



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2018**

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Attorney Richard Rosa

Ms. Gail Sullivan

Mr. Scott Wood

Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant  
Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Sven Amirian

Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello (arrived at 7:06 pm)

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chair

The members and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 185 Millvale Road continued to express his objection to the teaching of evolution and many books that are used in the schools which he found to be offensive and against God's teachings.

Mr. Anthony Parolisi, 169 Summer Street, a parent/teacher of two students thanked the subcommittee for the first negotiation session and commented on the increasing number of HEA members are attending the meetings. Mr. Parolisi expressed his appreciation for both the teaching of evolution, especially not teaching particular religious platforms and also providing sexual education component to supplement the parental education. He found recent comments made by Mayor Fiorentini about Mr. Amirian and Charter Schools as offensive even though Mr. Parolisi was not a proponent of Charter Schools and the manner in which they were funded. Mr. Parolisi also objected to his suggestion that part of the \$425,000 should come from salary reserves. In conclusion, he asked for per pupil expenditures.

Ms. Michelle Coulouras, a grade 1 Pentucket Lake Teacher with 30 years of teaching experience outlined a typical day at her school. She expressed her love of teaching and how the needs of her students were her highest priority. Ms. Coulouras noted that she and her colleagues purchased many essential materials for their buildings. In closing, she invited the school committee members to walk in the steps of a teacher and visit Pentucket Lake for a day.

Attorney Magliocchetti questioned why teachers would need to purchase basic supplies for their buildings.

Mr. Fulgoni responded no one had ever been denied basic materials and encouraged principals to go through the requisitioning and purchasing process. He noted that staff were especially generous during holiday seasons.

Mr. Ted Kempinski, 150 Orchard Hill Road, a high school teacher with 19 years' experience and current HEA President summarized some information from the DESE website and his response to the Mayor's comments that education in Haverhill is adequately funded. He noted that \$16,000 is the State average per pupil expenditure and in Haverhill it is \$13,700; which means that 18 school districts have a less per pupil expenditure and 311 districts have a larger expenditure. Mr. Kempinski commented that the School Committee advocates for the educational community each year. He reported that there is toner for the machines at the high school so even if there is paper the machines will not operate. Mr. Kempinski spoke about the teacher attrition where one out of four teachers are lost in the district. teachers which translates to 73% retention rate. He expressed his appreciation to the hardworking, dedicated school teachers at his children's schools because similar to all district teachers they are the heart of Haverhill. In concluding, Mr. Kempinski had

hoped that Mayor would be in attendance tonight to hear and address these comments about adequate funding.

Ms. Katherine Hubbard, Student Advisory Council Representative noted that there were only six days of school left. She spoke about the first Young Women's Career Day for the Junior Class where State Representative Diana DiZoglio hosted the event. Ms. Hubbard spoke about the inspirational speeches which motivated many students, particularly a friend who had changed her mind and wanted to attend college after the event. Additionally, today was eighth grade "move up" day and many interesting activities were planned in addition to meeting the students. Ms. Hubbard mentioned that the Student Council wanted a voice in hiring and evaluating teachers and they were working with Mrs. Kitsos and her team on this endeavor. She reported that the Student Council was also working on fostering relationships with students who enter the high school by either having a teacher be an advisor or a student be a supporter for the students. Finally, Hillie Nation is collaborating on creating a mascot with Ms. Kitsos and her team.

#### Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Assistant Superintendent Fulgoni reported on how the Hunking school community had come together to help first-grader Evan Portorreal, who had been out of class since the end of February while undergoing treatment for leukemia at Children's Hospital. Mr. Fulgoni related through the use of modern technology, Evan can communicate with his teacher and classmates via a Chromebook he uses to remotely control a Double Robotics Double 2 telecommuting device. He noted it is battery powered, it operates on wheels, holds an iPad on a telescopic arm, has its own wide-angle camera, microphone and speaker, and Evan guide it along any path in the school. Additionally, the Assistant Superintendent commented that Evan can remotely participate in classroom lessons, chat face-to-face with his teacher, and even steer the device down the school halls and into the cafeteria, where he can video chat with his friends while they eat lunch so he is able to see and talk to them, and they can see and talk to him. In conclusion, Mr. Fulgoni stated it illustrated the care and compassion that existed in the Haverhill Public Schools.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if there was a GoFundMe Page for Evan and Mr. Fulgoni would ask the school if such a page existed.

#### School Committee Communications.

In relation to Ms. Sullivan's request that the Business Manager will present a detailed expenditure report and be prepared to suggest what he plans to do with any remaining funds. He will also report on the status of Chapter 74 funds.

Mr. O'Connell presented a written report with updated financial data. He commented that with a potential end of year balance (\$130,000) NAFT Program at Haverhill High School will be funded.

Attorney Rosa asked about and Mr. O'Connell clarified that \$336,000 science textbooks (p. 32) and Transportation \$216,000 (\$150,000) were the small yellow busses.

Attorney Rosa asked how salary line items could be overspent such as the Superintendent, Business Manager an Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. O'Connell indicated a detailed breakdown of these line items would be provided.

Attorney Rosa also requested a breakdown of legal services expenditures totaling \$65,000.

Subcommittee Reports – None at this time.

Old Business.

FY19 Budget – no discussion or action on this item.

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

- Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180615 totaling \$599,304.29. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV201800615A totaling \$28,567.08. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180615B totaling \$391,026.54. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180615C totaling \$722,583.79. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello.

Attorney Rosa	No	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes

Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
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5 members voted in the affirmative  
1 member voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number JE20180614 totaling \$3,934.12. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	No	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative  
1 member voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number JE20180615 totaling \$23,951.42. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello.

Mr. Wood asked if the gas expenditure was for our vans. Mr. Fulgoni replied in the affirmative.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative  
0 members voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the use of facilities as indicated in the agenda material.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the use of facilities as indicated in the agenda. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood questioned why request #4 had a rental fee that was a flat rate.

Assistant Superintendent Fulgoni commented that he would get the answer from the facilities department.

Mr. Wood withdrew the motion.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the use of facilities (request #1-3). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative  
0 members voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to table Use of Facilities (request #4). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative  
0 members voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

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The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative  
0 members voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to go into executive session (7:54 pm) to discuss a Level III Grievance from the HEA (Haverhill Education Association) concerning a letter to an employee. Additionally, the Committee will discuss strategy relative to negotiations with Teachers, Technology Unit of the Haverhill Education Association, Transportation Unit, Cafeteria Group, Custodial Unit and Non-Unit Therapists. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative  
0 members voted in the negative  
0 members abstained

Motion passes