

**LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**James Leo McGuinness Administration Building**  
**100 Bennett Street**  
**Lynn, Massachusetts 01905**

**1st Regular Meeting of the School Committee**  
**School Committee Room**  
**January 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Members present:** Mr. Castellanos, Ms. Coppola, Mr. Dugan, Ms. Gately, Dr. Magnolia, Mr. Pena, and Mayor Nicholson

**In attendance:** Ms. Ruggiero, Superintendent; Ms. Powers, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Cohen, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. McHugh, School Business Administrator; and Attorney Greenspan (arrived at 7:52 P.M.)

Mayor Nicholson presided.

Mayor Nicholson opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**IN MEMORIAM**

- A. Sheila Astuccio – retired administrator on November 21, 2022
- B. Khalil Abellard – English High School student on November 25, 2022
- C. Mary Jane Thistle – café worker on December 2, 2022
- D. Veronica Thach – Ingalls Elementary student on December 10, 2022
- E. Pedro Subervi – La Respuesta monitor at Marshall on December 11, 2022
- F. Travis Butler – Breed student on December 13, 2022

**MINUTES**

- A. Committee of the Whole meeting on December 8, 2022
- B. Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting on December 8, 2022
- C. Personnel Sub-Committee meeting on December 8, 2022
- D. Nineteenth Regular meeting on December 8, 2022
- E. Committee of the Whole meeting on December 14, 2022
- F. Committee of the Whole meeting on December 15, 2022

Member Coppola made a motion to accept the above minutes. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS**

None

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Multilingual Education – Dual Language update – A. Campbell & R. Caldwell

Superintendent Ruggiero introduced Amanda Campbell, Assistant Director of MLE and Rania Caldwell, Executive Director of MLE who updated the Committee on the Dual Language program. Discussion ensued.

No vote taken.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Field trip request from Classical High School students to Marine Biological Labs in Woods Hole, MA on January 29, 2023 – February 4, 2023.

Superintendent Ruggiero introduced Classical High School teacher Dave Winchester who gave an overview of the above field trip. Discussion ensued.

Member Coppola made a motion to allow the above field trip. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

- B. Request to accept a donation from of \$10,000 from Kristi Matus to the Lynn Classical High Boys' Basketball team.

Member Dugan made a motion to accept the above donation. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

- C. Vote to approve the New Pickering Middle School Educational Plan

Superintendent Ruggiero presented an overview of the New Pickering Middle School Educational Plan with the help of Deputy Superintendent Cohen, David Stephen of New Vista Design, and Gene Raymond and Lynn Stapleton of Raymond Design Associates. Discussion ensued.

Member Magnolia made a motion to accept the New Pickering Middle School Educational Plan. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

- D. Vote to cancel the Fourth Regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023

Member Magnolia made a motion to cancel the Fourth Regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

E. Vote to cancel the Fifth Regular meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023, and schedule a special meeting.

Member Magnolia made a motion to cancel the Fifth Regular meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023 and schedule a special meeting on March 2, 2023. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

Member Coppola made a motion to change the agenda order, and move Communications and Information before New Business F, G, and H. Seconded

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION**

- A. Enrollment Report – January 1, 2023
- B. NEC 2021-2022 Annual Report
- C. Superintendent’s Report
  - Stamp Assessment
  - Pickering Building Project
  - Registrations of students over the age of 20

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

- F. Request for Executive Session to approve the Executive Session minutes for December 8, 2022
- G. Request for Executive Session for contract negotiations with non-union personnel, Dr. Evonne Alvarez

Member Coppola made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the above reasons at 8:56 P.M. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Yes         |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed.

Member Gately made a motion to return to Regular Session at 9:30 P.M. Seconded

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Absent      |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- N. Ratification of votes, if any, taken in Executive Session

No votes taken.

Member Gately made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 P.M. Seconded.

| <b>Roll Call Member</b> | <b>Vote</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Castellanos         | Absent      |
| Ms. Coppola             | Yes         |
| Mr. Dugan               | Yes         |
| Ms. Gately              | Yes         |
| Dr. Magnolia            | Yes         |
| Mr. Pena                | Yes         |
| Mayor Nicholson         | Yes         |

Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mary Jules, Secretary of the School Committee

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Adopted: January 26, 2023