



Lowell Public School Committee *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date:	January 19, 2022
Time:	6:30PM
Location:	City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC And Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To The Superintendent Indicating The Agenda Item, A Phone Number And Email Address So We Can Provide A Zoom Link To Access The Meeting. Email Address Is Mpalazzo@Lowell.k12.Ma.us If No Access To Email You May Contact Us At 978-674-4324. All Requests Must Be Submit It Before 3:00 PM On The Day Of Meeting.

1. **SALUTE TO FLAG**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **MINUTES**

3.1. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Inauguration Exercises Of Monday, January 3, 2022

Documents:

[LSC INAUGURATION MINUTES - JANUARY 3, 2022.PDF](#)

3.2. Approval Of The Minutes Of The Regularly Scheduled Lowell School Committee Meeting Of Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Documents:

4. **PERMISSION TO ENTER**

5. **MEMORIALS**

- 5.1. Evanthia Dukakis, A Retired Daley School Teacher.

6. **MOTIONS**

- 6.1. [By Connie Martin]:

Requesting that the Administration develop a transparent reporting system that will allow parents and students to report concerns with school meal offerings directly to our vendor and provide a feedback tracking system so the School Committee can monitor responses to concerns.

- 6.2. [By Eileen DelRossi]:

Request superintendent provides the school committee with a detailed list of all expenditures related to school building maintenance and repairs for fiscal year 2022.

- 6.3. [By Eileen DelRossi]:

Request Superintendent provides the school committee with current cafeteria staffing levels at the Stem Academy.

- 6.4. [By Eileen DelRossi]:

Request the Superintendent to apply the unfinished business portion to the agenda of the 1st and 3rd Wednesday school committee meetings. This was voted into the school committee rules on inauguration day. Rules can be found on the January 3rd meeting agenda 4.3 adoption of rules.

- 6.5. [By Stacey Thompson]:

Request that the Superintendent provide the committee with a report of ongoing records detailing the frequency of HVAC unit filter changes in each of the school buildings. This request will be ongoing as a measure to keep awareness and transparency of air quality efforts for both students and staff.

- 6.6. [By Andy Descoteaux And Dominik H. Lay]:
Ask the Supt. to furnish the SC with the number of Chromebooks that are currently in the LPS; separating ones that are broken or unusable and are those being used by our students. Also, what technology equipment does our LPS staff have available today and how much is in need of repair or unable to be repaired? Do we currently have adequate staffing to ensure our technology needs are being met, system wide?
- 6.7. [By Jackie Doherty]:
Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a plan to increase compensation to retired LPS teachers working in the schools part time or as tutors, so they receive the same rate as the current teachers' contract.
- 6.8. [By Jackie Doherty]:
Request the Superintendent collaborate with MASC and MASS to provide the committee with suggested actions that will amplify the concerns of LPS and districts across the state for flexibility re staffing shortages during the ongoing pandemic, such as extending availability of retirees, waivers for remote learning, or other measures that make sense for students, families, and staff.

7. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

7.1. COVID-19 Update

Documents:

[COVID DATA MONITORING 14JAN2022.PDF](#)

7.2. FY22 Budget Update

Documents:

[BUDGET UPDATE - FY22 QUARTER 2 UPDATE AND FY23 BUDGET.PDF](#)

7.3. Extended Learning Time Mid-Year Report

Documents:

[AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING UPDATE.PDF](#)

7.4. Enrollment Report

Documents:

[SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT UPDATE MEMO 1.14.DOCX.PDF](#)
[ENROLLMENT REPORT.PDF](#)

7.5. Home Education

Documents:

[2022-1-19 SCHOOL COMMITTEE HOMESCHOOLING REQUEST .PDF](#)

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1. Establishment Of Subcommittees

Documents:

[LSC ASSIGNMENTS FOR 22-23.PDF](#)

8.2. Budget Transfer

Documents:

[BUDGET TRANSFER.PDF](#)

8.3. Consideration Of Updated Job Description And Permission To Post: District Safety Coordinator

Documents:

[MEMO SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST.PDF](#)
[SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALIST JOB IN LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS.PDF](#)
[SALARY GRIDS DSS AND COORDINATORS.PDF](#)

8.4. Consideration Of Supplemental Payment Of \$125 Per Day For Unaffiliated Personnel Who Serve As Substitute Teachers During Periods Of Required COVID-Related Emergency Classroom Coverage

Documents:

[UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES SUBSTITUTING.PDF](#)

8.5. Consideration Of Providing An Additional 5 Days Of Sick Leave To All Personnel Who Test Positive For COVID-19

Or Are Required To Quarantine As Per DESE Guidelines Due To Close Contact Status, Retroactive To July 1, 2021

Documents:

[COVID-19 LEAVE \(5 DAYS\).PDF](#)
[COVID-19 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE PROGRAM _
MASS.GOV.PDF](#)
[SAMPLE_EMPLOYEE_LEAVE_FORM_REVISED_092921_FINAL.PDF](#)

8.6. Approval Of American International College Research Proposal: Ginger Coleman

Documents:

[RESEARCH PROPOSAL G. COLEMAN.PDF](#)
[IRB PROPOSAL FORM G. COLEMAN.PDF](#)

9. CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS

- 9.1. In State And Overnight Travel Request: LHS Athletic Director David Lezenski To Attend The 46th Annual Massachusetts Secondary Schools Athletic Directors (MSSAD) Conference On March 29, 2022 Through April 1, 2022 At The Cape Cod Resort And Conference Center In Hyannis, Massachusetts. There Is No Cost To The District.

Documents:

[LHS - LEZENSKI CONFERENCE REQUEST.PDF](#)

- 9.2. International Travel Request: Lowell High School Staff Member, Susan Brassard And Two Additional Chaperones (Cassandra Johnson And Brianna Heughins), Along With Approximately Eighteen [18] LHS Students, Are Requesting To Travel To Rome And Sorrento, Italy During The School Vacation The Week Of February 20, 2023 To February 24, 2023. The Total Cost Of \$3,220 Will Be Paid By Each Student Traveling. The Need Of Adding The Cost For Substitute Teachers May Arise Depending On Total Students Enrolled By February 17, 2023. Contingent On COVID-19 Restrictions.

Documents:

[LHS- TRIP TO ITALY.PDF](#)

10. COMMUNICATIONS

10.1. Communication From The Office Of Teaching And Learning Regarding Staffing Levels At The Leblanc Therapeutic Day School

Documents:

[LEBLANC THERAPUTIC SCHOOL.PDF](#)

11. **PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL**

11.1. The Members Of The United Teachers Of Lowell Hereby Donate Two [2] Sick Leave Days To Patricia Teague Daley School Paraprofessional.

Documents:

[DONATED DAYS PAT TEAGUE JAN 2022.PDF](#)

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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