



# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	May 16, 2022
<b>Time:</b>	6:30PM
<b>Location:</b>	City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

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### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

### 2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:36 p.m., members present were, namely: Ms. Chhoun, Ms. Delrossi, Ms. Doherty, Mr. Lay, Ms. Martin, Ms. Thompson and Mayor Chau.

### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 3.1. FY2023 Budget Session

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**4000: Custodial & Security Services**

**\$7,692,702**

Michael Sheehan spoke on this agenda item.

**Mr. Doherty made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$7,692,702; seconded by Mr. Lay. 7 yeas APPROVED**

Ms. Turner stated that this budget is all general fund and that ESSER and grant funds are not included.



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**5100/5200: Employee Benefits & Retirements**

**\$22,447,079**

Mr. Lay asked about longevity.

Ms. Turner responded that it's for people who have been here a long time.

Ms. Martin asked if we are on track for retirements.

Ms. Turner stated yes.

Ms. Chhoun asked about student insurance.

Ms. Turner stated that it covers school based accidents and that we also an insurance umbrella with the city.

**Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$22,447,079; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 7 years APPROVED**

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**5350: Rental of Buildings**

**\$552,672**

Ms. Turner stated that we have increased our square footage and at this time there are no bids.

**Ms. Chhoun made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$552,672; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 years APPROVED**

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**7000: Capital Outlay**

**\$325,000**

Ms. Martin asked what fell under equipment.

Ms. Turner stated that snow blowers, lawn mowers, floor equipment, etc. She stated that its mostly custodial staff needs.

Ms. Martin asked that a list of the equipment that falls under the capital outlay be provided to the Committee. She stated that ESSER could be appropriate for some of this.

Ms. Doherty asked what capital improvement is.

Ms. Turner stated that it's any cost that does not fall under equipment replacement by the city.

**Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$325,000; seconded by Ms. Martin. 7 years APPROVED**



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**9000: Out of District Budget \$7,012,199**

Ms. Doherty asked about mental health services and if we've factored in new students.

Ms. Turner responded yes and that some students leave and new ones come in.

Ms. Chhoun asked if this covers other districts or charter schools.

Ms. Turner responded no and that they're different. She stated that we use this to address needs in our district.

Ms. Martin asked if we can draw down from circuit breaker and the stabilization fund.

Ms. Doherty asked if they can only be spent on Special Education.

Ms. Turner responded yes for both.

**Mr. Lay made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$7,012,199; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 7 yeas APPROVED**

**Suspense Account \$2,500,000**

**Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,500,000; seconded by Ms. Chhoun. 7 yeas APPROVED**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Ms. Doherty made a motion to recess at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 7 yeas APPROVED**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

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