

LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 01, 2015
TIME 6:39 PM

SALUTE TO FLAG:

1. - SALUTE TO FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

2. - ROLL CALL:

On a roll call at 6:39 p.m., members present were, namely: Mr. Leary, Ms. Ross-Sitcawich, Ms. Scott, Mr. Conway, Mayor/Chairman Elliott and Mr. Gendron. Ms. Martin was absent.

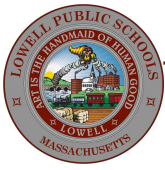
3. - A motion was made to suspend the rules to take the Spotlight on Excellence: Kathryn P. Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl Competition 2015 presentation out of order.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



3.1. 2015 / 148 - Spotlight on Excellence: Kathryn P. Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl Competition 2015

The Spotlight on Excellence recognized the Daley School, champions of this year’s Kathryn Philbin Stoklosa Knowledge Bowl Competition. Carolyn Rocheleau, Coordinator for the 2015 competition spoke briefly about the competition and then introduced Liam Skinner, principal of the Daley School. Mr. Skinner introduced the coaches and the students. The coaches and the students addressed the Committee and spoke about the excitement of winning this year’s knowledge bowl.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

4. 2015 / 143 - Public Hearing Inter-District School Choice Program

A public hearing was held on Inter-district School Choice Program. No one spoke in favor or opposition at the hearing.

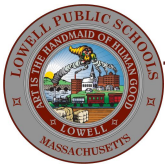
5. - A motion was made to suspend the rules to take # 2015/152 Vote of Inter-District School Choice under the New Business portion of the agenda out of order.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



- 5.1. - **A motion was made to move the Executive Session that was listed under the Special Order of Business portion of the agenda to the end of the meeting and to adjourn from Executive Session.**

VOTING

Motion by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich
Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

- 5.1.1. *2015 / 160* - **Special Meeting: Update on Progress of Negotiations UTL/LSSA/SEIU-litigation and Collective Bargaining immediately following the regularly scheduled School Committee Meeting**

A motion was made to move the Executive Session that was listed under the Special Order of Business portion of the agenda to the end of the meeting and to adjourn from Executive Session. The motion passed.



MINUTES:

6. *2015 / 149* - **Approval of the Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled School Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

VOTING

Motion by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

PERMISSION TO ENTER:

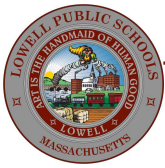
7. *2015 / 153* - **Permission to Enter: April 1, 2015**

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



MEMORIALS:

- 8. **2015 / 139 - Raul Massacessi, former Butler Middle School student.**

- 9. **2015 / 140 - Violet O'Keefe, mother of Butler School teacher Gerrilynn Manolopoulos and Laura Lee School tutor Terri Hoffman.**

- 10. **2015 / 141 - General John Blatsos, grandfather of Butler School teacher Matthew Blake.**

MOTIONS:

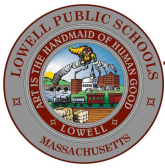
- 11. **2015 / 145 - [by David J. Conway]: Because of the frequent inclement spring weather, ask the Superintendent to meet with the Athletic Director and Headmaster to develop a plan that will address the needs of the pre-season spring sports. It should include strategies for alternative practice locations that will ready our athletes for their season.**

VOTING

Motion by: David Conway

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



12. 2015 / 146 - [by David J. Conway]: Ask the Superintendent to give an updated report on the status of the Van to be purchased for the Colleen Creegan Media Studio at L.H.S.

VOTING

Motion by: Connie Martin

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

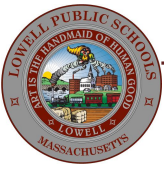
13. - A motion was made to formally brand the Colleen Creegan Media Studio at Lowell High School.

VOTING

Motion by: David Conway

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			



13.1. 2015 / 155 - [by Kimberly Scott]: Request the Superintendent develop a plan to limit the amount of time spent on standardized test prep and a plan to reduce stress levels felt by children around the standardized test process.

VOTING

Motion by: Kimberly Scott

Second by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

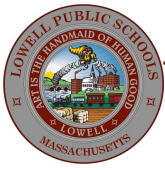
14. - A motion was made to suspend the rules to allow Tanya Mead and Mike Bagicalupo to speak regarding motion # 2015/156.

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: James Leary

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



14.1. - A motion was made to refer motion # 2015/156 to the Finance Subcommittee for further discussion.

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

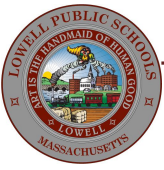
Second by: James Leary

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

14.1.1 2015 / 156 - [by Kimberly Scott]: Request the Superintendent develop and issue an RFP to provide before and after school care at all of our elementary and middle schools.

A motion was made to refer motion # 2015/156 to the Finance Subcommittee for further discussion.
The motion passed.

15. 2015 / 161 - [by James D. Leary]: Request the Superintendent provide a report to the School Committee that outlines the Teaching Strategies GOLD (TS GOLD) program. The report should include the requirements from the state and how the Lowell Public Schools are implementing the program within our system.



VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

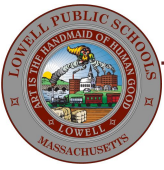
15.1. - A motion was made to allow Danielle Savoy to speak regarding motion # 2015/161.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: David Conway

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			



16. 2015 / 162 - [by James D. Leary]: Request the Superintendent provide a report to the school committee with an update on the expansion plans for the Rogers School as well any recommendations for consideration in rezoning the district in the future.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

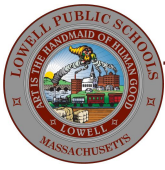
17. - A motion was made to take motion # 2015/163 and motion # 2015/164 together.

VOTING

Motion by: Kimberly Scott

Second by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



- 17.1. 2015 / 163 - [by James D. Leary and Mayor Rodney Elliott]: Request the Superintendent contact Congresswomen Tsongas, Senator Markey and Senator Warren in order to discuss appropriate funding for the students entering the Lowell Public Schools Newcomers program.**

A motion was made to take motion # 2015/163 and motion # 2015/164 together. The motion passed.

- 18. 2015 / 164 - [by Steve Gendron]: Request the superintendent provide a report on the "receiver" communities for Newcomers in Massachusetts, how they are chosen and the numbers received in recent years.**

A motion was made to take motion # 2015/163 and motion # 2015/164 together. The motion passed.

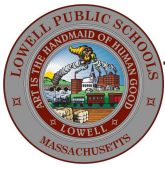
- 19. 2015 / 165 - [by Steve Gendron]: Request the superintendent send letters of thanks on behalf of the school committee to all applicants for superintendent search committee.**

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: David Conway

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



20. 2015 / 166 - [by Steve Gendron]: Request the School Committee declare May 26 to be the 2nd annual Lowell Public School Community Service Day.

VOTING

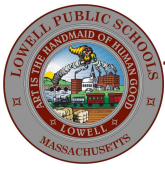
Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

21. - A motion was made to take all of the following motions from the Personnel Subcommittee together:

To appoint Mr. Liam Skinner, Principal, Daley Middle as the Building level administrator representative, Ms. Patricia Guziejka, Title One Director as the Central Office representative and Ms. Kathleen McLaughlin, Rogers STEM Academy, Ms. Pina Maggio, Robinson Middle School, Mr. Paul Georges, President, United Teachers of Lowell, as the three (3) teachers representatives to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.



To appoint Ms. Susan Linn, Project Learn, as a community partner representative to the Selection Committee.

To appoint Ms. Maria Cunha, Associate Dean, Middlesex Community College, as a community partner representative to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

To appoint Sharyn Hardy Gallagher, as a community representative to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

To appoint Kerrie D'Entremont, Greater Lowell Health Alliance, as a community partner representative to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

To appoint all seven (7) parents, Ms. Christine D. Bell, Ms. Stacey Dixon, Ms. Heather M. Forsythe, Ms. Maghan Hickok, Mr. Robert Rogerson, Ms. Sidney Liang, and Ms. Catherine Larocque, as a parent representatives to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

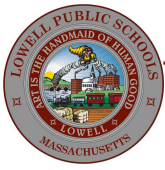
This motion originally failed with 3 yeas and 3 nays. The members who voted nay changed their vote to yeas to allow the Superintendent's Selection Committee's process to continue.

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			



- 21.1. - A substitute motion was made to change the process of the Superintendent's Selection Committee. The School Committee would now receive the resumes and make the determination of the 5 final candidates moved forward in collaboration with the Superintendent's Selection Committee.**

VOTING

Motion by: Rodney M. Elliott

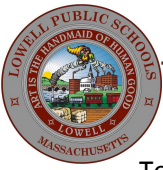
Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David		x		
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin		x		
Scott, Kimberly		x		

SUBCOMMITTEES:

- 21.2. 2015 / 154 - Personnel: Report and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, March 18, 2015 [Connie Martin, Chair]**

Mr. Conway, a member of the Personnel Subcommittee spoke to the Committee in Chairperson Connie Martin's absence. Mr. Conway informed the Committee that the Superintendent's Selection Committee has been finalized and brought forward the following motion for approval. To appoint Mr. Liam Skinner, Principal, Daley Middle as the Building level administrator representative, Ms. Patricia Guziejka, Title One Director as the Central Office representative and Ms. Kathleen McLaughlin, Rogers STEM Academy, Ms. Pina Maggio, Robinson Middle School, Mr. Paul Georges, President, United Teachers of Lowell, as the three (3) teachers representatives to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.



To appoint Ms. Susan Linn, Project Learn, as a community partner representative to the Selection Committee.

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To appoint Sharyn Hardy Gallagher, as a community representative to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

To appoint Kerrie D'Entremont, Greater Lowell Health Alliance, as a community partner representative to the Superintendent's Selection Committee.

To appoint all seven (7) parents, Ms. Christine D. Bell, Ms. Stacey Dixon, Ms. Heather M. Forsythe, Ms. Maghan Hickok, Mr. Robert Rogerson, Ms. Sidney Liang, and Ms. Catherine Larocque, as a parent representatives to the Superintendent's Selection Committee. This motion originally failed with 3 yeas and 3 nays. The members who voted nay changed their vote to yea to allow the Superintendent's Selection Committee's process to continue. A substitute motion was also made to change the process of the Superintendent's Selection Committee. The School Committee would now receive the resumes and make the determination of the 5 final candidates moved forward in collaboration with the Superintendent's Selection Committee. This motion failed.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

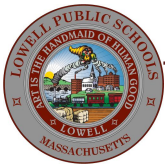
VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: James Leary

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

- 22. - **A motion was made to recommend to the full School Committee that an alternative summer school option be recommended for approval and the current promotion/retention policy be modified to recognize the alternative option for the 2014/15 school year.**



VOTING

Motion by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

22.1. 2015 / 157 - Joint Finance and Student Support Services: Report of the Meeting of Monday, March 30, 2015 [James Leary, Chairperson and Kristin Ross-Sitcawich, Chairperson]

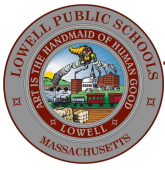
Ms. Ross-Sitcawich, Chairperson of the Student Support Services Subcommittee and Mr. Leary, Chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee informed the Committee that Deputy Superintendent Lang reviewed the 9C cuts that were recently announced and how it would impact the summer school program. Approximately \$ 143,360 is the anticipated budget required to provide for the current promotion/retention policy mandated summer school option for middle schools. Approximately \$ 114,280 has been eliminated through the 9c budget reductions. The Committee was also informed that Assistant Superintendent Durkin also reviewed alternative options for the School Committee to consider instead of providing the traditional summer school program. The following motion was then made to recommend to the full School Committee that an alternative summer school option be recommended for approval and the current promotion/retention policy be modified to recognize the alternative option for the 2014/15 school year. The motion passed.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Stephen Gendron



Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

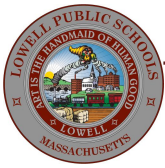
23. 2015 / 147 - Revised 2015-2016 School Calendar

VOTING

Motion by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			



24. 2015 / 150 - Preschool Expansion Grant Update

Superintendent Franco spoke to the Committee about the Preschool Expansion Grant update that she received from Jeannine M. Durkin, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. The update informs the Committee that the Lowell Public Schools has been awarded a federally funded Preschool Expansion Grant (PEG) that is being administered by the MA Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). Lowell is one of five (5) communities who have received this funding and will receive \$ 2,850,000 over four (4) years to support the expansion of high quality preschool opportunities for children.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

VOTING

Motion by: David Conway

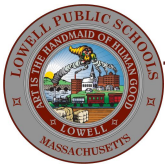
Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

25. 2015 / 151 - School Security Options Report

Superintendent Franco spoke to the Committee about the School Security Options report that she received from Jeannine M. Durkin, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services. The report informs the Committee that members of the District Crisis Prevention Team examined three separate notification systems. The systems examined were Guardian Active Shooter Detention System, Direct to Responder System and COPsync911. There was a significant cost differential between two of these systems. If cost is not factored in, the Direct to Responder System would be the team’s first choice.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.



VOTING

Motion by: David Conway

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

26. 2015 / 158 - Community Service Month Update

Superintendent Franco spoke to the Committee about the Community Service Month update that she received from M. Claire Abrams, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment. After many discussions, it was suggested that Community Service Day turn into a month long range of activities across the schools. The update also includes a list of activities planned for Community Service Month this May.

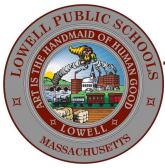
The report was accepted as a report of progress.

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: James Leary

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			



27. 2015 / 159 - Civics Day

Superintendent Franco spoke to the Committee about the Civic Day report that she received from M. Claire Abrams, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment. The report shared the events that will be taking place on Civics Day for all grade 3 students.

The report was accepted as a report of progress.

VOTING

Motion by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
Scott, Kimberly	X			

NEW BUSINESS:

28. 2015 / 152 - Vote of Inter-District School Choice

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich



Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

29. - A motion was made to take all four (4) convention/conference requests together.

VOTING

Motion by: David Conway

Second by: Stephen Gendron

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			

29.1. - A motion was made to approve all four (4) convention/conference requests.

VOTING

Motion by: James Leary

Second by: Kristin Ross-Sitcawich



Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	X			
Conway, David	X			
Gendron, Stephen	X			
Leary, James	X			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	X			
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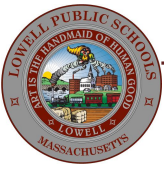
CONVENTION/CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

29.1.1 2015 / 142 - The 8th Grade students of the Dr. Wang Middle School, along with staff, to participate in an overnight field trip to Pearl Hill State Park in Townsend, MA on Wednesday, June 10th and return on Friday, June 12th. The trip will be paid by students and staff. There are no costs to the School Department budget. No substitute teachers are needed.

A motion was made to approve all four (4) convention/conference requests. The motion passed.

30. 2015 / 144 - Lowell High Business Professional Advisor Jill McNamara, along with one (1) corried chaperone and eleven (11) members of the Lowell Chapter, to attend the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California from Tuesday, May 5, 2015 through Sunday, May 10, 2015. The cost for each student will not exceed \$950.00 and will be paid by the Perkins Grant, students, 1826 School Store and community donations. The cost of the club advisor will not exceed \$2,337.00, which will be paid by the BPA club funds and the 1826 School Store. A substitute teacher for four (4) days @ \$400.00 will be paid by LHS Professional Development funds. Chaperones will cover their own expenses.

A motion was made to approve all four (4) convention/conference requests. The motion passed.



- 31. 2015 / 167 - Trip previously approved April 2, 2014: Thirty [30] Lowell High School students and four [4] LHS staff members [Philip Maia, Mary Ann Dyson, Tricia Gabor and Stephen Gervais] to travel to Spain during April 2015 vacation week [Monday, April 20 through Sunday, April 26, 2015]. Expenses will be incurred by students. Chaperones/staff will be covered by EF Tours. NO CHANGES**

A motion was made to approve all four (4) convention/conference requests. The motion passed.

- 32. 2015 / 168 - Trip previously approved October 22, 2014: The eighth grade students at the Sullivan Middle School along with their teachers and administrators, to travel to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg. The trip is scheduled over April vacation, leaving on April 19, 2015 and returning on April 23, 2015. The trip is being planned through Education First Explore America. All chaperones will be teachers and administrators from the Sullivan Middle School. There will be no cost to the Lowell Public Schools. Students and parents will have the opportunity to fundraise to defray the cost. No substitute teachers are needed. NO CHANGES**

A motion was made to approve all four (4) convention/conference requests. The motion passed.

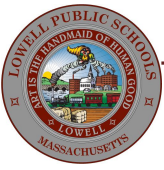
- 33. - A motion was made to recess at 9:14 p.m. and enter into Executive Session and to adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.**

VOTING

Motion by: Stephen Gendron

Second by: Kimberly Scott

Committee Member	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Elliott, Rodney M.	x			
Conway, David	x			
Gendron, Stephen	x			
Leary, James	x			
Martin, Connie				
Ross-Sitcawich, Kristin	x			
Scott, Kimberly	x			



ADJOURNMENT:

33.1. - ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to recess at 9:14 p.m. by Mr. Gendron; seconded Ms. Scott 6 yeas, 1 absent

Respectfully submitted,

**Jean M. Franco, Superintendent and
Secretary to the Lowell School Committee**

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