

**INAUGURATION OF THE
LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
2010 – 2011**

January 4, 2010

The Inauguration of the 2010 – 2011 Lowell School Committee took place on Monday, January 4, 2010, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11:00 am, immediately following the 2010 – 2011 City Council Inauguration at 10:00 am.

Roll Call

On roll call at 11:08 am, all members were present, namely: David J. Conway, Jacqueline A. Doherty, Alison P. B. Laraba, John J. Leahy, James D. Leary, Connie A. Martin and Mayor/Chairman James L. Milinazzo.

Invocation

This was given by Father James E. Taggart, O.M.I. of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Lowell.

Salute to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lowell High School's Air Force Jr. ROTC.

Oath of Office was administered to all School Committee members by the Honorable Judge Paul Chernoff, Presiding Justice of the Lowell District Court.

Mayor Milinazzo congratulated Lowell School Committee members and stated that he would do his best to work with them for educational excellence in the Lowell Public Schools.

Election of the Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

For the record, this vote has to be by name.

Ms. Doherty moved:

To elect the Secretary to the Lowell School Committee by name; seconded by Mr. Leahy. On roll call the votes were: Mr. Conway, Dr. Chris A. Scott; Ms. Doherty, Dr. Chris A. Scott; Ms. Laraba, Dr. Chris A. Scott; Mr. Leahy, Dr. Chris A. Scott; Mr. Leary, Dr. Chris A. Scott; Ms. Martin, Dr. Chris A. Scott; and Mayor/Chairman Milinazzo, Dr. Chris A. Scott. Dr. Chris A. Scott unanimously elected Secretary to the Lowell School Committee.

Election of Vice Chairperson

For the record, this vote has to be by name.

Ms. Martin moved to elect the Vice Chairperson of the Lowell School Committee by name; seconded by Ms. Doherty. On roll call the votes were: Mr. Conway, James D. Leary; Jacqueline A. Doherty, James D. Leary; Ms. Laraba, James D. Leary; John J. Leahy, James D. Leary; Mr. Leary, James D. Leary; Ms. Martin, James D. Leary; and Mayor/Chairman Caulfield, James D. Leary. James D. Leary unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Lowell School Committee.

Oath of Office and Swearing In of the Vice Chairperson

Mayor Milinazzo had Ms. Martin and Mr. Leahy escorted James D. Leary to the Honorable Judge Paul Chernoff to swear him in as Vice Chairman of the Lowell School Committee.

Vice Chairman James D. Leary thanked his colleagues for their vote of confidence in him. The School Committee has had to face severe cuts but the business communities of Lowell have always been strong supporters of the Lowell Public Schools. Mr. Leary stated that he was working for a strong organization to meet the educational goals of the students and the taxpayers of Lowell.

Adoption of *Roberts Rules of Order* as the School Committee Rules

Mr. Leary moved:

To approve the adoption of *Roberts Rules of Order* as the Lowell School Committee Rules; seconded by Ms. Doherty. Unanimously approved on roll call. APPROVED

Vote of Authorization

Ms. Martin moved:

For a Vote of Authorization to the elected members of the Lowell School Committee; seconded by Mr. Leary. Unanimously approved on roll call. APPROVED

Establishment of Subcommittees

Mr. Leahy moved:

To combine the Safety Subcommittee and the Discipline Subcommittee into one Safety and Discipline Subcommittee; seconded by Mr. Leary. Unanimously approved on roll call. APPROVED

Mr. Conway moved:

To establish the Subcommittees **as amended**; seconded by Ms. Martin. Unanimously approved on roll call. APPROVED

Mayor Milinazzo stated that he would appoint Chairs and members to required Subcommittees.

Adoption of Voting Ballot

Ms. Martin moved:

To approve the adoption of the voting ballot as presented (attached to and made part of these minutes); seconded by Mr. Leary. Unanimously approved on roll call.

APPROVED

Mayor Milinazzo introduced Andre Descoteaux, Director of the Lowell High School Concert Chorus.

Andre Descoteaux directed the Lowell High School Concert Chorus in an excellent rendition of our National Anthem.

Mayor James L. Milinazzo thanked Andre Descoteaux and the Lowell High School Concert Chorus for their outstanding performance.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was given by Father James E. Taggart, O.M.I. of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Lowell.

Mayor James L. Milinazzo sincerely thanked the Honorable Judge Paul Chernoff for swearing in members of the Lowell School Committee, and for previously swearing in members of the Lowell City Council.

Adjournment – Ms. Doherty moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Leahy. This meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Chris A. Scott, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

CAS: jms

Enclosures