

\* Revised Wednesday, October 7, 2009

AGENDA – LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, October 7, 2009

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: City Hall, Council Chamber

**SALUTE TO FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. Spotlight on Excellence: Summer Reading.

**MINUTES:**

1. Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2009

**PERMISSION TO ENTER:**

**MEMORIALS:**

(By Connie Martin):

1. Martha McQuade, sister of Ellen Conklin, Shaughnessy School Teacher, daughter of Joan McQuade, retired Shaughnessy School Teacher and the late Hubert McQuade, former Principal of the Pawtucketville Memorial School.

(By Committee as a Whole):

2. Vibol Phim, 2009 Lowell High School Graduate.
3. Stella Eliopoulos, Grandmother of LeeAnn Connors, Greenhalge School Principal, Michael DeVincenzi, Lowell High School Social Studies Department Head and Gail Green, Lowell High School Bursar.

(By Regina M. Faticanti):

4. Mark S. Umphrey, Brother-in-Law of Sharon Krysiak, Assistant Principal, Bailey School and Dennis Krysiak, Health and Physical Education Teacher at Lowell High School.
5. \* Frances H. Legrand, wife of the late George “Chubbie” Legrand and member of a well-known family.

(By Mayor Edward “Bud” Caulfield):

6. \* M. Corrine Scannell, a member of a large respected family in Lowell.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Professional Development Days [1/2 day Early Release]

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

### **MOTIONS:**

1. (By John Leahy): The Superintendent send a letter of appreciation to Brenda Costello from the Committee for all the work she has done over the past few years for the Lowell High School Scholarship Foundation.
2. (By Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent work with city youth providers to develop ways to collaborate and make use of the Rogers School as a community center.
3. (By Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent make recommendations regarding the use of biodegradable throwaway materials in our school food program, rather than Styrofoam, as well as the potential benefits and drawbacks of switching back to reusable items wherever possible.
4. (By James Leary): Request the Superintendent and the Curriculum Subcommittee to review the School Committee's policy as it relates to the age students start school. The focus reflects students from outside the Lowell Public School entering our system and are forced to repeat kindergarten or any other grade that have already successfully passed due strictly to the existing age policy

## **SUBCOMMITTEES:**

1. Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on School Building Naming: Report and Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2009 [Regina M. Faticanti, Chair]
2. Joint Curriculum & Lowell High School: Report and Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2009 [Connie Martin, Curriculum Chair/Jackie Doherty, LHS Chair]
3. Lowell High School: Report and Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2009 [Jackie Doherty, Chair]

## **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

1. Summary of District Priorities for Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Memorandum of Understanding
2. Personnel Report
3. List of Eligible Teachers

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:**

1. Gail Thursby, Greenhalge School Speech and Language Specialist to attend a workshop entitled: *Speech-Language Development & Early Identification & Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders with the Young Child* in Portsmouth, NH on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There are no costs to the School Department budget and no substitute teacher is needed

## **CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS: (continued)**

2. Lowell High School teacher Dr. Julio De Carvalho to participate on a *New England Association of Schools & Colleges Visiting Team* from Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in Boston, MA. The cost of \$100 a day for three days for a substitute teacher will be paid by the LHS Individual School funds.
3. Overnight Athletic Request: LHS Track Coaches Philip Maia and Patrick Swett to travel to the *Indoor Track & Field Relays at Dartmouth College* in Hanover, New Hampshire on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. There is no cost to the School Department Budget and no substitute teacher is needed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Liquor License Request for October 21, 2009 from 6 to 9pm at the Cyrus W. Irish Auditorium of Lowell High School for the *Distinguished Alumni Awards Program*.
2. Election of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees Official Voting Delegate.
3. House Bill 481
4. Thank you note from the Family of Mary Ann Crowe.

## **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:**

## **CIVIL SERVICE:**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**