

AGENDA – LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 6, 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 December 16, 2009.
2. Inauguration 2010-2011 Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2010.

PERMISSION TO ENTER:

MEMORIALS:

(Committee as a Whole):

1. Tadeusz Edmund Rurak, Father of Tadeusz Rurak, retired Deputy Superintendent and Grandfather of Mark Rurak, Stoklosa School Physical Education Teacher.
2. Lionel F. Drouin, Stepfather of Pat Lobas, Title I and Curriculum Office Clerk.
3. Kathy Hanson, Washington School Grandparent Volunteer.
4. James Cullen, Uncle of Jane McOsker, Bailey School Teacher and Fred McOsker, District Support Specialist.
5. Mahdi Flayyih, a student who recently moved here from Iraq.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

MOTIONS:

1. (By James Leary): Request the Superintendent provide the School Committee with the current status, name of provider, number of students and the current costs for any after school programs conducted at our schools. In addition, request the Superintendent to make recommendations to the School Committee on how to develop extended day programs on a priority basis for each of our schools.
2. (By Jackie Doherty): To provide significant time for planning and decision making during tough fiscal times, request the Superintendent prepare three budget scenarios for Committee review over the next few months: one for a level funded budget, one for a budget reduced by five percent, and one for a budget reduced by ten percent.

MOTIONS: (continued)

3. (By John Leahy): Request a report from the Superintendent on snow removal at all schools.
4. (By John Leahy): To hold an Athletic Subcommittee in January to discuss sports programs and coaching positions throughout the School District.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

1. Athletic Subcommittee: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 2009
[Regina M. Faticanti, Chair]

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Race to the Top Update and Vote to Authorize the chair or designee to sign the Race to the Top (RTTT) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

NEW BUSINESS:

CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

1. Overnight Field Trip Request: LHS staff Nila Swenson and Jill McNamara, along with approximately 20 LHS students, to attend the *Business Professional of America [BPA] State Leadership Conference* from Saturday, March 6th through Monday, March 8th, 2010 in Framingham, MA. Total Substitute Teacher cost of \$200 will be paid from the High School Professional Development Account. The cost for the conference and lodging will be paid by BPA fundraising [\$275/per student]
2. * Overnight Athletic Request Approved at the October 7, 2009 Meeting: 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 8th and 9th, 2010. There is no cost to the School Department Budget and no substitute teacher is needed.

Additional Request: Due to the large number of student Athletics competing at these relays, permission is being requested for additional LHS staff [Dave Casey, Tim Patterson and Jim Lemieux] to chaperone and transport students.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:

CIVIL SERVICE:

ADJOURNMENT: