Sick Leave Days to Donald Penderson, Lowell High School Teacher

Ms. Thompson made a motion to bundle and approve the professional personnel requests; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

9.2. The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell Hereby Donate Six [6] Sick Leave Days to Christopher Giordano, Wang School Teacher

Ms. Thompson made a motion to bundle and approve the professional personnel requests; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 7 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

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

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