



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2017

Ms. Gail Sullivan, President called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood, Vice President, Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools. Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson and Mr. Sven Amirian were absent.

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The committee and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Lisa Marzilli, 1153 West Lowell Avenue invited everyone to a "Meet the School Committee Candidates" on Wednesday October 11, 2017 moderated by Joanna Dix and Thomas Grannemann of the Haverhill Coalition for Education to be held at Haverhill Community Television Studios-Harbor Place on Merrimack Street. She noted that the event would be broadcast live over HCTV.

Peter Yannakoureas spoke against Darwinism and evolution. Ms. Sullivan recommended that Mr. Yannakoureas contact the Superintendent.

Student Advisory Council Report - Isabela Yepes was not in attendance.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Mr. Scully outlined some General Updates, which were included in the packet such as, Opening of Schools [Parent Notifications 2017](#), Greenleaf, Tilton and Consentino Schools.

The Superintendent indicated that there was a letter from Business Manager Brian O'Connell on the Coppola Contract Extension [Coppola Contract Extension 08.24.17.pdf](#), which had been reviewed by the City Solicitor.

Mr. Scully referenced correspondence from Gary Kaplan on college admissions and attendance in Massachusetts [Haverhill High School 2016-2017.gk.pdf](#) [Gary Kaplan Excerpt 08.24.17.pdf](#)

Superintendent Scully announced a \$2,000 donation (donor requests anonymity) and another \$2,000 donation from the JF Maddox Foundation, which was used to partially fund the recent participation of Jared Fulgoni, Darshan Thakkar and Kat Everett in a class at Harvard Graduate School of Government.

Mr. Scully commented that this was the first year that parents had been requesting their children attend the Tilton School.

The Superintendent related that there had been work done at Greenleaf School to correct the mold, asbestos and paint flaking issues. He noted this was a normal occurrence of updating facilities.

Ms. Sullivan asked about roof replacement.

Mr. Scully responded that there was a roof leak (over the boiler room) and commented that it would cost \$1.5-\$2m to fully update and correct all issues at the Greenleaf School. He stated that when the new Hunking was proposed to MSBA, it allowed for the school to be re-utilized; the Greenleaf enrollment to be folded into the new school and flexibility to reduce the Bradford Elementary enrollment. Additionally, the Greenleaf School could be used in the future potentially for an alternative school for lower grades. The Superintendent recounted that the City needed to maintain the school facilities.

Superintendent Scully indicated that when the DSAC money was accepted for Tilton it resulted in the Bartlett School being tied administratively to the Consentino School. He commented that seats were available at Bradford Elementary (92) and Silver Hill (a classroom).

Ms. Sullivan asked for clarification about new housing and whether the process indicated the Superintendent being consulted.

Mr. Scully responded that he had not been consulted. Ms. Sullivan thanked the Superintendent and would follow-up with the City Council.

Superintendent Scully explained that in terms of asbestos/air quality issues, the school department had contracted with Axiom Environmental in 2016 to address as these issues and are working off a checklist provided by this company and it was an ongoing project [Greenleaf Asbestos 08.24.17.pdf](#).

Mr. Scully recognized and introduced Heather Forgione and Stephen Minassian from Axiom Environmental Engineers who were in attendance in the audience.

The Superintendent outlined a program regarding the Early Identification of Social and Academic Issues for Children. He related that during the 1980's the language the child spoke, that they spoke at home and with friends and if it was any language other than English, students were classified as bilingual children. Mr. Scully was looking at working with community agencies to develop a Parent Information Center including finding a suitable location. The Superintendent related that Katie Vozeolas, the Supervisor of Health and School Nursing Services would be in charge of this effort.

Attorney Magliocchetti commended the Superintendent for his reports. He asked for any additional personnel that would be needed by the first School Committee meeting in September.

Mr. Magliocchetti commented that the building was safe and that professionals were addressing the issues.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello thanked the Superintendent for his reactivity in this issue and keeping the safety.

The members thanked Ms. Forgione and Mr. Minassian for attending the meeting.

Subcommittee Reports – No reports.

Renewal of Coppola Bus Contract – In response to Mr. Wood's question, it was clarified that the Coppola Contract had not been tabled at the last meeting.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the Coppola Contract extension. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

60 Brown Street Lease

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the 60 Brown Street Lease as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood asked for an explanation of the benefit to the school department. Mr. Scully deferred to Attorney Cox.

Attorney Cox reported that the property belonged to the City and that the City was selling it to the Haverhill Housing Authority, which owns an abutting property Kennedy Circle. He commented that originally the property was under the jurisdiction of the City's Public Property Department and when that department was disbanded the school department began using the facility. Mr. Cox related that Mr. Scully required the use by the school department for five years until another location is found [HPSleaseBrownStreetpdf.pdf](#).

In response to Mr. Wood's questions about the building, Mr. Cox noted that the school department had been maintaining the location even though it did not have jurisdiction or control over the building. Attorney Cox stated it was overlooked in the maintenance reassignment.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20170811 totaling \$108,459.42 as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20170728 totaling \$825,152.57 as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20170825 totaling \$505,574.46 as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Items by Consensus

In reference to the minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2017, Attorney Magliocchetti questioned the roll call vote on page 6 (school choice) since the roll call vote did not match the summation of the vote. The stenographer would review and make the necessary corrections.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2017 as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Mr. Scully extended an invitation to the School Committee to attend the Opening Day meeting on Monday, August 28, 2017 at Hunking School. He noted there would be refreshments at 8:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 8:25 a.m. The superintendent recommended texting Beverly Cassano if you would be attending so that parking spaces would be reserved.

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
0 members having voted in the negative
0 members having abstained

Meeting adjourned.