

* Revised Monday, May 19, 2008

@6:00PM: Retiree Reception

AGENDA – LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: City Hall, Council Chamber

SALUTE TO FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. * Public Hearing on Inter-district Choice (School Choice Program)
2. **Spotlight on Excellence:** Recognition of the 2007-2008 Retirees
3. Presentation of a Citation to the Lowell High School Mock Trial Team.

MINUTES:

1. Regular School Committee Meeting of May 7, 2008

PERMISSION TO ENTER:

MEMORIALS:

(By Regina Faticanti and Connie Martin):

1. Agnes Burns Meehan passed away at 102 years old. She was a former teacher at the Moody Jr. High School.

(By Regina M. Faticanti):

2. * Olympia Zgonis, mother-in-law of Suzanne Zgonis, a teacher at the Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. FY 09 Budget

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MOTIONS:

1. (By David Conway): To request the Superintendent to create a Council for Creative Solutions whose members include, but not be limited to, representatives from local businesses, health care organizations, community services, legal firms, the school department and our local institutions of higher learning(UML/MCC). The purpose of the Council would be to determine the feasibility and efficacy of cost-saving ideas submitted to them by school department employees. Anyone employed by the school department- teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, security, clerks, paraprofessionals, and administrators- who had an idea that would save money and make

MOTIONS: (continued)

the school system more effective in delivering services, could submit their idea. The Council would have the responsibility to review all ideas put before them, insuring that no idea would be ignored. After thoughtful discussion, the Council would select the proposals that reflected cost savings to the schools while maintaining quality educational programming. These proposals would then be forwarded to the School Committee for their consideration. For every proposal that the School Committee accepts, the employee who submitted the idea would receive a bonus. The funding for the bonus would come from a small suspense account set aside solely for the purposes of this program.

2. (By Mayor Edward Caulfield): Motion from City Council: Request the City Manager and the Mayor request the School Department to apply for available grants to retro-fit school buses relative to releasing diesel exhaust.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

1. Finance Subcommittee: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2008
(James Leary, Chairman)

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. * McDonough Freshman Academy at Lowell High School
2. * 8th Annual Rotary Club Celebration of Teaching

NEW BUSINESS:

1. * Vote on Inter-district Choice (School Choice Program)
2. * Permission to Post: Administrator Apprentice (to serve in place of Principal of moody School for 08-09)

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Rogers School Participation in the Greater Lowell Environmental Education Alliance (GLEEA) 5th EarthFest Event.

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:

CIVIL SERVICE:

ADJOURNMENT: