

**Lenox Public Schools**  
**School Committee**  
**Selectman's Room Second Floor Town Hall AND Via Remote Access**  
**April 11, 2022 @ 6:30pm**

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To attend remotely: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83615350785>

Webinar ID: 836 1535 0785

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Vaughan, Veronica Fenton, Robert Munch, Christine Mauro. Oren Cass (via Zoom)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Meghan Kirby, David Rimmner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marc J. Gosselin Jr., Melissa Falkowski

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. HEARING OF VISITORS**

- **Morris Fifth Graders.** No Place for Hate. Colin Lane, Cate Welch and Abby Munday highlighted the Fifth Grade campaign regarding no bullying at Morris. Included an assembly and weekly lessons through the Second Step Program. March against Bullying on March 20. May 13 is the No Place for Hate nationwide day of celebration.
- **Public Comment**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**IV. BOARD REPORT**

- School Committee Meeting minutes – [March 14, 2022](#)


**MOTION by VF and seconded by CM. OC: aye, RM: aye, CM: aye, VF: aye, RM: aye, Approved 5-0.**

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Highlights/Recognitions
  - International Fair held March 23; a very well attended and successful event
  - Senior Retreat. A day to help prepare our Seniors for life after LMMHS.
    - Special Thanks to our Business Partners, especially our host Shakespeare & Co.; Jackie McNinch & Tess Sorrentino, Adams Community Bank; Tina Bartini & Alison Brigham, Lee Bank; Tariq Pinkston, Miraval; Laurie Carroll & Kala Gresser, Canyon Ranch; Laura Loupofski & Jay Williams, Kimball Farms; Prashad Abeysinghe; Hillery Maxymillian and Jedd Hall
  - MMEA Western District Music Festival – 5 students from LMMHS participated. Chorus: Genevieve Collins, Finn Jolly, and Piper Maxymillian; Orchestra: Juan Manrique; Concert Band: PJ Fiegel
  - Sixth & Seventh Grade Band Concert tonight at 7:00pm
  - Spring sports in second week. New coaches–Monica Herrman, Girls' Tennis; Mike Downer, Assistant Varsity Baseball; Tom Renton, Head Track Coach; Brett Larmon, Lacrosse.
  - Julianne Harwood had her essay–*Please Don't Tell Me I Look Like a Runner* published in the Berkshire Eagle
  - Wednesday, April 13 5:00 - 7:00pm, Morris Science Fair
  - New website launch is planned for April break.

- [Humanities Field Trip](#) Request. Dr. Ben Weaver presented the details of the upcoming Field Trip to Smith College Museum and Wadsworth Atheneum Museum. Trip is part of the final exam for the students.

**MOTION by VF and Seconded by RM to approve as OC: aye, RM: aye, CM: aye, VF: aye, RM: aye. Approved 5-0.**

- 2022-2023 School Year [Draft Calendar](#). Committee members inquired regarding PD days. No more half days, when is PD being held this year? MG: Still being negotiated. VF: Should discuss the fact that April 7 is listed as a day off, presumably for Good Friday. Should not distinguish this Religious Holiday from others. Proposed tabling of this topic to the next meeting on April 25.
- PreK & K Enrollment. MG: PreK; currently twelve students in each class, with three additional spots being held in each class for PDC recommendations. K: 31 residents registered, screening will be: June 15 for 16 existing PreK students moving up, and June 16-17, 21 for remaining incoming students.
-  Spring 2022 End of Year Events . MG highlighted upcoming events.
- Summer Programming. The program began during COVID, will continue to be offered at Morris – two, two-week sessions. LMMHS offering Jump Start for rising Sixth Grade students with an iep or 504. Also offering a VHS course in Algebra II, for grades Nine and Ten.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- VII. NEW BUSINESS.** VF: Accolade–received communication from LMMHS teachers regarding the event to offer gently used pieces of prom attire for \$5 each. A very green event in several ways. Thanks to the faculty (Alexa Bermudez and Karen Romeo-Legér) who organized and executed the event.
- Pittsfield Public Schools is presenting a community forum titled [Hard Conversations in Safe Places](#). Recommended for parents. April 13 at 6:00 pm. Advanced registration required.

## **VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES/STRATEGIC PLAN SECTIONS**

- **Governance and Leadership:** Leadership
- **Human Resources:** Leadership; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Professional Development
- **Teaching, Learning and Culture:** Curriculum & Instruction; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Professional Development; Technology; Social Emotional Learning; Leadership, Facilities. Met April 6, next meeting May 4. Accessibility to tutors, resources outside of school, Canvas interface, touchpoint for students in 'HomeRoom', possibility of after school buses, interscholastic sports–impact of new league,
- **Finance:** Finance; Technology; Facilities. Meeting next early May.
- **School Building:** Facilities. Contracted with DRA to conduct an engineering study at LMMHS. Final report from DRA due April 22. Allows one week to prepare the Statement of Interest based on their report. Will have a document prepared for SC to approve at the April 25 SC meeting.

**MOTION by VF and seconded by RM. OC: aye, RM: aye, CM: aye, RV: aye, VF: aye. Approved 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned 7:24pm.

Submitted by *Amy Noble Novitsky*.