



LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 26, 2020
Time: 6:30PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:46 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark and Mr. Descoteaux.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. Communication Remote Participation: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC And Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To The Superintendent Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Teleconferenced In To The Meeting. Email Address Is Mpalazzo@Lowell.k12.Ma.us. If No Access To Email You May Contact At 978-674-4324.

4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

4.1. Permission to Enter: August 26, 2020 # 1

This item as removed.

4.2. Permission to Enter: August 26, 2020 # 2

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the Permission to Enter; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

5. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.1. School Reopening Update

Darcie Boyer registered and spoke on the School Reopening Report.

Superintendent Boyd and his team gave the Committee an update on the schools reopening. The report included the following:

- Timeline
- How will we support teachers and school-based staff to meet the needs of both in-person and remote learners?



- How many seats will be available on September 17th at each school, at each grade level and within each program for in-person learning?
- How are we supporting families in choosing between in-person and remote learning to start the school year?
- Learning Management System – Florida Virtual School
- Professional Development
- In-Person and Remote Seats by School
- 2020-2021 Seat Assignment Process
- Next Steps

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 5.1 and 5.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

5.2. Facilities Update

Dr. Hall, Chief Operating Officer and Mr. Underwood, Facilities Director spoke to the Committee about the Facilities Analysis report. The report included building capacity for in-person learning regarding facility, safety equipment, building supplies, campus seats and safety messaging (in place). It also showed the Massachusetts Department of Health information and all the rooms per school that will not be used.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 5.1 and 5.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. Adoption of Final 2020-2021 School Calendar Following Requested State Waiver Approval

Mr. Dillon made a motion to approve and adopt the final School Calendar for 2020-2021 following the requested state waiver approval; seconded by Ms. Clark. 7 yeas APPROVED



7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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