

LYNNFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES – Regular Meeting October 19, 2015

Pursuant to notice October 19, 2015 at the Middle School Media Center at 6:30 PM

TOWN MEETING

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

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Vernon, 4 members of the press, Tom Geary,  
Stephen Ralston, Kerry DiPietro, Lelo Masamba

Mrs. Cleary opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

1. Minutes for Approval

Dr. Cammarata MOVED to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 6, 2015. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

2. METCO Reports/Update

Ms. Masamba stated that there was a slight increase in the METCO grant this year. There are 40 METCO students this year - 10 at both the High School and Middle School, 11 at Summer Street and 9 at Huckleberry Hill. She reported that all METCO students who took the MCAS scored proficient. Ms. Masamba spoke about new initiatives in the program such as: METCO Advisory Board, SOFA Summer School program, Calculus Project, Infinity Group at the High School, After School Mandatory Homework Program. When asked about MCAS data, she mentioned she would send the data to Mrs. Tremblay.

3. Budget Update and Grants Report

Mr. Geary reported to the Committee on the status of the grants.

This years grants are the same as in the past. Many are special services grants, which basically have stayed the same except for the Early Childhood Program Improvement grant, which was cut more than half. The METCO grant went up and the Title 1 Grant has gone down across the board. It is based on the poverty rate and has experienced federal reductions - it is nothing we are doing. The Title 11A is the mentor grant, which has been consistent and there is a Heath services grant, which covers medical equipment. Our total grant allocations have been reduced this year by \$3,884.

Key budget information: Full day kindergarten has the highest enrollment this year at 175 students. The Food Service budget is very secure mainly due to catering and vending machine revenue. The student activity account was audited and as a result, there is a new procedure manual that we will be enforcing. Middle School will be audited next year. Additionally, in the future we will need to approve clubs and activities every year.

4. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay reported on the following:

- new girls and boys freshman soccer teams
- getting a new dumpster to go through the Drama containers more thoroughly. Guideline when reviewing is determine "wants" vs. "needs".
- new procedure for parents to schedule Middle School conferences was very successful
- full day professional development day with other communities for our "specialists" Mrs. Robertson from Huckleberry Hill is one of the presenters.

5. Public Participation

Kerry DiPietro spoke to the Committee about stopping the new practice of charging students and parents for viewing field hockey games on the new field until a determination is made by the School Committee. She felt we should be charging for attending all sports events to be fair to everybody. She said charging for games is not what this community is all about. She added that we are paying two people to sit there to collect the money. She wanted to know if there was a definite need for athletics to start this new practice. How is the revenue divided - does it go to electricity bills for the lights? Mrs. Cleary said the Committee would look into this and get back to her.

6. Matters for Action:

School Committee Goals

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the School Committee Goals for the 2015-2016 School Year. Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Choral Trip

Mr. Doyle MOVED to approve the Choral Trip to New York from April 8 - April 10, 2016. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

Mrs. Presser MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion.

VOTED: Unanimously in favor

THE COMMITTEE MOVED ON TO TOWN MEETING

Respectfully Submitted,

Myra Vernon  
School Committee Secretary

Budget and Grant Information  
Revised Choral Trip Agenda  
METCO information