



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018**

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson	Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chair
Attorney Richard Rosa	Mr. Sven Amirian
Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello	Mr. Scott Wood
Mr. Brian O'Connell, Business Manager	Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools	Ms. Margaret Marotta, Incoming Superintendent

Discussion of Haverhill's Participation in Legal Case.

Business Manager O'Connell provided a brief overview of the proposed lawsuit to address the erosion in educational equity among districts that had benefitted by education reform efforts in 1993.

Mayor Fiorentini would ask City Solicitor Cox for a legal opinion to see if our participation would benefit the district.

FY19 Budget.

In relation to the budget, below are a few key points that were offered:

Mayor:

- FY19 includes a 6.3% increase
- Senate version will probably pass because no one wants to cut education
- Facing a \$3.4million charter school loss
- An override each year for additional funding

Superintendent Scully:

- looking for increases in federal funding;
- literacy and reading coaching should be well represented in the other schools to ensure balanced services
- preschool expansion not in budget due to space constraints

Mr. O'Connell:

- 6.11% increase in Governor's budget or 6.33% House's Version of Budget

Mr. Wood:

- Professional Development Reimbursement – should not be cut
- Superintendent's Salary reflects new superintendent
- Community Outreach – why position is in budget when Chief of Police will provide similar information to the principal i.e. intelligence on street from an allegedly unlicensed person
- Page 7 – outreach workers not Assistant Attendance Supervisor
- Kids moving up in schools so additional costs
- Security Guards at HHS ½ million dollars – contract out services – structure an RFP for this purpose

General Comments/Statements:

- Several members expressed a need to settle the teachers' contract.
- It was suggested that a separate account without names of employee groups (reserve account) be listed on budget documents for contractual obligations during FY19.
- 1.3% of budget in longevity
- Summer School and Preschool Programs in FY19 Budget – extended day in budget – along with matching donors
- Expanded preschool is not in budget - Attorney Magliocchetti stated the goal is to have 100 children in preschool

Comments from the Public:

Dr. Grannemann recommended transparency in the budget process and asked that projected enrollments be examined for next year so that the budget allocation and any variation in spending is adjusted so spending is equitable by school. Dr. Grannemann recommended a 7-8% budget increase to support the Haverhill Public Schools.

Superintendent Scully commented that allocations are based on the needs of individual school populations and the requests from school principals, supervisors and directors.

Next budget workshop will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Administration Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.