

## Minutes - Regular Meeting May 8, 2018

Pursuant to notice May 8, 2018 at the Al Merritt Media & Cultural Center 600 Market Street

Members Present: Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Presser, Mr. Hayman, Mr. McQueen and Mr. Sjoberg

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Borseti, Mr. Cyr, Mrs. Mauro, Mr. Bemiss, Mr. Hurray, Mr. Sallee, Mr. Bates, Mr. Geary, Mr. LaMusta, Mr. Farrell, 3 members of the community, 2 members of the press

6:30

Mrs. Tremblay opened the meeting at 6:30

### 1. School Committee Reorganization

Mr. Doyle nominated Mr. Hayman to be the Committee Chairman; Mr. Sjoberg seconded the motion. Mrs. Presser requested discussion before the vote and asked Mr. Hayman to share his vision for the upcoming year. Mr. Hayman said the Committee will continue to push things forward with UbD and SEL to make a really good school district better, open up more discussion and better interaction with the public. In addition to looking at topics that will come up in the next couple of years such as school space and tightening the budget.

Mrs. Tremblay called for a vote; unanimously in favor.

Mr. Hayman appointed Mr. Sjoberg as the Committee Vice Chairman.

6:35 Mr. Hayman opened up the discussion

### 2. [School Choice Hearing 2018-2019](#)

Mrs. Tremblay gave a brief background on School Choice.

Mr. Hayman opened the School Choice Hearing for public comment. Hearing there was no public comment Mr. Hayman closed the School Choice Hearing.

Mrs. Presser moved that Lynnfield Public Schools withdraw from School Choice for class size and philosophical reasons. Mr. Sjoberg seconded the motion. Unanimously in favor.

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### 3. Minutes presented for approval: [April 30, 2018](#)

Mr. Doyle MOVED to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting April 30, 2018. Mr. Sjoberg seconded the motion. Unanimously in favor

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### 4. Student Council Report

Colin LaMusta filled in for Mia Ford who was unable to attend.

- Seniors center of attention
- AP testing; wrap up next week
- Wellness Fair - students ran tables that promote a healthy lifestyle such as:
  - sun safety awareness
  - beach habits
- Mr. Thoen - Invest in Life Fair
  - crash course of finances in the real world
- Mock car crash
  - live simulation for dangers of underage drinking
- Band and chorus final concerts
- Athletic teams doing well

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### 5. College Experience - 2017 LHS Graduate

LHS graduate Conor Farrell spoke about his college experience at Salem State University as a student with autism. Conor and Mrs. Farrell spoke about the MAICEI (Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative) program he is enrolled in which is a higher education program for students with disabilities. Mrs. Farrell gave a brief history of the program and Lynnfield's involvement. On April 12th, Conor spoke at the State House about autism and he shared his speech with the Committee.

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6. Student Handbooks 2018-2019

All handbook dates were updated to reflect the 2018-2019 LPS calendar dates.

[Preschool](#)

Mrs. Mauro reviewed the 2018-2019 Preschool Handbook updates and changes which included session start and end times, peer model entrance acceptance age and to change the title from Office of Special Services to Office of Student Services.

In response to the Committee inquiry about the entrance acceptance age change Mrs. Mauro stated the change was made to bring the peer model age in line with the early intervention age.

[Elementary](#)

Mr. Hurray and Mr. Bemiss reviewed the elementary handbook changes which included school start and end times (early and late school changes) and early release days and times. Mr. Bemiss reviewed the tardiness section changes which moved up when a letter is sent home to the parents/guardians (after three tardies) and moved up when the principal and parents/guardians will meet to discuss a plan (after six tardies).

[Middle School](#)

Mr. Sallee reviewed the middle school handbook changes including:

- Absence From School
  - Notes to office after a student is absent instead of teacher
- Homework During Absence
  - Homework also posted online; more effective way to get information to students
- Middle School Core Values
  - Redefined values; removing STARS
- Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
  - Policy language changes to be more specific regarding tobacco products; vaping, vaping paraphernalia, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff
  - Adding Violations for Tobacco Products and Drugs and Alcohol

During discussion with the Committee Mr. Sallee said the Student Advisory Council added student input for the Core Value changes. The Committee and Mr. Sallee also discussed student use and discipline regarding Apple watches which will be treated as a cell phone if used for any purpose other than a watch.

[High School](#)

Mr. Bates reviewed the high school handbook changes including:

- Library Media Center
  - Library pass availability
  - Added an additional information in Rules section
  - Makerspace guidelines
- Academic Support Plan
  - Language changes
  - Days and hours sessions are held
- Smoking/Vaping on School Premises
  - Added language for vaping
  - Added actions for offenses

During discussion the Committee requested the middle school and high school spell out vaping in the title and in the individual handbook sections.

7:26

7. [Policy Sub Committee Report](#)

Mrs. Presser gave the background on what and how the Committee looks at policies for revising for new Committee member Mr. McQueen. At this time Mrs. Presser presented some of the policy change recommendations for Section J which include deleting some policies and adding additional language to other policies due to changes in the law.

The Committee will review and discuss the changes in Section J at a future meeting.

7:35

## 8. Superintendent's Report

Update on events and happenings in the schools

- Town Meeting results
  - FY19 Budget was approved
  - Additional 30K allocated for the LHS Media Center Aide and district wide Health Aide positions are back in the budget
  - Positions that will still be eliminated next year are: LHS Guidance Aide, permanent substitute positions at LHS and LMS, academic tutoring hours at the elementary schools and LMS
- Security Updates:
  - Officer Alex Doto named the new SRO by Chief Breen
    - Mrs. Tremblay gave a brief bio of Officer Doto
    - Officer Doto will attend SRO training this summer

In response to the Committee inquiry why change the SRO now? Mrs. Tremblay replied with the comment Chief Breen gave at a recent PTO meeting. Mrs. Tremblay recommends anyone with questions, thoughts, or concerns reach out to Chief Breen.

- Additional hardware has been purchased and has begun to be installed in all schools. for inside the schools. some put in place and by the end of May all

Mrs. Tremblay shared the letter she sent out to teachers Monday morning in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. Doyle commented on the recent events at Town Meeting. The Committee controls the school budget and respect Mrs. Tremblay's willingness to accept the money.

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## 9. Public Participation

Mrs. Kimberlee Kossover-Hansen requested information be provided to the public in advance of meetings. Mrs. Kossover-Hansen also inquired about the safety and security of the high school after hours.

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## 10. Matters for Action:

- Vote: Extended Field Studies Italy - April 12-19, 2019

Mrs. Tremblay updated the Committee before the vote regarding the letter from EF Tour Company that stated all funds would be refunded if 18 full paying students were not signed up by the September 30th deadline.

Mrs. Presser MOVED to approve the Extended Field Studies Trip to Italy April 12-19, 2019. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion. Unanimously in favor

Mr. Doyle MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:50; Mrs. Presser seconded the motion. Unanimously in favor

Respectfully submitted  
Diane Borseti  
School Committee Secretary

Documents referenced:  
Minutes April 30, 2018  
DESE link with information regarding School Choice  
Preschool Handbook  
Elementary Handbook  
Middle School Handbook  
High School Handbook