

AGENDA – LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 21, 2010
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: City Hall, Council Chamber

SALUTE TO FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

1. Public Budget Hearing FY 2011 [Meeting of May 27, 2010]
2. Public Budget Hearing FY 2011 [Reconvened Meeting of June 1, 2010]
3. Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2010

PERMISSION TO ENTER:

MEMORIALS:

(Committee as a Whole):

1. Rita LeRiche, Mother of Deborah Krupkoski, Lincoln School Literacy Specialist.
2. Kevin R. Marsh, Father of Melissa Marsh, Special Education Psychologist.
3. Andrew L. Paquette, retired City of Lowell Custodian.
4. Tracy Riopelle-Odom, Daughter of Sandy Riopelle, retired Lowell High School Clerk.
5. Esther Francisco, Mother of Bailey School Teacher Anna Collupy and Wife of retired Custodian Anthony “Tony” Francisco.
6. Catherine McCarthy, retired central office Clerk and Mother of Reilly School Teacher MaryAnn McCarthy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MOTIONS:

1. (by David Conway and Alison Laraba): To request the School Committee to begin contract negotiations with Superintendent Scott.

MOTIONS: [continued]

2. (by James Leary and John Leahy): Request the Superintendent to develop a budget specific to each Lowell Public School as it relates to short term sick leave costs. The budget would create an allocation of monies specific for each school which provides for the costs of substitute administrators, teachers and other personnel.
3. (by James Leary and John Leahy): Instruct the Superintendent to provide an additional \$125,000 to the LHS Athletic budget and an additional \$25,000 to the LHS Activities/Club budget by deducting \$150,000 from the short term sick leave account.
4. (by James Leary and John Leahy): Request the Superintendent provide a plan which will create a Central Office Library Media/Technology position or positions in an effort to off set the cuts made at each school during the 2010/2011 budget.
5. (by James Leary and John Leahy): Request that the Lowell School Committee enter into negotiations with each Lowell Public School's union, where it is applicable, and to allow for releasing both the union and administrations negotiating position to the public in writing on a regular basis.
6. (by Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent report to the Committee on a plan for parent-teacher meetings during the 2010-2011 school year that demonstrates the most effective use of staff time to engage parents in their children's education. The plan should encompass a coordinated effort between schools regarding meeting times that will enhance parent participation, such as shortly after the first marking period and at staggered days/times to make it easier for parents to attend multiple schools. The report should include the dates and formats of both parent-teacher meetings (one evening and one afternoon) for each school as well as rationale for choices and plans for outreach.
7. (by Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent report to the Committee on a plan for how each school will make the most effective use of staff orientation day in preparation for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition to scheduling and student assignments, orientation day should include professional development, such as student data analysis and grade-level team meetings, to launch the new school year.
8. (by Alison Laraba): Request the Committee review and revise the current Superintendent evaluation tool specifically to craft an evaluation tool that is in line with evaluation tools used statewide that reduces the number of questions overall and keys in on agreed upon core areas of concern; provides questions that can be answered in quantifiable ways; and, reduces the number of purely subjective responses. The objective is to provide the Superintendent with a tool that discusses past performance as well as providing set and measurable goals for the upcoming year.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

1. Facilities Subcommittee: Report & Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2010
[John Leahy, Chairman]

SUBCOMMITTEES: [continued]

2. Special Education/Student Support Services Subcommittee: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 24, 2010 [Jackie Doherty, Chairman]

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Charter School Funding Reimbursement
2. Reduction in Workforce Update
3. Massachusetts 21st Century Community Learning Centers – High School Innovation Grant
4. Motorola Grant Award
5. Morey School Student Exhibition at the New England Quilt Museum
6. End of Year Health Services Report
7. List of Eligible Teachers
8. Personnel Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposal for Vision Van
2. School Committee Bullying Policy and Handbook Language

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you note from the family of Edward P. Jezak.
2. Lowell Telecommunication [Channel 10] Broadcast of School Committee Meetings: Live on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month; Thursdays @ 6PM; Saturday and Sundays @ 2PM; Tuesdays @ 10AM.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:

1. The Members of S.E.I.U., Clerical Unit hereby requests to donate sick leave days to the following employees: Anita Verdi, Special Education Department Clerk, [8] eight days.

CIVIL SERVICE:

ADJOURNMENT: