

Minutes - Regular Meeting March 28, 2017

Pursuant to notice March 28, 2017 at the High School Media Center at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Hayman and Mr. Sjoberg who arrived at 6:35.

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Borseti, Mr. Cyr, Mrs. Mauro, Mr. Thoen, students Ms. Dickey, Ms. Dillon & Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Goguen, Mrs. LaMonica, Mr. Lamusta, and two members of the press

6:30 Mr. Doyle opened the meeting then read the [protocols for public participation](#)

1. Public Budget Hearing 2017-2018

Mrs. Price (resident Russett Lane) spoke in support of the 2017-2018 Budget specifically for the added hours to the Summer Street School Psychologist position.

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Mr. Doyle closed the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting and moved onto regular business

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2. Minutes presented for approval; [Regular meeting February 28, 2017](#)

Dr. Cammarata moved to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting February 28, 2017. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion. Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser, Dr. Cammarata and Mr. Hayman in favor; Mr. Sjoberg not present for vote.

6:35

Mr. Sjoberg arrived

2. Mr. Thoen - [Financial Fair LHS](#)

Mr. Thoen LHS Business Teacher and students Ms. Dickey, Ms. Dillon and Mr. Donovan shared their experiences and insight from the first LHS Financial Fair made possible by local sponsors and a \$4,000 grant. Mr. Thoen explained how the Financial Fair transported the senior class into the future and how their personal finances could look based on career choice, estimated monthly expenses, unexpected expenses or financial gains from the Reality Wheel, credit scores and more.

The students all enjoyed the fair and felt it was a good experience with helpful information especially the retirement and savings booths. They also credited the Personal Finance Class they take at LHS for preparing them for life. Mr. Donovan felt the fair touched the main topics but could have been more in depth. Mr. Thoen said the post fair survey showed 95% of the students felt the fair was helpful and his favorite piece of feedback from the survey is "reality is cruel". Also, next year due to high request, there will be a family and credit card booths added. Mr. Thoen also said the fair's success was due to a lot of student involvement. A student created the logo and 13 juniors assisted during the fair. The Lynnfield Rotary has invited them to an upcoming luncheon to talk about the fair.

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Due to additional members of the community Mr. Doyle reopened the Public Budget Hearing. No community members came forward to speak so the public hearing was closed.

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3. [Collaborative Learning Experience - LHS](#)

Mrs. Goguen, Mrs. LaMonica and Mr. Lamusta presented a CLE that has a more academic focus and allows for genuine differentiation in their classes. This CLE is an effort to help the history teachers make the challenging supreme court cases more accessible to all students and allow for consistency across all US History classes grades 9-12. Mr. LaMusta spoke about how the key vocabulary will easily translate into Atlas and assessments and how it ties into the school wide goal to improve vocabulary. Mrs. LaMonica explained how they came up with a template, found cases based on state standards of what is required to present and tiered the reading for appropriate levels for the range of student abilities. Mrs. Goguen said the end result was students felt good at the end of the project they understood and accomplished the project. All students were able to put together a brief.

7:05

4. [METCO Update FY17 and Discussion](#)

Mrs. Mauro updated the committee on the METCO program for this year and next year. Mrs. Mauro spoke about the top priority is to make sure METCO students are supported. She said staff across the district wanted to know how to help students and through that who the students go to for support has been established with extra attention to the high school students.

Mrs. Mauro informed the committee at the upcoming METCO Lobby Day a Lynnfield High School student will speak about her experiences in the program. Mrs. Mauro spoke in detail about what measures were taken to strengthen communication with parents and METCO Inc. and how everyone will continue working on this moving forward. Mrs. Mauro spoke about some of the goals moving forward which included Fun with Friend's Day for students, meeting the kindergarten families earlier and involving the Boston families with the choice in host family for their child.

Mrs. Mauro said the search for a permanent METCO Director has resulted in some great applicants from which 10 candidates will be interviewed by the interview committee comprised of Mrs. Mauro, Mr. Bates, host families and Boston parents.

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5. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay informed or updated the committee on the following topics:

- Rail Trail: clarifying LPS position and Mr. Doyle stated the School Committee's position
- High School Music Disney Trip: delay returning home due to weather
- MCAS update including use of chromebooks
- LHS Sweet Treble Music Group
- 6th Congressional District High School Art Awards
- Winter 2017 Varsity Sports all League and All Stars
- Mary Robertson presented at national SHAPE Conference
- College acceptances to date
- Merrimack College Partnership

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6. **Public Participation**

- Mrs. Craffey (resident Magnolia Drive) addressed the committee about the Special Education budget being underfunded.
- Mrs. Juliano (resident) addressed the committee about the controversial Rail Trail issue and asked going forward to allow both sides to present to the schools.
- Mrs. Vaccaro (resident Wing Road) a METCO host family gave credit to Mrs. Tremblay and Mrs. Mauro for doing a great job with the program. Mrs. Vaccaro requested school committee meeting dates be made available to METCO parents.

- Mrs. West (resident Canterbury Road) informed the committee SEPAC now has a website which includes a contact page for parents

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7. Matters for Action

- Vote: Incoming METCO Students 2017-2018

Mrs. Presser suggested the committee table the vote until the April 11, 2017 School Committee meeting; all in agreement.

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- Vote: to move to Executive Session

Mr. Doyle Moved to go into Executive Session under the provisions of G.L. c.30A,21(2) to discuss the findings of the Sub Committee for Stipends with respect to collective bargaining and not to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll call vote: Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Hayman and Mr. Sjoberg all in favor.

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Regular meeting ended

Respectfully submitted
Diane Borseti
School Committee Secretary