

CITY OF HOLYOKE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

DATE: MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Fifield Community Room Dean Technical High School, 1045 Main Street

1. **CALL TO ORDER ~ ROLL CALL ~ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC DISCUSSION***
3. **COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**
 - a. **Student Reports**
 - b. **Superintendent's Communications:**
 - Jr. ROTC Program "Outstanding Organization Award" (pages 1-3)
 - Anti-Tobacco PSA Award Winners Pablo Perez, Yaritza Torres and Krystian Perez (page 4)
 - Donation of a Car from Gary Rome
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Minutes of Meetings**
 - Regular Meeting of May 3, 2010 (pages 5-13)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes.
 - b. **Reports of Committees**
 - Finance Subcommittee of April 21, 2010 (pages 14-15)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes (no substantive motions.)
 - Operations Subcommittee of April 21, 2010 (page 16)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the minutes (no substantive motions.)
 - c. **City Council Order re: \$300,000 Transfer for Lawrence Boiler** (page 17)
 - d. **"Eddie Eagle" Gun Safety Program** (pages 18-21)
 - e. **Orders**
 - Introduced by Committee Member Sheehan: It is requested that the Chairperson of the School Committee and President of the City Council develop a Joint Committee on Public Schools. This Committee will be established to communicate issues that

directly impact the City Council and School Committee. It will be an open means of communication between each legislative body in the City of Holyoke. The Committee will meet at least once a month from August through June. The Committee will be comprised of three members of the School Committee and three members of the City Council. One of the three from the School Committee and the City Council must come from each body's Finance Committee. In even numbered years the Chair of the Committee will be appointed by the School Committee Chair and odd number years by the Council President.

- Introduced by Committee Members Moriarty, Pluta, and Collamore to refer to Finance the matter of discontinuing use of John J. Lynch School for school purposes.
 - Introduced by Committee Member Moriarty, to refer to Curriculum and Instruction a review of the implementation of the Social Studies curriculum throughout the district.
 - Introduced by Committee Members Moriarty and Collamore that a meeting be requested with the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Director to discuss the use of the City-owned land on Cabot and Chestnut Streets (parcel #004-01-001) for the benefit of Lawrence School.
- f. **Travel Requests** (pages 22-23)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the travel requests.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Update on Art & Music Programs** (verbal)
- b. **Update on Summer School** (page 24)
- c. **Update on 9th Grade Health Curriculum** (verbal)
- d. **2010-2011 Draft School Calendar** (page 25)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to receive the 2010-2011 Draft School Calendar as a second reading.
- e. **Financial Audit Update** (verbal)
- d. **Ratification of Memorandum of Agreement with the Service Employees International Union, Local 888 (Holyoke School Therapists)** (following Executive Session Meeting)
- e. **Ratification of Contract with Superintendent-Elect David L. Dupont** (following Executive Session Meeting)

6. **PERSONNEL**

- a. **Appointment of Executive Director of Finance**
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent-elect to appoint Christine P. Regan as Executive Director of Finance.
- b. **Retirements** (page 26)
RECOMMENDATION: That the School Committee vote to receive the retirements.

c. **Resignations** (page 27)

RECOMMENDATION: *That the School Committee vote to receive the resignations.*

*The Holyoke Public Schools makes available a public discussion period for persons in the audience to address the Committee on specific agenda items. In order to hear as many speakers as possible, the Committee asks individuals to continue their remarks to two (2) minutes. Any person wishing to submit longer testimony should give copies to the Superintendent before the meeting so that it may be distributed to Committee members. The speaker can then summarize this testimony at the meeting within the two (2) minute time period. Persons wishing to speak should register with the Superintendent immediately before the meeting begins. Individuals who request specific items to be included on the Committee's agenda should mail a written request fifteen (15) days in advance of a Committee meeting date to the Superintendent of Schools, 57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.