

School Committee Communications.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello introduced Whittier School Parent, Ms. Paige Caswell (154 Gale Avenue, Haverhill MA 01830) to discuss the conditions of John Greenleaf Whittier. She had provided two reports to the Committee prior to the meeting [Paige Caswell Presentation 01.10.19 Structural.pdf](#) and [Paige Caswell Presentation 01.10.19 Structural.pdf](#)

Ms. Caswell spoke extensively about the unacceptable and deplorable conditions at the school; of she emphasized the girls' locker room and boys' bathroom conditions. She also commented on some of the academic inadequacies.

Mr. Wood replied that this item was addressed at this evening's Joint Facilities Subcommittee meeting. He stated the cost estimates for the boys/girls' locker rooms would be significant.

Mayor Fiorentini commented that a statement of interest would be submitted for Whittier School.

Ms. Forgione outlined a plan for a complete bathroom rehab at the school and described the complexity of the situation and the costliness of the problem. She related regular monitoring of the conditions would occur at the building.

Mr. Brian Gill, Whittier Principal reported that the buildings had not been neglected but it is a 1957 model and commended the custodial staff for their hard work in trying to keep up with all the issues in the building. The principal noted that repairs had been done through the years but it was an older facility that outlived its life. He also explained that computer labs had been discontinued in place of chrome books in the classroom.

Mr. Larry Trevette, a volunteer outlined some of the improvements at the school to enhance the appearance of the school and underscored the exceptional teachers and staff at Whittier.

Nathalia, a Whittier student recited "In School Days" by John Greenleaf School:

Still sits the school-house by the road,
A ragged beggar sleeping;
Around it still the sumachs grow,
And blackberry-vines are creeping.

Within, the master's desk is seen,
Deep-scarred by raps official;
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jack-knife's carved initial;

The charcoal frescoes on its wall;
Its door's worn sill, betraying
The feet that, creeping slow to school,
Went storming out to playing!

Long years ago a winter sun
Shone over it at setting;
Lit up its western window-panes,
And low eaves' icy fretting.

It touched the tangled golden curls,
And brown eyes full of grieving,
Of one who still her steps delayed
When all the school were leaving.

For near it stood the little boy
Her childish favor singled;
His cap pulled low upon a face
Where pride and shame were mingled.

Pushing with restless feet the snow
To right and left, he lingered;
As restlessly her tiny hands
The blue-checked apron fingered.

He saw her lift her eyes; he felt
The soft hand's light caressing,
And heard the tremble of her voice,
As if a fault confessing.

"I'm sorry that I spelt the word:
I hate to go above you,
Because, "---the brown eyes lower fell,
"Because, you see, I love you!"

Still memory to a gray-haired man
That sweet child-face is showing.
Dear girl! the grasses on her grave
Have forty years been growing!

He lives to learn, in life's hard school,
How few who pass above him
Lament their triumph and his loss,
Like her, because they love him.

Attorney Rosa thanked Ms. Caswell for her report. He also asked Ms. Forgione to monitor the mold situation.

Mr. Wood commented the conditions had existed for a while. He related that the capital expenditures cannot be financed by the school department.

Attorney Magliocchetti commended the maintenance, custodial, and educational staff of the John Greenleaf Whittier.

He asked if the Mayor would authorize a scope of work for an engineering study to give guidance on the conditions and problems.

Mr. Amirian commented on Ms. Caswell's selflessness. He related that a debt exclusion should be considered and that there were many advocates who supported more funding for education. Mr. Amirian encouraged Ms. Caswell to stay engaged in the schools.

Ms. Sullivan commented on Ms. Caswell's passion. She advocated for keeping facilities in the forefront.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello thanked Ms. Caswell and the entire Whittier School community for their dedication and commitment.

Facilities Update - Ms. Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan asked that facilities be discussed each month.

Ms. Forgione commented on her first-year work anniversary. She provided an update on facilities work initiatives during her brief tenure [District Facilities .pdf](#).

Mayor Fiorentini was glad to hear some of the accomplishments.

Nettle School Update on Academic Progress – Mayor Fiorentini.

Principal Timothy Corkery and Ms. Eileen Doherty, Grade 6 Mathematics teacher highlighted successes at the Nettle School.

Mr. Wood noted the high incident of police reports and wanted to know if the services of an SRO would be beneficial to handle safety and cultural issues.

Mr. Corkery would prefer a school adjustment counselor than an SRO. He noted the reports were not for active situations.

Ms. Heather Tittmann, a Nettle School parent was extremely supportive of the school.

Attorney Magliocchetti recommended an additional school adjustment counselor and an SRO and stated his concern with the issues at the school.

Marijuana Policies – Attorney Magliocchetti.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if part of the 3% fee could be used for educational supports.

High School Principal Glenn Burns reported 80 students had been identified as using substances on school property. He related that there was a vaping decrease but most vaping use was of marijuana and students were getting addicted. Principal Burns supported a bullying sensor which would detect yelling, shouting etc.

Attorney Magliocchetti reported the Police Department was getting specialized training in identifying vaping use.

Mayor Fiorentini was concerned about edibles.

Subcommittee Reports.

Mr. Wood reported on the Safety Subcommittee meeting this evening (take from notes), with recommendations, security guards in guard shack removal and opposition moved into the school.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if there was a reason for Hunking guard shack.

Ms. Sullivan indicated a very productive meeting and that the Police Department would do a threat assessment.

Mayor Fiorentini recommended the SRO's in the building.

Mr. Wood commented that there would be four separate votes on each of the school's Statement of Interest to the MSBA: Golden Hill, Haverhill High School, Silver Hill and Moody Schools.

Mayor was concerned with submitting four proposals and the implications if all were approved.

Attorney Rosa indicated there is no obligation to accept if all four schools were accepted.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to state that having convened in an open meeting on January 10, 2019, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of the City of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 10, 2019 for the **Golden Hill School, located at 140 Boardman Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts**, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority: i.e., **Priority 5 for replacement of a leaking, defective and obsolete roof**; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts

School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Abstain		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to state having convened in an open meeting on January 10, 2019, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of the City of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 10, 2019 for the **Haverhill High School, located at 137 Monument Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts**, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority: i.e., **Priority 5 for replacement of a leaking, defective and obsolete roof**; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti stating having convened in an open meeting on January 10, 2019, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of the City of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated January 10, 2019 for the **Silver Hill School, located at 675 Washington Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts**, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority: i.e., **Priority 5 for replacement of a leaking, defective and obsolete roof**; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		
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7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to remove the Superintendent’s Goals (tabled 12.13.18 from the table. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Superintendent’s Goals. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

New Business.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Warrants as indicated in the agenda material:

- 1) Warrant Number EV20190111 totaling \$519,110.05
- 2) Warrant Number EV20190111A totaling \$196,572.94
- 3) Warrant Number EV20190111B totaling \$206,957.91
- 4) Warrant Number EV20190111C totaling \$986,486.18

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190111 totaling \$519,110.05 as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190111A totaling \$196,572.94 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190111B totaling \$206,957.91 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190111C totaling \$986,486.18 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2019 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

It was determined that the executive session would be held at the next meeting - Executive Session/Adjournment (Superintendent's Conference Room, City Hall, Room 206) - The School Committee will go into executive session to approve the executive session minutes of December 13, 2018 and to discuss the non-unit contract of the School Business Manager. The School Committee will reconvene in open session to approve any actions taken in executive session.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting (10:40 p.m.). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

A voice vote was held on adjournment with all members indicating yes.