

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Regular Meeting May 10, 2016

Pursuant to notice May 10, 2016 at the High School Media Center at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser
Mr. Hayman, Mr. Sjoberg

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Vernon , 2 members of the press, Kiley Choi, Gary Hathaway, Mary Robertson, Stephanie Conrad-Hammer, Craig Stone, Elisa Burns, Sheri Weeks, Sean Roach, Neal Weidman, Michelle Perrone, Kevin Cyr, Jennifer DiBiase, Ricki Shankland. Students: Joseph Raffa Hailey Mihalchik, Sophia Natola, Jenna Freni, CJ Finn, Rebecca Albanese, Barbara Dickey, and many parents.

1. School Choice Hearing and Vote: Mr. Doyle opened the School Choice Hearing and asked if any members of the public wished to speak. Hearing none, the Committee voted.

Mrs. Presser MOVED to close the public hearing on School Choice. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Mrs. Presser MOVED that the Lynnfield Public Schools decline to participate in School Choice for the 2016-2017 school year due to class size implications and philosophical concerns. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

2. Student Advisory Report - Kiley Choi
Kiley spoke about the many end of the year activities at the High School.

part of 5. - due to a Girl's volleyball tournament - the committee heard the Middle School's Wellness presentation out of order. Elisa Burns, Sheri Weeks and Sean Roach brought students Sophia Natola and Jenna Freni to talk about March Wellness Week at the Middle School. These activities were integrated into parts of the school day in addition to PE and Health Classes. Topics for Health were: Personal Safety, Social Responsibility, Depression, Stress Management and Nutrition. For PE they were cardiorespiratory activities, relaxation and yoga. A new component to the week was DANCE...which was a huge success.

3. Essex North Shore Technical School - Gary Hathaway
Mr. Hathaway spoke about his qualifications to be the new representative to the Essex North Shore Technical School. School Committee. He is taking the place of Dr. Paul Anderson, who had served on the board for many years.

4. There were no voted minutes.

5. Glimpse into the Classroom - Health and Wellness

Mary Robertson and Craig Stone brought students Joseph Raffa and Hailey Mihalchik from Mrs. Kelly's 4th grade at Summer Street School. Mr. Stone stated that the goal of physical education is to develop physically literate individuals who have the knowledge, skills and confidence to enjoy a lifetime of healthful physical activity. The students reviewed all the activities and stations that they participate in and use to help them meet standard 1 (The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to a variety of motor skills and movement patterns) and standard 3 (The physically literate individual demonstrates the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a healthy-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness). Mr. Stone closed by saying "Physical Education is the only subject which, by the very nature of its content, has the potential to affect how a person will feel every moment of every day for the rest of his or her life".

Neal Weidman and Michelle Perrone brought CJ Finn (gr.12) Rebecca Albanese (gr. 11) and Barbara Dickey (gr. 9). The program at the High School is centered around their Mission Statement - *help students develop life-long fitness and wellness skills; have students develop skills and an understanding of sportsmanship and teamwork throughout team and individual sports; and show students the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle through the knowledge of current health-related topics.* The students reviewed the various activities that helped them reach their personal goals and completed projects. Fitness for Men and Fitness for Women was also reviewed. Mental health is addressed in some of these activities.

6. Director of Teaching and Learning - Kevin Cyr

Mr. Cyr spoke to the Committee about his commitment and enthusiasm to the Director of Teaching and Learning position. Mrs. Tremblay and the Committee felt that having an in-house person appointed as the Director of Teaching and Learning, allows us to hit the ground running with all our initiatives. Mr. Cyr knows the district and community well and has been integrate into the culture of learning, which is what he will build on in this new position.

7. Handbook Presentations

The school handbooks this year are no longer in the Student Agenda Books; they are now on-line. Many of the handbook changes at all the schools, were updated date information. More significant changes were in the Middle School section on TEAMING (to do with number of teachers and scheduling) and the High School section on the Library/Media Center (to do with it's function). The section Student in Crisis was added to all the Handbooks.

8. Superintendent's Report

- Ryan Frasier's photography, "Fall Transitions," was selected for publication in the award-winning Massachusetts *High School Magazine of the Arts*, which is the only statewide magazine featuring artwork and writing by teens. Ryan's photograph will be exhibited at The Marble Collection's 3rd annual magazine release gala, *Spring Into Art*, on Sunday, May 15th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at UMass Boston's Harbor Gallery. (sophomore)
- college acceptances
- METCO Board Update: Summer programming for students K-6, working on high school students programming. Michaelann Herook at Community Schools has been instrumental in the planning.
- Proactive initiatives for prom season.
 - Mock car crash: United effort LPD, LFD, School Administration
 - Letters to parents signed by DA, Principal, Chief Breen and Mrs. Tremblay
 - Harriet Turk - March 4th - health relationships/decision-making
 - TEEN DRIVE - driving simulator - students experience both a distracted and impaired driving situation, includes educating students about what happens if you make a poor decision/legal process
- Assistant Principal appointment at LMS. - Thomas Sallee - Mrs. Tremblay acknowledged him in the audience and told the Committee he would come before them in the Fall with his entrance plan.

10. Matters for Action

Mrs. Presser MOVED to appoint Gary Hathaway as our Essex North Shore Technical School Representative starting now through December 31, 2017. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Mrs. Presser MOVED to appoint Kevin Cyr as Director of Teaching and Learning starting July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019. Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion.

At this point Mr. Hayman voiced his concern that the Committee has worked very hard to define this position as not a Assistant Superintendent position therefore, the School Committee should not be voting on the appointment. Mrs. Tremblay stated that she sees this position as primarily being in the schools, which differs from an Assistant Superintendent's duties. Mr. Hayman reiterated that this is not a job that legally needs School Committee approval - it is a Director's position.

Mrs. Presser and Mr. Doyle felt that since this is a high level central office position directly under the Superintendent (similar to Business Manager and Director of Special Services), that the School Committee should vote the appointment.

Chairman Doyle called for a roll-call vote.

VOTED: 4 in favor

1 abstention - Mr. Hayman
Mrs. Presser MOVED to adjourn the regular meeting. Dr. Cammarata
seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon
School Committee Secretary

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