



# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## *REGULAR MEETING MINUTES*

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**Date:** September 18, 2019  
**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 6:32 p.m., all members were present, namely: Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mr. Lay, Ms. Martin, Mayor Samaras and Mr. Descoteaux. Mr. Nutter was absent.

### 3. MINUTES

3.I. Approval of the Minutes of the regularly scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, September 4, 2019

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept and place on file the minutes from the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of September 4, 2019; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

4.I. Permission to Enter: September 18, 2019

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to separate the Community Teamwork, Inc. contract listed under the Permission to Enter and to approve the contract for \$80,000; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 5 yeas, 2 absent APPROVED**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the remaining contracts on the Permission to Enter; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

### 5. MOTIONS

5.I. [By Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux ]: Administration compile a report on the implementation of District Wide Recess Policy to see how it is being followed and consider partnering with Lowell Education Justice Alliance to form a task force for further review and recommendations on recess.



The following people registered and spoke on this motion:

Darcy Boyer  
Elizabeth Tripathi

**Mr. Nutter made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**5.II. [By Gerard Nutter]:** Administration schedule a policy subcommittee meeting first or second week in October to review policies on screening committees and immunization policy.

It was requested that the District Wide Recess Policy be added to the agenda at an upcoming Policy Subcommittee.

Mr. Hoey requested that the Committee be provided with the report that provides a response to his motion from May 1, 2019 that read: **6.II. [By Robert Hoey]:** Superintendent to provide the Committee a report in collaboration with public health authorities on how the district is following the Center for Disease Control's recommendations on how to reduce the potential risk of measles transmission in schools and determine what actions to take to further reduce the potential risk of measles transmission in schools. Mr. Hoey stated that on the Report on Motions report it's reads that it's completed and he would like to see the report.

**Mr. Lay made a motion that Absenteeism Notes for Excused Absences from Parents be added to the agenda at an upcoming Policy Subcommittee; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent**

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**5.III. [By Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux ]:** Administration compile a report on the implementation of District Wide Recess Policy to see how it is being followed and consider partnering with Lowell Education Justice Alliance to form a task force for further review and recommendations on recess being taken away as punishment.

**Mr. Nutter made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**5.IV. [By Jackie Doherty]:** Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the status of social workers in the district, taking into account the reduction in staff and detailing how the team is working and being supported to meet the many ongoing needs of our students.

Ms. Martin requested that the administration project the red flags to show the challenges and to develop four (4) or five (5) metrics so when we come to budget time it will help the Committee be better informed.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**



## **6. SUBCOMMITTEES**

**6.I. Community Partnership Subcommittee Meeting:** Report and Approval of the Meeting of Wednesday, September 4, 2019 [Andy Descoteaux, Chairperson]

Mr. Descoteaux, Chairperson of the Community Partnership Subcommittee spoke to the Committee about the Community Outreach Strategist role.

**Ms. Martin made a motion to accept the report as a report of progress; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

## **7. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **7.I. Report on Motions**

Superintendent Boyd provided the Committee with an updated report on the status of outstanding motions and asked the Committee if they had any concerns or questions.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 7.I and 7.II as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

### **7.II. Enrollment Figures**

The district enrollment report provided to the Committee showed the breakdown by school and grade through September 13, 2019.

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 7.I and 7.II as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

### **7.III. Home Education**

Superintendent Boyd recommended that the following parents/guardians be allowed to home educate their child:

Crystal Franklin  
51 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Geovanie Huertas & Scott Scuturio  
188 Cross Street

Sonia Souza & Matthew Wright  
60 Keene Street, Floor 2

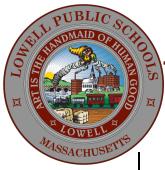
**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**



**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.I. Budget Transfer**

<b>Department:</b>		<b>SCHOOLS</b>				
<b>TRANSFER TO:</b>						
<b>Account #</b>				<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
<b>Org.</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>DESE Function</b>			
91241106	530002		<b>2200</b>	McAvinnue Other Services	\$	4,000.00
92041106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Lincoln Other Expenditures	\$	7,000.00
92741106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Moody Other Expenditures	\$	2,500.00
93510112	544400		<b>2300</b>	Leblanc SA - General Supplies	\$	5,904.50
93541106	530002		<b>2200</b>	LeBlanc OTHER Expenditures	\$	1,000.00
94041106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Reilly Other Expenditures	\$	2,000.00
95041106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Shaughnessy SA - Other Exp.	\$	1,400.00
96041104	530002		<b>2200</b>	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$	6,075.00
97541106	530002		<b>2200</b>	McAuliffe Other Expenditures	\$	3,000.00
98041106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Murkland Other Expenditures	\$	4,000.00
98341106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Bartlett Other Expenditures	\$	3,000.00
98441106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Butler Other Expenditures	\$	5,000.00
98541106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Daley Other Expenditures	\$	7,000.00
98641106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Robinson Other Expenditures	\$	4,920.00
98741106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Rogers Other Expenditures	\$	7,000.00
98841106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Sullivan Other Expenditures	\$	2,460.00
98941106	530002		<b>2200</b>	Wang Other Expenditures	\$	1,920.00
99228104	530002		<b>2350</b>	Riverside Contracted Services	\$	500.00
99010718	544400		<b>2300</b>	LHS SA - General Supplies	\$	16,097.00
91937019	530002		<b>2350</b>	Laura Lee SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	1,000.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	85,776.50
<b>TRANSFER FROM:</b>						
<b>Account #</b>				<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
<b>Org.</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>DESE Function</b>			
91237012	530002		<b>2350</b>	McAvinnue SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	4,000.00
92037020	530002		<b>2350</b>	Lincoln SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	7,000.00
92737027	530002		<b>2350</b>	Moody SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	2,500.00
93510104	530002		<b>2350</b>	LeBlanc SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	5,904.50
94037040	530002		<b>2350</b>	Reilly SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	2,000.00
95037050	530002		<b>2350</b>	Shaughnessy SA - Prof. Dev.	\$	1,400.00



96037070	530002		<b>2350</b>	Stoklosa SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 6,075.00
97537075	530002		<b>2350</b>	McAuliffe SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 3,000.00
98037080	530002		<b>2350</b>	Murkland SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 4,000.00
98310612	544400		<b>2300</b>	Bartlett SA - General Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
98437031	530002		<b>2350</b>	Butler SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 5,000.00
98537031	530002		<b>2350</b>	Daley SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 7,000.00
98637033	530002		<b>2350</b>	Robinson SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 4,920.00
98737033	530002		<b>2350</b>	Rogers SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 7,000.00
98837034	530002		<b>2350</b>	Sullivan SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 2,460.00
98937034	530002		<b>2350</b>	Wang SA - Prof. Dev.	\$ 1,920.00
99237070	530064		<b>2350</b>	Brady - Prof Development	\$ 500.00
99030510	541000		<b>2450</b>	LHS SA - Technology Exp	\$ 16,097.00
99345006	563600			Employee Health Insurance	\$ 2,000.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 85,776.50

**Mr. Hoey made a motion to approve the budget transfer of \$85,776.50; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

### **8.II. Approval of CAGS Research Proposal**

Mr. Schlichtman, Coordinator of Research, Testing and Assessment recommended approval of the CAGS Research Proposal. Susan L. Brassard, Lowell High School Culinary Arts Teacher is asking to conduct a survey of students in B-House at Lowell High School during an advisory period. Her study pertains to the modernization of Home Economics curricula to meet the current needs of high school students.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the CAGS Research Proposal; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

### **9. CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

**9.I. In State Overnight Travel Request:** Brenda King, Union Representative Of The United Teachers Of Lowell, To Attend The AFT-CIO Biennial Convention In Springfield, MA From September 25th Through September 27, 2019. There Is No Cost To The District.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to take and approve four (4) convention/conference requests together; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**

**9.II. In State Overnight Travel Request:** LHS AFJROTC Team To MASS Maritime Academy In Buzzards Bay, MA From November 22, 2019 Through November 23, 2019. There Is No Cost To The District.

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to withdraw item 9.II. In State Overnight Travel Request: LHS AFJROTC Team To MASS Maritime Academy In Buzzards Bay, MA From November 22, 2019 Through November 23, 2019. There Is No Cost to the district from the Convention/Conference Requests; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 years, 1 absent APPROVED**



**9.III. In State Overnight Travel Request:** LHS Outdoor Adventures Club To Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover MA On The Weekend Of October 25, 2019. There Is No Cost To The District.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to take and approve four (4) convention/conference requests together; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**9.IV. In State Overnight Travel Request:** Michael Sheehan, Union Representative Of The United Teachers Of Lowell, To Attend The AFT-CIO Biennial Convention In Springfield, MA From September 25th Through September 27, 2019. There Is No Cost To The District.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to take and approve four (4) convention/conference requests together; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**9.V. Out Of State And Overnight Travel Request:** LHS Athletic Director David Lezenski To Attend The 50th National Athletic Directors Conference On December 13th Through December 17, 2019 At The National Harbor, Maryland. There Is No Cost To The District.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to take and approve four (4) convention/conference requests together; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

**9.VI. Out Of State And Overnight Travel Request:** Permission For Jill Taylor, NFTE Entrepreneurial Educator And Student Caitlin McNamara To Attend The 2019 National NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge In New York City From October 15 Through October 17, 2019. The Cost Of Three Substitutes In The Amount Of \$315 Will Be Paid By LHS Individual School Budget.

**Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to defer item 9.VI. Out Of State And Overnight Travel Request: Permission For Jill Taylor, NFTE Entrepreneurial Educator And Student Caitlin McNamara To Attend The 2019 National NFTE Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge In New York City From October 15 Through October 17, 2019. The Cost Of Three Substitutes In The Amount Of \$315 Will Be Paid By LHS Individual School Budget to the next Regularly Scheduled School Committee meeting so the Committee can receive additional information; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent APPROVED**

Ms. Phillips, Chief Equity and Engagement Officer informed the Committee about the upcoming CHOP Dinner on September 25, 2019 and also spoke to them about the upcoming Speaker Series that will be taking place in October.



10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hoey made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 years, 1 absent  
APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

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

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