

\* Revised Tuesday, April 20, 2010

@ 6PM: Finance Subcommittee

**AGENDA – LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: City Hall, Council Chamber

**SALUTE TO FLAG:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:**

1. Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2010

**PERMISSION TO ENTER:**

**MEMORIALS:**

(Committee as a Whole):

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. (by John Leahy): Request that the Superintendent report at the April 21, 2010 regular meeting of the School Committee on the decision, and permissibility, to utilize a portion of the proceeds from the annual Lowell High School Golf Tournament to renovate Alumni Field instead of being fully allocated toward student scholarships. [see Lowell High School Subcommittee report below]

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**MOTIONS:**

1. (by Jim Leary): Request the Superintendent to work with the City Administration in order to review and determine if the school department custodial services and technology departments could achieve a costs savings and service improvement by being incorporated into the city budget and administration.
2. (by Alison Laraba and Jim Leary): Instruct the Superintendent to provide a break even Food Service Budget (“FSD”), at a minimum, within the upcoming proposed 2010 - 2011 budget. Specifically, at a minimum, removing from the FSD budget any current deficits or potential future deficits that may occur due to operational cost increases, such as health care costs.
3. (by Dave Conway): To ask the Superintendent to develop and present to the School Committee, a comprehensive plan and on-going strategy geared toward preparing and supporting our staff to apply for administrative positions within our system.

## **MOTIONS: [continued]**

4. (by Dave Conway): To ask the Superintendent to prepare a report regarding the current mission and guidelines set forth for personnel screening committees in order to insure that consistent and equitable practices are implemented in the hiring process throughout our system.
5. \* (by Jackie Doherty): Request the Superintendent prepare a report updating the Committee on the Dual-Enrollment Program, including trends for student participation over the last three years and costs to the local budget.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES:**

1. Lowell High School: Report and Approval of the Minutes of April 13, 2010  
[Jackie Doherty, Chairman]
2. Finance Subcommittee: Report of the Meeting of April 21, 2010  
[Jim Leary, Chairman]

## **REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

1. A Community Forum for Parents: Student Bullying and Violence in the Wired World

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:**

1. **Overnight Field Trip Request:** Two Lowell High business students and teacher Diane Jean to attend the *2010 DECA International Career Development Conference* held on Friday, April 23 through Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky. The cost for the trip, not to exceed \$4400, will be funded by the LHS School Store, DECA Club fundraising and Perkins Grant. The cost for a substitute teacher for 3 days will not exceed \$300 and will be funded by LHS Individual School Account.
2. **Overnight Field Trip Request:** Daley School teachers Barbara Fauvel and Kristen Sullivan, along with five [5] Daley students, to attend the *Kids Consortium Student Summit* held on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Durham, NH. The cost of \$350 for the field trip and \$400 for substitute teachers [2 days/2 teachers] will be funded by the Community Service Learning Grant.
3. Carolyn Rocheleau, Coordinator of Special Programs, to attend the *DESE 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers 2010 Summer Institute* held on Monday, June 21 through Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Washington, DC. The cost for the trip, not to exceed \$1,800, will be funded through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant. No substitute teacher is needed.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Lowell Telecommunication [Channel 10] Broadcast of School Committee Meetings:** Live on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month; Thursdays @ 6PM; Saturday and Sundays @ 2PM; Tuesdays @ 10AM.

**PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:**

1. The members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby request to donate sick leave days to the following paraprofessionals: Robert Collette, Butler Middle School, fourteen [14] days; Sandra Levesque, Reilly School, fourteen [14] days.

**CIVIL SERVICE:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**