Lowell Public School Committee

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: July 15, 2020
Time: 6:30PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852
(In the Mayor's discretion, the meeting may be moved to the following Zoom room, if conditions require such a change).

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **MINUTES**

3.1. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Lowell School Committee Of Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Documents:

LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 17, 2020.PDF

3.2. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting Of Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Documents:

LSC MINUTES -JUNE 17, 2020.PDF

3.3. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The

Lowell School Committee Of Thursday, June 25, 2020

Documents:

LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 25, 2020.PDF

3.4. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Lowell School Committee Of Monday, June 29, 2020

Documents:

LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 29, 2020.PDF

3.5. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Lowell School Committee Of Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Documents:

LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JULY 1, 2020.PDF

3.6. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of The Lowell School Committee Of Thursday, July 9, 2020

Documents:

LSC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - JULY 9, 2020.PDF

4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

4.1. Permission To Enter: July 15, 2020

Documents:

PTE - 07-09-2020.PDF

5. MOTIONS

5.1. [By Hilary Clark]:
Mandate school committee members participate in anti-racism, unconscious attitudes and implicit bias training provided to district level administrators.

6. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

6.1. Budget Update

Documents:

BUDGET UPDATE FOR JULY 15, 2020.PDF

6.2. COVID-19 Response Update And Planning For School Re-

Opening

Documents:

SCHOOL OPENING PRESENTATION.PDF

6.3. Report On Motions

Documents:

1- REPORT MOTIONS JULY 15, 2020.PDF

6.3.1. Response To Motions 3.CFO Of 04/01/20 By Bob Hoey

[By Bob Hoey]: That the superintendent produce a report by April 1, 2020 meet with the following information charting out spend expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far as back as possible)

1. Number of total special education budget; l Percentage of kids receiving
2. special location services;
3. Amount of money spent on out of district services; l Percentages of
4. children utilizing out of district services;
5. Number of employees working in Special Education (please also provide
6. their job descriptions);
7. Total of number of employees within the district per year.

Documents:

RESPONSE TO MOTION ON SPED SPENDING HISTORY MAY 2020 .PDF
SPED SPENDING HISTORY.PDF

6.4. Enrollment Report

Documents:

ENROLLMENT 7.9.20.PDF

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 17, 2020
Time: 6:00PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:04 p.m., all members were present, namely: Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux, Mr. Dillon and Mr. Hoey. Ms. Doherty was absent.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. An Executive Session May Be Called To Discuss Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws. Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. Item: Discussion related to negotiations regarding exercising one-year option for 155 Merrimack Street.

Mr. Dillon made a motion to recess at 6:05 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws related to negotiations regarding exercising one-year option for 155 Merrimack Street., of which Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body, and to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dillon made a motion to recess at 6:05 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Ms. Doherty) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

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Topic: School Committee meeting

Time: Jun 17, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/98843720351?pwd=SUYva0NtV2I3amhsWG12RWdsc3VHdz09

Meeting ID: 988 4372 0351

Password: Wednesday

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:35 p.m., all members were present, namely: Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux, Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey and Mayor Leahy.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. This Meeting Is Being Held Remotely In Accordance With The Governor Of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions Of The Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20.

The meeting took place in the City Council Chambers with the full Committee present and in person.

Superintendent Boyd announced to the Committee that he has appointed Michael Fiato as the new Head of School at Lowell High School. Mr. Fiato is a passionate and visionary educator with over 20 years of experience in the field of public education. Currently, Michael serves as a Targeted Assistance Manager for the State Wide System of Support at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Michael partners with schools and districts that have schools identified as requiring assistance and intervention on the state accountability system. Prior to joining DESE, Michael served as the Headmaster of Lawrence High School, and has extensive knowledge of school improvement, redesign, and turnaround practices at the secondary level. In his role as headmaster, Michael was instrumental in developing an early college program, and career pathways for students. This model includes an internship program partnering with the public and private sector and the development of career pathways where students have opportunities to deeply explore specific industry and career related themes. Fueled by a belief that ALL students should have access to high quality academic and enrichment programming he also expanded opportunities through better funding and support for theater, music and the arts. Prior to serving as Headmaster, Michael served as a principal of one of the six high schools at Lawrence High for eight years. During that time, his school increased the graduation rate and reduced the dropout rate, and consistently improved academic outcomes on the statewide accountability system. Over the course of his career, Michael served in a variety of roles including academic dean, athletic coach, academy administrator, principal and headmaster. Michael draws his passion for public education, equity and social justice from his roots in community organizing and youth development in the early stages of his career. He firmly believes that high schools should ensure that all students graduate with a dignified next step in the form of a post-secondary plan that will propel them into success in the 21st century.

Superintendent Boyd then announced that he has appointed Ian Charles as Principal of James Sullivan Middle School, effective July 1, 2020. Ian N. Charles began his career in education as a long-term substitute teacher in 1998 serving the Lowell Public School community in the field of special education, humanities and social studies. He worked at the Rogers, Robinson and Pyne Arts while attending the University of Massachusetts at Lowell in the evening. He was a resident of Lowell during his time within the district. His children attended the Pyne Arts School after returning from Florida where he continued his career in education at Olympia High School as a history and economics instructor. He later returned to Massachusetts where he served as a social science instructor at the Peabody Middle School in Cambridge. While working at the Peabody Middle School, Mr. Ian Charles attended Cambridge College in the evening as he pursued a career in education administration. He was hired as an interim assistant principal at the Healy Middle School in Somerville. He was given a permanent placement as the assistant principal of the Winter Hill Community Innovation School. He was later hired in Medford to help lead the McGlynn Middle School. His exceptional work as an educational leader got the attention of the Medford Public School community and district administration. He was appointed assistant principal of Medford High school where he oversaw the successful transition of the incoming freshmen class of more than 325 students. His work garnered the attention from a Charter School in Dorchester where he later served as principal of Codman Academy. Ian Nigel Charles achieved a B.A. in the field of public policy and administration with a concentration in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell class of ’99. Mr. Charles also holds a M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell class of ’02. He also holds a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (C.A.G.S.) from Cambridge College Class of ’11 with a concentration in administrative policy and school reform. Ian N. Charles is currently a doctoral candidate at Northeastern University’s College of Professional Studies in the field of administrative leadership. He holds a Massachusetts certification in educational leadership for grades 5-12. He also holds a Massachusetts certification as a superintendent for grades K-12.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve and place on file the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 3, 2020, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 8, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 11, 2020; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

4.2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 3, 2020

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve and place on file the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 3, 2020, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 8, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 11, 2020; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

4.3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 8, 2020

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve and place on file the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 3, 2020, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 8, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 11, 2020; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

4.4. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 11, 2020

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve and place on file the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2020, Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 3, 2020, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 8, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lowell School Committee of June 11, 2020; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

5. MOTIONS

5.1. [By Jackie Doherty]: Request the Lowell School Committee join with MASC and other school committees across the state in support of a Resolution regarding full state reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

5.2. [By Hilary Clark]: Motion to have the Lowell School Committee Participate in collective bargaining with all unions instead of the Human Resources & Labor Relations Subcommittee.

Ms. Clark made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

5.3. [By Hilary Clark]: Motion to close offices and schools on July 3, 2020 in recognition of the July 4th holiday, which falls on Saturday for building services personnel and request that the Administrative Assistants use it as a paid holiday pursuit to their contract in light of the current budget situation.

Ms. Clark made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED

6. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

6.1. Districtwide Budget Update

Superintendent Boyd and Ms. Turner, Chief Financial Officer provided an update to the Committee on the budget. The following areas were addressed and discussed:

- Revenue Forecast
- Approach to Cost Savings
- Strategic Steps Taken
- Scenario Based Planning
- Current Scenarios
- Potential for Future Reductions
- Next Steps
- Timeline
- Questions from the Committee

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.2. Return to School Task Force

Ms. Desmond, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. Guillory, Chief Schools Officer provided a return to school task force mid-phase 1 report to the Committee. The report included the following:

- Developing a Framework for 3 Different Scenarios
- Task Force Phase 1 Objectives and Timeline
- Full, In Person Subgroup (list of participants) and Full, In Person Scenario Planning
- Hybrid Group and Hybrid Scenario Planning
- Remote Subgroup and Remote Scenario Planning
- Lowell High School Scenario Planning Timeline
- Next Steps

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.3. Personnel Report

The Personnel Report officially informs the Committee of all retirements, resignations, promotions and new hires.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.4. Report on Motions

Superintendent Boyd provided the Committee with an updated report on the status of outstanding motions and asked the Committee if they had any concerns or questions.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.4.1. Response to Motions 3.CFO of 04/01/20 by Bob Hoey

(By Bob Hoey]: That the superintendent produce a report by April 1, 2020 meet with the following information charting out spend expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far as back as possible)

- Number of total special education budget; l Percentage of kids receiving special location services;
- Amount of money spent on out of district services; l Percentages of children utilizing out of district services;
- Number of employees working in Special Education (please also provide their job descriptions);
- Total of number of employees within the district per year.

Ms. Turner, Chief Financial Officer provided a report to the Committee that included nine (9) years of data and have disclosed the following:

- Total Special Education spending has increased from $22.6 million in 2011 to $43.3 million in 2019.
- Special Education spending has increased from 15% of total budget in 2011 to 21.9% in 2019.
- Special Education spending totals includes approximately 70% on in district spending and 30% out of district spending year to year.
- Special Education out of district spending rose from $7.9 million in 2011 to $13 million in 2018. This amount decreased to $11.8 million in 2019 due to the opening of the Janice Adie Day School.

- Students receiving out of district Special Education services rose from 98 in 2011 to 140 in 2018. This amount decreased from 140 to 114 in 2019.
- Total enrollment has increased from 13,708 in 2011 to 14,663 in 2019.
- 2105 students in 2011 received Special Education services which represents 15% of total enrollment. In 2019, 2543 students received Special Education services which represent 17% of total enrollment.
- Special Education staff increased from 324 in 2011 to 493 in 2019. In 2011, Special Education staff represented 18.8% of total staff (1723). This rose to 23.4% of total staff (2110) in 2019.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

6.4.2. Response to Motions 10.CAO of 05/20/20 by Mike Dillon Jr.

Request the Superintendent provide an update on the Creegan TV Studio (staffing, technology capabilities, and usage) for discussion on incorporating online content production into future technology planning.

Mr. Wilkins, Lowell High School Educational Program Coordinator provided a report to the Committee that addressed the following areas:

- What has been Accomplished
- Digital Film Course Offerings
- Dual Enrollment Graphics Collaborates with the Raider Report
- Work toward getting a Sponsor for Our Truck Program
- Staffing
- Technology & Usage
- Broadcast Studio (In-House)
- Live Broadcast Portable Cart
- Digital Cinema/Film Technologies
- Electronic News Gathering Camera Kits (ENG)
- Digital Media Lab (Teachers Classroom)
- Advanced Level Edit Rooms
- Online Content Production Technology
- Live Streaming Technologies
- Discover Video Media Server

Mr. Dillon asked for follow up on whether the district can stream through YouTube. Mayor Leahy asked for a little more detail on what the staffing needs are.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to accept the following Reports of the Superintendent 6.1 through 6.4.2 as reports of progress; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Vote to Accept a Donation to Bailey School from HubSpot

The Bailey School received a donation of twenty (20) refurbished MacBook Air laptops along with ten (10) chargers from HubSpot.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to accept and approve the donation to the Bailey School from HubSpot; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

7.2. Budget Transfer

Fund	Organizational ID	Object	DESE		Amount Requested	Source of Additional Funding***			DESE		Amount (transfers only)
0010	99341203	512901	1200	Asst Supt - Curriculum & Instr	1,467.52	0010	99341312	577766	1100	SC - Expenses	(3,881.10)
0010	99341212	570701	1200	SO - In State Travel	2,200.00	0010	99341312	577732	1100	SC - Subscriptions	(2,484.37)
0010	99341224	570100	1400	Program & Analytical Services	3,150.00	0010	99341312	577769	1100	SC - Memberships	(2,450.00)
0010	99341224	577600	1400	Admin. Tech. - Contracted Scvs	14,339.20	0010	99341218	530041	1400	Contracted Svcs - Legal	(13,490.00)
0010	99341224	577717	1400	Admin. Tech. - Software	337,172.03	0010	99341224	575422	1400	Photocopier Maintenance/Servic	(8,587.85)
0010	99300004	512159	2100	DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH & ACCOUNT	2,024.15	0010	99341230	512162	1400	STRATEGIC ADVISOR	(7,355.60)
0010	95441103	512101	2200	LDS Principal	6,680.37	0010	99341224	570402	1400	Internet Service Provider	(1,000.00)
0010	95537055	530002	2350	Washington SA - Prof. Dev.	179.90	0010	99341218	531800	1400	Printing & Binding	(678.94)
0010	99310008	512155	2350	ACADEMIC COACHES	3,269.24	0010	99341230	512902	1400	Clerical Staff - Admin. Office	(15,633.69)
0010	99311204	540900	2450	Instructional Tech. Software	63,138.00	0010	91941102	530002	2200	Laura Lee SA - Other Exp.	(870.00)
0010	98735003	512105	2700	Rogers Guidance Counselor	1,991.39	0010	97541106	530002	2200	McAuliffe Other Expenditures	(566.25)
0010	99035003	512105	2700	LHS Guidance Counselor	6,438.64	0010	93541106	530002	2200	LeBlanc OTher Expenditures	(560.00)
0010	99347109	544400	4000	Maintenance - Supplies	26,150.00	0010	99310103	512402	2300	Long Term Substitute Teachers	(86,000.00)
0010	99347103	513002	4000	Overtime - Use of Buildings	118,886.00	0010	99313103	577760	2300	Field Trip Admission Fees	(28,744.76)
0010	99310301	514800	5100	Longevity - System	144.11	0010	98311503	512903	2300	Bartlett English Teacher	(26,154.54)
0010	99345006	563600	5200	Employee Health Insurance	55,110.22	0010	99010718	544400	2300	LHS SA - General Supplies	(16,406.19)

						0010	99337007	512301	2300	Intervention/Enrichment Tutors	(13,350.00)
						0010	93610112	544400	2300	Pawtucket SA - General Supplie	(9,795.39)
						0010	92010112	544400	2300	Lincoln SA - General Supplies	(7,792.65)
						0010	99338003	512923	2300	ELL Tutors	(5,545.00)
						0010	91813003	512903	2300	Pyne Arts Science Teacher	(4,686.09)
						0010	92510112	544400	2300	Molloy SA - General Supplies	(4,501.20)
						0010	91210103	512903	2300	McAvinnue Elementary Teacher	(4,088.07)
						0010	92712903	512903	2300	Moody Reading Teacher	(3,856.77)
						0010	94010112	544400	2300	Reilly SA - General Supplies	(3,571.96)
						0010	93510112	544400	2300	LeBlanc SA - General Supplies	(1,918.24)
						0010	91510803	512903	2300	Greenhalge Kindergarten Teache	(1,810.86)
						0010	99312808	530112	2300	Band Camp - LHS	(540.00)
						0010	91920109	544400	2300	Laura Lee SA - General Supplie	(297.09)
						0010	91510112	544400	2300	Greenhalge SA - General Suppli	(73.92)
						0010	90210112	544400	2300	Bailey SA - General Supplies	(35.24)
						0010	91210112	544400	2300	McAvinnue SA - General Supplie	(20.98)
						0010	99337006	531904	2350	Tuition Reimbursement	(61,882.15)
						0010	99310008	571801	2350	Teacher Acad. Incentive Pmts.	(31,200.00)
						0010	99310008	518300	2350	Teacher Acad. Instructor Stipe	(28,935.00)
						0010	99312804	542000	2400	Instrumental Music Program	(4,207.53)
						0010	99338007	541600	2400	ELL Textbooks	(21.26)
						0010	99030510	541000	2450	LHS SA - Technology Exp.	(4.70)
						0010	99036003	512103	2500	LHS Library Media Specialist	(3,747.15)
						0010	99335551	512104	2800	Psychologists	(1,875.17)
						0010	99341504	530002	3100	Student Sppt - Contracted Svcs	(6,067.81)
						0010	99339004	512112	3100	District Support Specialists	(4,672.88)

						0010	99341506	545700	3100	Student Sppt - Supplies	(1,878.58)
						0010	99341504	530000	3100	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	(400.00)
						0010	99348012	577615	3300	Transportation - Regular Educ.	(35,000.00)
						0010	99348006	530002	3300	Transportation - Cont. Svcs.	(2,968.27)
						0010	99348009	544400	3300	Transportation - Supplies	(767.07)
						0010	99031003	512902	3500	LHS Athletics Clerk	(30,001.19)
						0010	99031012	577615	3500	LHS Athletics - Transportation	(27,985.00)
						0010	99031005	530000	3500	LHS Athletics - Cont. Trainer	(17,800.00)
						0010	99031003	512114	3500	LHS Coaches - Intramural	(11,002.00)
						0010	99031006	530002	3500	LHS Athletics - Cont. Svcs.	(4,558.25)
						0010	99031003	512113	3500	LHS Coaches - Interscholastic	(3,661.00)
						0010	99031009	544400	3500	LHS Athletics - Supplies	(81.60)
						0010	99030504	544400	3520	LHS Student Activity Supplies	(18,672.41)
						0010	94010105	512111	3520	Reilly - Student Activities	(2,250.00)
						0010	99347112	537600	4000	Utility - Water/Sewer	(58,314.53)
						0010	92047103	512960	4110	Lincoln Custodian	(2,818.17)
						0010	98847103	512960	4110	Sullivan Custodian	(972.98)
						0010	99347206	584600	7000	Capital Improvements	(3,849.32)
					642,340.77						**(642,340.77)**

Reason for budget transfer: Due to the COVID-19 school closure, we have surpluses in accounts that typically would be fully expended.

Ms. Doherty made a motion to approve the budget transfer of $642,340.77; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

7.3. Consideration of Option for One Year Extension of Current Lease for 155 Merrimack St (1st, 4th, 5th Floors)

This agenda item was deferred until the next regularly scheduled Lowell School Committee meeting.

7.4. Resolution- School Committee Support of Resolution Regarding Full State Reimbursement for COVID-19 Expenses

Ms. Doherty made a motion to have the School Committee support the Resolution Regarding Full State Reimbursement for COVID-19 Expenses; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

8. PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

8.1. UTL: Sick Leave

The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby donate twenty-four [24] sick leave days to Janet Meehan, Murkland School Paraprofessional.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

8.2. UTL: Sick Leave

The Members of the United Teachers of Lowell hereby donate ten [10] sick leave days to Maureen Rogers, Daley School Paraprofessional.

Mr. Descoteaux made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 7 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 25, 2020
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting
Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 946 6721 5633

Password: thursday

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:06 p.m., all members were present, namely: Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux, Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy and Ms. Martin.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. This Meeting Is Being Held Remotely In Accordance With The Governor Of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions Of The Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20.

Mayor Leahy read to the public that this meeting was being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L.C. 30A, Section 20.

3.2. An Executive Session May Be Called To Discuss Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws. Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body.

4. PERMISSION TO ENTER

4.1. Permission to Enter: June 25, 2020

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the Permission to Enter; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

Mr. Hoey made a motion to recess at 6:09 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws related to an update on negotiations in regard to Central Office lease and an update on claims related to the transportation contract, of which Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body, and to return from Executive Session to open session; seconded by Mr. Descoteaux. 7 yeas APPROVED

The Committee returned to open session and on a roll call at 7:02 p.m., all members were present, namely: Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux, Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy and Ms. Martin.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Consideration of and vote of Proposed Amendment of Lease for 155 Merrimack Street (1st, 4th, 5th Floors)

Mr. Hoey made a motion to approve the Proposed Amendment of Lease for 155 Merrimack Street (1st, 4th, 5th Floors); seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 yeas APPROVED

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

6.1. Items:

1. Update on Negotiations in regard to Central Office lease
2. Update on Claims related to Transportation Contracts

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Doherty made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Dillon. 7 yeas APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 29, 2020
Time: 6:30PM
Location: Virtual Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/93345034036?pwd=Sy9lNkF2dDh4Uml2aXN4Vk4vdUtPZz09

Meeting ID: 933 4503 4036

Password: Monday

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:36 p.m., all members were present, namely: Mr. Descoteaux, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Mayor Leahy, Ms. Martin and Ms. Clark. Mr. Dillon was absent.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. This Meeting Is Being Held Remotely In Accordance With The Governor Of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions Of The Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20.

Mayor Leahy read to the public that this meeting was being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L.C. 30A, Section 20.

3.2. An Executive Session May Be Called To Discuss Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws. Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. Items:

- LSAA: Collective Bargaining- update on negotiations, review of proposals and strategies, and review of bargaining approaches related to various cost saving proposals.

- UTL: Collective Bargaining- update on negotiations, review of proposals and strategies, and review of bargaining approaches related to various cost saving proposals.

Ms. Martin made a motion to recess at 6:37 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws related to LSAA: Collective Bargaining - update on negotiations, review of proposals and strategies, and review of bargaining approaches related to various cost saving proposals and UTL: Collective Bargaining - update on negotiations, review of proposals and strategies, and review of bargaining approaches related to various cost saving proposals., of which Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body, and to adjourn from Executive Session; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mr. Dillon) APPROVED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion to recess at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mr. Dillon) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

JDB/mes

LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 1, 2020
Time: 6:00PM
Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/98448812834pwd=TzhMK3NHbHRUMk4xUkVMOXhYdWs3UT09
Meeting ID: 984 4881 2834
Password: Collective

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:01 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Dillon, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Hoey, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark and Mr. Descoteaux. Mayor Leahy was absent.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. This Meeting Is Being Held Remotely In Accordance With The Governor Of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Orders Suspending Certain Provisions Of The Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20.

Vice-Chairperson Descoteaux read to the public that this meeting was being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L.C. 30A, Section 20.

3.2. An Executive Session May Be Called To Discuss Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws. Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. Items:

- LSAA- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals and Negotiations with LSAA
- Update on Claims and Negotiations related to busing contracts
- UTL- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals and Negotiations with UTL (Paraprofessionals, Cafeteria Workers, Building Service Employees, and Teachers)
- SEIU- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals (Administrative Assistants)

Mr. Dillon made a motion to recess at 6:05 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws related to LSAA- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals and Negotiations, Update on Claims and Negotiations related to busing contracts, UTL- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals and Negotiations with (Paraprofessionals, Cafeteria Workers, Building Service Employees, and Teachers), SEIU- Collective Bargaining: Discussion of Proposals (Administrative Assistants) ,of which Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body, and to adjourn from Executive Session by; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Leahy) APPROVED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Martin made a motion to recess at 6:05 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Hoey. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Leahy) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2020
Time: 5:30PM
Location: Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/92793221930?pwd=bis5ZUM1cnU1L1loTXhtODdUMnZDZz09

Meeting ID: 927 9322 1930

Password: 9VvK6V

1. SALUTE TO FLAG

2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 5:41 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Hoey, Ms. Martin, Ms. Clark, Mr. Descoteaux and Mr. Dillon. Ms. Doherty and Mayor Leahy were absent.

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.1. This Meeting Is Being Held Remotely In Accordance With The Governor Of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions Of The Open Meeting Law G.L. C. 30A, Section 20.

Vice-Chairperson Descoteaux read to the public that this meeting was being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L.C. 30A, Section 20.

3.2. An Executive Session May Be Called To Discuss Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws. Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1. Item:

1. Update and Discussion in Regards to Bussing Contract Negotiations.

Mr. Hoey made a motion to recess at 6:37 p.m. and to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining, Strategies and/or Possible Litigation Under Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (A) (B), 2, 3 Of The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts General Laws related to an update and discussion in regards to Bussing Contract Negotiations, of which Open Meeting Discussion May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Bargaining Or Litigating Position Of The Public Body, and to adjourn from Executive Session by; seconded by Ms. Clark. 5 yeas, 2 absent (Ms. Doherty, Mayor Leahy) APPROVED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hoey made a motion to recess at 6:37 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Clark. 5yeas, 2 absent (Ms. Doherty, Mayor Leahy) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Lowell, MA 01852

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PERMISSION TO ENTER

To: Joel D. Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

From: Billie Jo Turner, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business

Date: June 26, 2020

Subject: Permission to Enter – July 15, 2020 School Committee Meeting

BI-COUNTY COLLABORATIVE **$ 160,207.66**
397 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

BRANDON RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER, INC. **$ 82,981.37**
27 Winter Street
Natick, MA 01760

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

CARROLL CENTER FOR THE BLIND, INC. **$ 20,000.00**
770 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

COTTING SCHOOL **$ 370,036.24**
453 Concord Avenue
Lexington, MA 02421

To provide for the out-of-district cost for four (4) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

COLLABORATIVE FOR REGIONAL ED. SERVICES/TRAINING (CREST) **$2,000,000.00**
480 Broadway
Methuen, MA 01844

To provide for the out-of-district cost for forty-three (43) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

DEVEREUX FOUNDATION **$ 62,152.85**
60 Miles Road, P.O. Box 219
Rutland, MA 01543

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

DOCTOR FRANKLIN PERKINS SCHOOL **$ 76,994.54**
380 High Street Extension
Lancaster, MA 01523

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

EASTER SEALS – MASSACHUSETTS **$ 50,000.00**
484 Main Street, Suite 600
Worcester, MA 01608

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

EVERGREEN CENTER, INC. **$ 230,109.52**
345 Fortune Boulevard
Milford, MA 01757

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

THE GUILD FOR HUMAN SERVICES, INC. **$ 142,952.92**
521 Virginia Road
Concord, MA 01742

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

JUDGE ROTENBERG EDUCATIONAL CENTER, INC. **$ 663,092.68**
250 Turnpike Street
Canton, MA 02021

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

JUSTICE RESOURCE INSTITUTE, INC. **$ 225,322.50**
160 Gould Street, Suite 300
Needham, MA 02494

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

LABBB COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS **$ 139,590.01**
123 Cambridge Street
Burlington, MA 01803

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

LANDMARK SCHOOL INC. **$ 115,192.46**
429 Hale Street
Prides Crossing, MA 01965

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

THE LEARNING CENTER FOR DEAF CHILDREN, INC. **$ 242,679.28**
848 Central Street
Framingham, MA 01701

To provide for the out-of-district cost for three (3) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL, INC. **$ 623,079.59**
25 Wellman Avenue
No. Chelmsford, MA 01863

To provide for the out-of-district cost for seven (7) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

MAY INSTITUTE, INC. **$ 581,093.58**
41 Pacella Park Drive
Randolph, MA 02368

To provide for the out-of-district cost for four (4) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

MELMARK NEW ENGLAND **$ 903,930.86**
461 River Road
Andover, MA 01801

To provide for the out-of-district cost for four (4) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

NASHOBA LEARING GROUP **$ 342,794.67**
10 Oak Park Drive
Bedford, MA 01730

To provide for the out-of-district cost for three (3) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

NEW ENGLAND LONG-TERM CARE, INC. **$ 193,374.24**
171 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111

To provide for the out-of-district cost for three (3) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

PERKINS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND **$ 338,401.88**
175 N. Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CARE, INC. **$ 64,806.25**
270 Bridge Street, Suite 301
Dedham, MA 02026

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

ROBERT F. KENNEDY CHILDREN'S ACTION CORP. **$ 146,721.72**
120 Old Common Road
Lancaster, MA 01523

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

SALEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS **$ 39,152.00**
29 Highland Avenue, Room 115
Salem, MA 01970

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

SEEM COLLABORATIVE **$ 70,940.00**
92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 3500
Stoneham, MA 02180

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

SEVEN HILLS FOUNDATION, INC **$ 51,470.38**
22 Hillside Avenue
Groton, MA 01450

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

SOUTH COAST EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATAIVE **$ 56,160.00**
2201 GAR Highway
Swansea, MA 02777

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

ST. ANN'S HOME, INC. **$ 554,888.50**
100A Haverhill Street
Methuen, MA 01844

To provide for the out-of-district cost for nine (9) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

STETSON SCHOOL, INC. **$ 105,932.42**
P.O. Box 309
Barre, MA 01005

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

STEVENS CHILDREN'S HOME, INC. **$ 63,620.81**
24 Main Street
Swansea, MA 02777

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

THE EDUCATION COOPERATIVE **$ 105,294.00**
141 Mansion Drive, Suite 200
East Walpole, MA 02032

To provide for the out-of-district cost for two (2) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

VALLEY COLLABORATIVE **$1,205,870.00**
40 Linnell Circle
Billerica, MA 01821

To provide for the out-of-district cost for eighteen (18) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

VERMONT PERMANENCY INITIATIVE, INC. **$ 147,551.25**
192 Fairview Road
Bennington, VT 05201

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

WALKER, INC. **$ 329,579.04**
1968 Central Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

To provide for the out-of-district cost for four (4) students enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

WAYSIDE YOUTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK **$ 59,745.66**
1 Frederick Abbot Way
Framingham, MA 01701

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

WHITNEY ACADEMY, INC. **$ 64,738.72**
P.O. Box 619
85 Dr. Braley Road
E. Freetown, MA 02717

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

WINDHAM WOODS SCHOOL **$ 38,500.00**
39 Roulston Road
Windham, NH 03087

To provide for the out-of-district cost for one (1) student enrolled and receiving services as outlined in their special education IEP.

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED OOD Tuition

DESIREE COLON **$ 33,000.00**
543 Middlesex Street
Lowell, MA 01852

To provide parent transportation for one (1) special needs student from Lowell, MA to Robert F. Kennedy Center in Lancaster, MA

Funding provided by the School Department: SPED Transportation

THE GREEN DRAGONS, INC. **$ 39,900.00**
10 Kearney Square #40
Lowell, MA 01852

To provide martial arts and environmental instruction in the 21st Century after school programs and the Career Academy.

Funding provided by the 21st Century Grant/Full Service Community Schools Grant

MILL CITY GROWS, INC. **$ 44,900.00**
650 Suffolk Street G10
Lowell, MA 01854

To provide gardening and environmental education to students participating in the 21st Century after school and programming at the Career Academy

Funding provided by the 21st Century Grant/Full Service Community Schools Grant

LOWELL TAEKWONDO LLC **$ 24,000.00**
17 Shattuck Street
Lowell, MA 01852

To provide martial arts instruction in Taekwondo to students participating in the 21st Century after school programs.

Funding provided by the 21st Century Grant

LOWELL PARKS AND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC. **$ 70,000.00**
660 Suffolk Street, Suite 120
Lowell, MA 01854

To provide environmental instruction and programs to the Lowell Public School students in the 21st Century program.

Funding provided by the 21st Century Grant

EMERSON UMBRELLA, INC. **$ 21,000.00**
40 Stow Street
Concord, MA 01742

To provide arts instruction that incorporates inquiry into all areas of the curriculum to the students participating in the 21st Century programs.

Funding provided by the 21st Century Grant

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY **$ 48,500.00**
Center for Restorative Justice
8 Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108

To provide professional development and consultation on the Restorative Justice model to the middle school instructional staff and administrators.

Funding provided by the Juvenile Diversion Grant

DATTCO
315 South Street
New Britain, CT 06051

FY21 - $522,000.00
FY22 - $522,000.00
FY23 - $522,000.00
FY24 - $522,000.00
FY25 - $522,000.00
TOTAL - $2,610,000.00

To enter into a 5-year lease for 40 school buses at a rate of $13,050 per bus, per year.

Funding provided by the School Department Budget: Transportation – Regular Ed

Lowell Public Schools

Budget Update
July 15, 2020

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AGENDA

1. FY21 Revenue
2. Important Benchmarks
3. Next Steps
4. Recommendations

FY21 Revenue

Chapter 70 Aid

1) **State is still forecasting a $6-$7 billion revenue shortfall and has not yet released any official information on the impact of that shortfall on local school districts.**
2) **Governor Baker has authorized level funding for 1/12th continuation budgets for July and August**
3) **The Commissioner of Education has recommended for local districts to plan utilizing a "level services plus" assumption. However, the Commissioner has no authority to appropriate funds and has articulated that there is no assurance of any specific funding level. Level service funding still appears very unlikely.**

Grants

1) **Federal title grant allocations totaling $7,252,177 were released. Two of the four title grants were reduced and two were increased. The net effect is $27,827 more than last year.**
2) **CARES/ESSER grant funds: Application for $4,184,332 was submitted on June 30, 2020.**
3) **MA COVID Relief opportunities: Funds for PPE (possibly $225/student) and possible reimbursement for technology purchases related to COVID (chromebooks)**

Important Budgeting Benchmarks

Staffing

- June 15th – deadline for teacher layoff notices
- July 20th – deadline for layoff notices for LSAA
- August 1st- last date to lift the hiring freeze to prepare for school opening on September 2nd
  *(*minimum time required to hire, reassign and onboard staff)*

School Reopening

- August 1st – release of school reopening plan
- September 2nd – first day of school

Continuation/Month to Month Budget

- June 8th, 2020 – SC adopted the 1/12th budget for July 2020
- July 23rd – Consideration of a 1/12th budget for August to align with the City
- Maintaining a 1/12th budget for the entire month of August **could significantly compromise school opening**
  →Adoption of an annual budget is needed by 8/19 in order to cover salaries of 10 month employees who return to payroll in September

		FY21 FTE	General Fund	FY21 FTE	Grants/Offsets	General Fund Change		July 1/12	Aug 1/12	Sept 1/12
GF = General Fund										
	TOTAL:		$ 6,300,000		$ 4,150,000	$ (551,540)		$ 525,000	$ 525,000	$ 525,000
	GRAND TOTAL	1923.0	$ 186,108,864	267.2	$ 15,931,671	$ 6,725,716		$ 5,689,943	$ 7,675,577	$ 16,661,889

- The 1/12th budget for LPS would have fluctuating costs per month as reflected in the highlighted section.
- The 1/12th budget listed here is based on FY 19/20 spending.
- Starting paychecks for each of the unions differ. Twelve month employees start in July whereas teachers don't get first paycheck for FY21 until September.

Next Steps

Month of July

- **Full cost analysis of expenses related to school reopening plans**
- **Weekly public presentations and discussions of that cost analysis with the School Committee during finance subcommittee meetings, open budget hearings or alternative venue/forum to coincide with community forums on school opening.**

*****Adoption of an annual budget ahead of August 1st release of final school opening plan*.**

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Recommendations

Schedule Finance Subcommittee Meetings and Special School Committee Meetings to discuss/approve the LPS Reopening Plan for SY20/21

a) July 23 – 5:30 Finance Subcommittee; 6:30 Special Meeting of the SC

**Consideration of a 1/12th budget for August 2020*

b) July 29 – 5:30 Finance Subcommittee; 6:30 Special Meeting of the SC

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Lowell Public Schools

COVID19 Response Update

Planning for School Re-Opening

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Agenda

- Student Enrollment
- Building Capacity and Social Distancing
- Transportation and Social Distancing
- Summer Remediation & Curriculum Realignment
- Scenario-Based Planning for Re-Opening
- School Opening Dashboard
- Next Steps

Student Enrollment

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Projected Enrollment for 2020-2021

Grade 1	1154
Grade 2	1264
Grade 3	1162
Grade 4	1192
Grade 5	1181
Grade 6	1251
Grade 7	1233
Grade 8	1221
Grade 9	1263
Grade 10	788
Grade 11	799
Grade 12	796

Grades 1-12 Total = 13,304

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Current Registration/Enrollment

- Last year, LPS enrolled 1127 students into kindergarten
- Since open enrollment on May 26th, LPS has enrolled 904 kindergarteners
- Last year, LPS enrolled 512 preschool students
- Since open enrollment on May 26th, LPS has enrolled 411 preschool students
- Since May 26th, LPS enrolled 89 high schoolers. These numbers are similar to previous years.
  - New high schoolers enrolled by grade:
    - Grade 9 - 57 students
    - Grade 10 - 14 students
    - Grade 11 - 8 students
    - Grade 12 - 10 student
- Between April -August 2019, LPS enrolled 332 students in grades 1-8
- From May 26-June 10 2020, LPS enrolled 141 students in grades 1-8

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Building Capacity and Social Distancing

Estimated Student Capacity by School

Rev. 07/09/20

School	Address	City	Main Telephone #	2019/2020 Enrollment	Estimated Student Capacity at 3' Distancing Conventional Classrooms	Number of Conventional Sized Classrooms	Estimated Number of Students per Conventional Classroom	Estimated Student Capacity at 3' Distancing Break-Out/Lab Fixtured Classrooms	Number of Break-Out/or Lab Fixtured Sized Classrooms	Number of Students per Break-Out Classroom	Total Estimated Student Capacity/ School
Adult Ed	408 Merrimack St, 01854	Lowell	978-458-9007								
Bailey	174 Cambell Dr., 01851	Lowell	978-937-7644	481	525	21	25	30	3	10	555
Bartlett	79 Wannalancit St., 01854	Lowell	978-937-8968	486	625	25	25	45	9	5	670
Butler	1140 Gorham St., 01852	Lowell	978-937-8973	566	500	20	25	64	8	8	564
Cardinal O'Connell	21 Carter St., 01852	Lowell	978-446-7000	119	120	8	15	4	1	4	124
Daley	150 Fleming St., 01851	Lowell	978-937-8981	690	720	24	30	18	2	9	738
Day School	60 Carlisle St., 01824	Lowell	978-674-2405	55	0			0			0
Greenhalge	149 Ennell St. 01850	Lowell	978-937-7670	496	528	22	24	50	10	5	578
Laura Lee	235 Powell St., 01851	Lowell	978-937-7655	26	48	6	8	0	0	0	48
Leblanc	58 Sycamore St., 01852	Lowell	978-970-5467	30	192	8	24	15	3	5	207
Malloy	125 Smith St., 01851	Lowell	978-970-3318	62	165	11	15	0	0	0	165
Lincoln	300 Chelmsford St., 01851	Lowell	978-937-2846	504	648	27	24	32	4	8	680
LHS -	50 Fr. Morrissette Blvd., 01852	Lowell	978-937-8900	3004	4100	164	25	380	38	10	4480
Mc Auliffe	570 Beacon St., 01850	Lowell	978-937-2838	505	550	22	25	60	12	5	610
Mc Avinnue	131 Mammoth Rd, 01854	Lowell	978-937-2871	488	675	27	25	85	17	5	760
Moody	158 Rogers St., 01852	Lowell	978-937-7673	237	312	13	24	15	3	5	327
Morey	130 Pine St., 01851	Lowell	978-937-7662	507	576	24	24	40	8	5	616
Murkland	350 Adams St., 01854	Lowell	978-937-2826	496	576	24	24	25	5	5	601
Pawtucketville	425 West Meadow Rd., 01854	Lowell	978-937-7667	504	750	30	25	45	9	5	795
Pyne /Arts	145 Boylston St., 01852	Lowell	978-937-7639	519	768	32	24	50	10	5	818
Reilly	115 Douglas Rd., 01852	Lowell	978-937-7652	494	575	23	25	35	7	5	610
Riverside	73 Woburn St., 01852	Lowell	978-453-1115	46	120	8	15	0	0	0	120
Robinson	110 June St., 01854	Lowell	978-937-8974	665	950	38	25	45	9	5	995
Shaughnessy	1158 Gorham St., 01852	Lowell	978-937-7657	486	552	23	24	15	3	5	567
Stem Academy	43 Highland St., 01854	Lowell	978-674-4331	845	924	33	28	69	23	3	993
Stoklosa	560 Broadway St., 01854	Lowell	978-275-6330	670	720	36	20	40	8	5	760
Sullivan	150 Draper St., 01852	Lowell	978-937-8993	682	682	31	22	60	12	5	742
Wang	365 West meadow Rd., 01854	Lowell	978-937-7683	710	682	31	22	65	13	5	747
Washington	795 Wilder St., 01851	Lowell	978-937-7635	254	425	17	25	45	9	5	470
	Totals			**14627**	**18008**	**748**	**617**	**1332**	**226**	**137**	**19340**

Building Capacity & Social Distancing

Please Note - The following assumptions have been used in determining these estimated numbers:

1. Conventional Classrooms were set up with all student desks facing forward with the minimum three foot distance shown in the DESE illustration to maximize the capacity.

1. Many classrooms (particularly in the very young grades)currently seat the students at tables closer than the three foot requirement and facing each other.- For this estimate, removing those tables and using student desks that are forward facing and meet the distance requirement was assumed. if the current fixtures remain and proper social distancing is met, there is a significant drop in capacity in those classrooms.

1. Due to the very specific uses of the Adult Ed and Day School, their capacity was not included in this estimate.

1. Clearly, the current enrollment is significantly less than the estimated capacity, however, this estimate captures every possible seat - when quite likely, the actual number of students assigned to those rooms may be very different.

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Transportation and Social Distancing

Transportation and Social Distancing

Depending on the final guidance of the state and Federal Government, it may not be feasible to provide general busing for Lowell's students.

Analysis is dependent upon health risks of busing to students and whether social distancing guidelines necessitate a number of buses:

1. which is impossible to acquire, or
2. which is financially impossible to fund without compromising the delivery of education, unless additional financial aid to provided.

Transportation and Social Distance

- Under current CDC guidelines, 13 students will be able to be transported on each “Big” school bus. Last year, 66 buses were operated under the general busing contract. Normal capacity is 52 seats for middle schoolers and 77 seats for elementary students.
- A mini-bus with a typical 18 student capacity will now be restricted to 3 students under current CDC guidelines.
- If CDC guidelines are not changed, costs will be driven up, as we would need 3-4 times as many buses. If CDC guidelines were adjusted to one student per seat, we would still need 1-2 times as many buses. Currently, there are shortages and manufacturing delays impacting the ability to acquire new buses which further complicates the situation.

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Summer Remediation & Curriculum Realignment

Summer Programming & Curriculum Development

- This summer LPS offered 23 programs compared to 16 programs last year. New programming includes: Middle School Intervention, 8th to 9th Grade Jumpstart, English Learner Academy and High School Credit Recovery all designed to focus on closing learning gaps due to interrupted time on learning during the COVID closure.

- The Curriculum Team developed the 2020-2021 Curriculum Calendar, and the calendar has been shared with leaders to support school planning for the upcoming school year.

- Decisions on content and timelines were guided by the MA Curriculum Framework Standards, feedback from teachers, and the disruption of school due to the COVID closure. During the calendar development, the team assessed what the calendar typically looks like, where students need to grow, and where to supplement for potential missed content.

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Scenario-Based Planning for Re-Opening

1. Full On-Campus
2. Full Remote
3. Hybrid

Universal Items to all 3 Scenarios

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- Continued adoption of LPS Curriculum Maps as updated with attention to the spiral framework
- Well-planned SEL curriculum for the first weeks of school to attend to student trauma and the return to school in the “new normal”
- Universal instructional platforms that are cost-effective and developmentally-appropriate (such as SeeSaw PK-2 and Google Classroom Gr. 3-12) with training for students, staff, and families
- Standardized school times with attendance taken each morning
- Standard communication system for families

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Full, In Person Scenario Plan Highlights

Full, In Person Scenario

- Full compliance with health and safety recommendations and DESE guidance
- Specific guidance for PPE and Sanitization requirements
- Social Distancing Requirements for arrival/dismissal, transitions, meals, recess and mask breaks, buses, and instruction
- Limiting mixing of cohorts of students, providing individual materials when possible
- Specific guidance for special populations
- Optional remote learning program for high-risk students and staff or to respect parent decision-making

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Remote Scenario Plan Highlights

Remote Scenario

- Devise schedules to adhere to time on learning requirements and attend to all aspects of the curriculum, including SEL and Allied Arts
- Use effective remote learning pedagogy and remote assessment practices with our own curriculum materials, such as employing flipped classrooms for Gr. 3-12
- Identified specific technology-based programs that we already own and use
- Professional development as needed and collaborative planning time with teachers and support staff to develop quality instructional videos
- Specific recommendations for special populations

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Hybrid Scenario Plan Highlights

Hybrid Scenario

- On campus and At-home Cohort Model
- Synchronized class model with in-school and at-home learners as much as possible
- Planning instructional units to prioritize independent work for home and essential instruction and feedback for school
- Coordinating with outside agencies to provide childcare for families and coordinating schedules for students in one family as per the family's preference

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Next Steps *School Re-opening*

Phase 2 of Reopening Task Force

From our Phase 1 plans, there are 10 subgroups (comprised of large cross-section of our employees and parents) for further refinement:

- Curriculum (at various levels and content areas)
  - Special Education
  - ESL
- Facilities & Infrastructure
- Assessment, Grading, and Reporting to Families
- Communication to Families & Community
- Health Protocols
- Responding to Student Trauma and SEL in the First Weeks
- Enrollment, Assignment, & Transportation
- Individual Schools to develop school-specific plans for facilities and student schedules
- Completion: July 31 for August plan submission to DESE

School Opening Dashboard: Ensuring a Flawless Opening

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	Bailey	Cardinal	Greenhalge	Laura Lee	Lincoln	Adie Day	McAuliffe	McAvinnue	Moody	Morey	Murkland	Paw. Memorial	Reilly	Shaughnessy	Washington	Bartlett	Pyne/Arts	Stem	Butler	Daley	Leblan
Instruction begins on day one																					
• Curriculum maps available and shared with all teachers		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• All smart-boards are functioning		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Total number of devices accessible/functioning		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
• Instructional supplies available: Eureka Math Student workbooks		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Instructional supplies available: Science Kits		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Instructional supplies available: Caulkins Writing materials		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT																					
• IEP/504 availability/appropriate staff have access		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Finalize master schedule		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Principal is aware of who is mentoring new staff		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
STAFFING																					
• Complete staffing and vacant positions		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Verify all teaching staff meet certification requirements; report issues to HR		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
• Review teaching assignments for Article 16G																					

Next Steps

- Reopening Task Force Phase 2
- Continued communication via social media, email and Connect-ed calls
- Second survey targeting linguistically diverse families
- Community forums across the city
- Final school opening plan released on August 1

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REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

Report on Motions: July 15, 2020

ON-GOING REPORTS
Lowell High School Advisory: October 2nd, December 18th, March 18th, May 20th,
Recognize Retirees: Every June
Annual Report on Textbook Purchases: Every August
Quarterly Enrollment Figures: October, January, April and July

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. SUPT	03/04/20	*Redline Edits to Specify Changes* Request the Superintendent provide contracts, job descriptions, and other documents requiring school committee review (whether for executive session or open meeting) at least 24 hours before the meeting occurs. Also, the documents being reviewed must have redline edits that specify all changes from previous similar-type documents.	Offices of Personnel & Superintendent	Ongoing
2. SUPT	06/17/20	*Resolution COVID-19 Expenses* [by Jackie Doherty] Request the Lowell School Committee join with MASC and other school committees across the state in support of a Resolution regarding full state reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses.	Supt.	Completed 06/17/20

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL EQUITY & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT – CHIEF EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. CEEO	08/21/19	*Revise Policy School Visits, Social Media & Fundraising* [by Gerard Nutter]: Request policy subcommittee meet with the administration before the two October School committee meetings to review/revise policy on school committee visits, social media, fundraising.	Legislative Affairs	Will be raised for discussion at one of the upcoming Policy Subcommittee meetings that will be held per the availability of the Policy Subcommittee members
2. CEEO	09/04/19	*Review School Assignment Policy* [by Mayor William Samaras and Gerard Nutter]: Administration to review the JCA – School Assignment Policy and provide recommendations especially with regard to siblings and the importance of family along with the student living within the school neighborhood street directory criteria.	Welcome Services/FRC	Closed. School Assignment Policy approved at January 15, 2020 meeting
3. CEEO	09/18/19	*District Wide Recess Policy* [by Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux]: Administration compile a report on the implementation of District Wide Recess Policy to see how it is being followed and consider partnering with Lowell Education Justice Alliance to form a task force for further review and recommendations on recess being taken away as punishment.	Office of Equity & Engagement	Will be discussed further at one of the upcoming Policy Subcommittee meetings that will be held per the availability of the Policy Subcommittee members
4. CEEO	10/02/19	*Training Program for School Site Council* [by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent collaborates with the Citywide Family Council to develop and implement a training/educational program for School Site Council members in preparation for school-based budgeting in Spring 2020.	Office of Equity & Engagement	**School Site Council Memo** Click link for memo In progress.

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LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
5. CEEO	11/06/19	*Support Citywide Family Council* [by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a plan to support the Citywide Family Council efforts to engage parents that includes regular access to school leadership, designated school contacts, assistance in promoting CFC events directly to families, school site councils, advisory councils, and parent-teacher organizations, as well as other suggestions to collaborate with CFC in support of family-school engagement.	Office of Equity & Engagement	Collaborative plan being developed to include strengthening communication and providing leadership workshops/trainings for implementation this school year.
6. CEEO	11/20/19	*Adult Education Graduation Rate* [by Gerard Nutter]: Request Superintendent provides a report on how many Lowell Parents / Adults were enrolled in Adult Education for the last 3 years, how many out of City adults are we educating? Graduation rate of both.	Adult Education Center	Closed. information provided at the December 18th School Committee meeting.
7. CEEO	02/19/20	[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to assign the responsibility to someone in the district to maintain a system-wide calendar of events that will be easy to navigate for all of our parents and staff who would attend many of these events if they knew where they could go on our website to find out.	Office of Equity & Engagement – Communications Team	In progress

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8. CEEO	02/19/20	*Selection Process on SSC* [by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to review whether or not some schools had administrative interference in the selection process of their SSC's. It should involve parents only.	Office of Equity & Engagement	In progress
9. CEEO	02/19/20	*Smore newsletter software* [by Hilary Clark}: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the feasibility of procuring licenses for the Smore newsletter software for use at every school in the district. Report back should include cost and plan for implementation including training. Smore is currently in use at the Pyne Arts Magnet School, Washington Elementary and Lowell High School. Benefits include translation of newsletter content into 100 languages and tracks engagement.	Office of Equity & Engagement – Communications Team	In progress. LPS purchased licenses for Smore and will begin issuing them to schools this month (May 2020)
10. CEEO	02/19/20	*Funds From Student Opportunity Act* [by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent develop the spending plan and timeline for informing the committee and engaging the community on how the district will use additional funds generated from the Student Opportunity Act prior to April 1, which is the deadline for submitting to DESE.	Office of Equity & Engagement	In progress

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11. CEEO	02/19/20	*Citywide Family Council Annual Update* [by Jackie Doherty]: *Per December 2018 motion*, request the Superintendent invite leaders from the Citywide Family Council to make their annual presentation updating the school committee on their work to engage families.	Office of Equity and Engagement – Family Engagement Team	In progress
12. CEEO	04/01/20	*United States Census* [By Mayor John Leahy]: Request the Superintendent to update the Committee on district's plan to support the 2020 United States Census.	Office of Equity & Engagement	In Progress
13. CEEO	04/15/20	*Mental Health & SSS, SW Roles* [by Jackie Doherty}: motion to get a report from the administration that outlines the structures in place to support the mental health needs of our students. The report should include the roles of the Student Support Specialists and Social Workers, as well as address the delivery and oversight of mental health supports across the district.	Office of Equity & Engagement & Office of ELearning & Teaching	Completed 5/20/20

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LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
14. CEEO	05/06/20	[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to form a committee tasked to raise funds for the purpose of obtaining enough technology for EVERY child in the LPS.	Office of Equity & Engagement & Office of ELearning & Teaching	In Progress

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING – CHIEF OF SCHOOLS

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. CSO				

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OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING – CHIEF OF ACADEMICS

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. CAO	10/16/19	*Learning a Trade at LHS* [by Dominik Lay]: Ask the Superintendent to develop a partnership with the Greater Lowell Technical School to afford students to learn a trade while attending Lowell High School.	Office of Teaching and Learning Chief Academic Officer	Report will be prepared once grant notification from the DESE is received.
2. CAO	10/16/19	*Community Service Requirement* [by Gerard Nutter]: Request LHS Sub-Committee meet to discuss possibility of adding a Community Service Requirement for all grades to count towards Graduation.	LHS Head of Schools	Taskforce will be created to look at the feasibility
3. CAO	12/18/19	*Update on Bullying Policies* [by Andy Descoteaux]: Request the Superintendent to update us on any new policies going forward on bullying.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Referred to Policy Subcommittee
4. CAO	02/19/20	*Opioid Prevention Program* [by Mayor John Leahy]: Request that the Superintendent work with the Fire Department to establish an Opioid Prevention Program at Lowell High School.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Ongoing

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5. CAO	05/06/20	*Remote learning & Snow Days* [by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to ask DESE if what we can develop as a plan for remote learning could be used to cover snow days; thereby eliminating the need to make up snow days at the end of the year.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Awaiting DESE Guidance
6. CAO	05/20/20	*Creegan TV Studio* [By Michael Dillon Jr.]: Request the Superintendent provide an update on the Creegan TV Studio (staffing, technology capabilities, and usage) for discussion on incorporating online content production into future technology planning.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Completed 06/17/20
7. CAO	05/20/20	Task Force Transition - Next School Year [By Bob Hoey]: In consideration of the stress and issues that students are dealing with because of COVID-19, request the Superintendent initiate a Task Force to look at how to take advantage of all our staff's skills to best transition from this school year to the next school year.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Completed 06/17/20

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

OFFICE OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. CFO	11/06/19	*PEG Funding* [by Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux]: Request School Committee vote to direct ALL PEG funding be used to update TV Studio Equipment and NOT on Personal salaries.	In Progress Dec 2019	Report is in progress/draft
2. CFO	11/06/19	*Status of C.E.P. Program* [by Gerard Nutter]: Request Update from Administration on status of C.E.P. program (Community Eligibility Provision) specifically if Gov't funding will continue/possible cuts and date when we have to reapply.	Draft 11/15/19	Draft Memo Click link for memo Waiting for DESE response
3. CFO	04/01/20	*Expenditures by year* By Bob Hoey]: That the superintendent produce a report by April 1, 2020 meet with the following information charting out spend expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far as back as possible) • Number of total special education budget; I Percentage of kids receiving special location services; • Amount of money spent on out of district services; I Percentages of children utilizing out of district services; • Number of employees working in Special Education (please also provide their job descriptions); • Total of number of employees within the district per year.	CFO	Presented 06/17/20 And will be presented again on 07/15/20

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LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
4. CFO	04/15/20	*Plan B for the FY21 Budget* [By Mayor John Leahy]: Request that the Superintendent provide the committee with a report showing that the administration is working on a plan B for the FY21 Budget.	CFO April 2020	Ongoing

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OFFICE OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS- CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. COO	11/06/19	*Collegiate Charter School Hours* [by Gerard Nutter]: Request Update from Administration on plans to alleviate additional transportation cost caused by the change in hours at the Collegiate Charter School of Lowell.	Ongoing Transportation John Descoteaux	Transportation is in contact with CCS to addressing any proposed changes
2. COO	11/06/19	*MSBA School Repairs Update* [by Andy Descoteaux]: Request the Superintendent provides the Committee with an update on the process of MSBA school repairs.	Ongoing Facilities	Meetings occurred @ MSBA on 11/06/19 coordination with City is ongoing
3. COO	12/18/19	*Staff Evaluations* [by Jacqueline Doherty]: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the staffing positions (and number of employees impacted) that were not evaluated or only partially evaluated during the 2018-2019 academic year and the reasons, if known, why those evaluations were not completed. The report also should include whether any positions are not scheduled to be evaluated during the current academic year, and if so, what plans are in place to remedy any challenges going forward.	COO	Ongoing Presented 02/05/20

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
4. COO	3/27/20	*S.C. Authority to Act on Contracts* [by Bob Hoey]: Superintendent to review with Solicitor the School Committee's authority to vote on paying transportation providers and other venders when services could not be performed because of COVID-19 closure of schools.	COO	See memo dated 4/13/20
5. COO	04/01/20	*Empty Judicial Building* [by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to ask the City Manager what the status is of the empty judicial buildings in the city. If they are available for city use, the LPS could use one or two.	COO	Will be Presented 05/20/20
6. COO	05/20/20	*New LHS & Named Areas* [by Bob Hoey]: That the Facilities Subcommittee meet to talk about procedures to name areas of the new Lowell High School and to determine whether current dedications will carry over to the new Lowell High School from the current.	COO	Subcommittee will be scheduled in the summer
7. COO	06/17/20	*Participation in Collective Bargaining* [by Hilary Clark]: Motion to have the Lowell School Committee Participate in collective bargaining with all unions instead of the Human Resources & Labor Relations Subcommittee.	COO	Ongoing

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

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8. COO	06/17/20	*July 4th Holiday* [by Hilary Clark]: Motion to close offices and schools on July 3, 2020 in recognition of the July 4th holiday, which falls on Saturday for building services personnel and request that the Administrative Assistants use it as a paid holiday pursuit to their contract in light of the current budget situation.	COO	Completed July 3, 2020

REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
2. CSO				

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To: Joel Boyd, Superintendent
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RE: Response to Motion on Special Ed Spending
Date: June 11, 2020

This is in response to the motion made by Robert Hoey at the 4/1/20 meeting: "***That the Superintendent produce a report charting out SPED expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far back as possible).***

- ***Number of total special education budget; Percentage of kids receiving special education services;***
- ***Amount of money spent on out of district services; Percentages of children utilizing out of district services;***
- ***Number of employees working in Special Education;***
- ***Total of number of employees within the district per year.***

Per the attached SPED Spending Summary, we have gathered nine years of data and have determined the following:

- Total sped spending has increased from $22.6 million in 2011 to $43.3 million in 2019.
- SPED spending has increased from 15% of total budget in 2011 to 21.9% in 2019.
- SPED spending totals includes approximately 70% on in district spending and 30% out of district spending year to year.
- SPED out of district spending rose from $7.9 million in 2011 to $13 million in 2018. This amount decreased to $11.8 million in 2019 due to the opening of the Janice Adie Day School.
- Students receiving out of district sped services rose from 98 in 2011 to 140 in 2018. This amount decreased from 140 to 114 in 2019.
- Total enrollment has increased from 13,708 in 2011 to 14,663 in 2019.
- 2105 students in 2011 received sped services which represents 15% of total enrollment. In 2019, 2543 students received sped services which represents 17% of total enrollment.
- SPED staff increased from 324 in 2011 to 493 in 2019. In 2011, SPED staff represented 18.8% of total staff (1723). This rose to 23.4% of total staff (2110) in 2019.

Fiscal Year	A -- In-District Instruction-- Teaching	B Other Instructional	C - Out-of-District Tuition - Mass. Public Schools and Collaboratives	D Mass Private and Out-of-State Schools	E Combined Special Ed Expenditures (A+B+C+D)	F Total School Operating Budget (Chp 70 + Local Contribution)	Special Education Percentage of Budget (E as % of F)	Total Enrollment	Total # of Students Receiving SPED	0 Students Receiving SPED	Total # of Students Receiving OOD SPED	Total # of SPED Employees (SPED Teachers & Paras)	Total # of Employees
2011	$ 12,657,786	$ 2,055,650	$ 2,835,861	$ 5,129,222	$ 22,678,519	$ 149,225,889	15.2%	13,708	2105	15%		324	1723
2012	$ 14,957,838	$ 2,014,699	$ 3,924,523	$ 3,327,102	$ 24,224,162	$ 157,830,466	15.3%	13,653	2091	15%	98	337	1841
2013	$ 15,942,917	$ 2,232,780	$ 4,485,622	$ 2,830,988	$ 25,492,307	$ 163,709,592	15.6%	13,986	2141	15%	100	344	1891
2014	$ 20,189,191	$ 2,708,272	$ 4,756,184	$ 4,037,308	$ 31,690,955	$ 172,591,738	18.4%	14,150	2136	15%	102	342	1905
2015	$ 20,897,834	$ 2,652,728	$ 5,416,174	$ 4,433,148	$ 33,399,884	$ 179,808,265	18.6%	14,209	2143	15%	121	345	1785
2016	$ 22,446,082	$ 3,125,812	$ 6,804,393	$ 3,669,941	$ 36,046,228	$ 178,601,206	20.2%	14,284	2215	16%	119	310	1972
2017	$ 24,055,988	$ 3,157,019	$ 7,042,887	$ 5,312,814	$ 39,568,708	$ 183,238,362	21.6%	14,567	2327	16%	132	293	2031
2018	$ 25,169,662	$ 4,222,188	$ 6,879,401	$ 6,121,907	$ 42,393,158	$ 189,897,177	22.3%	14,590	2420	17%	140	452	2091
2019	$ 27,097,171	$ 4,392,469	$ 5,585,108	$ 6,288,066	$ 43,362,814	$ 198,336,328	21.9%	14,663	2543	17%	114	493	2110

65%	56%	9%	13%	23%	35%
70%	62%	8%	16%	14%	30%
71%	63%	9%	18%	11%	29%
72%	64%	9%	15%	13%	28%
71%	63%	8%	16%	13%	29%
71%	62%	9%	19%	10%	29%
69%	61%	8%	18%	13%	31%
69%	59%	10%	16%	14%	31%

District Enrollment

July 9, 2020

School	School Name	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	Other	Total
0001	Cardinal O'Connell Early	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	119
0002	Bailey Elementary School	27	88	94	91	87	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	481
0005	Rogers STEM Academy	0	85	94	88	89	93	116	111	110	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	843
0010	McAvinnue Elementary School	22	86	96	91	94	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	488
0015	Greenhalge Elementary	40	83	95	77	91	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	495
0018	Pyne Arts Magnet School	30	49	50	49	47	48	60	59	58	60	0	0	0	0	0	8	518
0020	Lincoln Elementary School	40	85	93	93	91	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	504
0027	Moody Elementary School	0	47	52	45	50	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237
0030	Morey Elementary School	45	85	96	91	89	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	505
0036	Pawtucketville Memorial	27	91	95	93	92	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	504
0040	Reilly Elementary School	26	89	97	90	92	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	494
0050	Shaughnessy Elementary	25	87	96	82	90	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	483
0055	Washington Elementary	21	44	48	43	46	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	254
0075	McAuliffe Elementary School	45	82	96	79	91	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	505
0080	Murkland Elementary School	41	82	96	90	91	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	493
0085	Laura Lee Therapeutic Day	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
0090	Bartlett Community	32	44	50	44	42	45	62	54	52	52	0	0	0	0	0	8	485
0100	Head Start - Community	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	17
0110	Lowell Collaborative Preschool	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	71
0310	Butler Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	141	148	144	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	566
0315	Daley Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	174	169	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	690
0320	Leblanc Therapeutic Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	11	9	0	0	0	30
0330	Robinson Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	168	160	166	168	0	0	0	0	0	0	662
0340	Sullivan Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	166	173	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	682
0345	Wang Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	173	164	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	710
0360	Stoklosa Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	170	164	166	170	0	0	0	0	0	0	670
0450	Home Schooled	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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0505	Lowell High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	739	747	730	86	29	0	2331
0515	The Career Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	19	17	9	0	0	67
0605	Adie Day School	2	5	8	7	11	7	3	1	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	55
0906	YMCA	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
0907	Community Teamwork Inc	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15
0908	Little Sprouts	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
0930	Family Resource Center	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	14
0962	Special Education Office	45	26	28	18	18	6	9	10	3	6	4	2	2	1	2	214	394
1004	BRIDGE Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
1007	The Engagement Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	17	1	0	21
OOD	Out of District	0	1	2	6	0	2	7	8	14	15	6	11	19	16	13	1	121
	Totals	653	1161	1286	1179	1216	1186	1257	1247	1246	1238	779	793	781	130	45	433	14630