

**APPROVED**

**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2019
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers – 7:00 pm**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Fiorentini requested a roll call of members.

The following members were present:

Attorney Richard Rosa	Ms. Gail Sullivan
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Attorney Paul Magliocchetti
Mr. Scott Wood	Mr. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair
Dr. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent	

Public Comment.

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 85 Millvale Road, asked for a report on the Nettle School poster mentioned at the last meeting.

Dr. Marotta stated that the poster was completed by students about inclusion and their views against racism.

Communication and Reports - Superintendent Comments/Reports - Superintendent's Goals.

Dr. Marotta gave the Committee with copies of her goals document. She offered this information in preparation for her evaluation next month [Completion of Superintendent's Goals 2018-2019.pdf](#).

Attorney Rosa stated the evaluation would be on the July 25, 2019 agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to suspend the rules to discuss the FY20 budget. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Mr. Wood provided a brief history of Public Property Department and was concerned with the supervision of a small workforce. He noted that the \$60,000 allocation designation would not have been in this area, but would have been an additional school adjustment counselor.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that it was supposed to be a joint facilities director. He noted many maintenance functions were outsourced on the city-side.

Ms. Sullivan concurred that specific details of the city and school maintenance director working relationship had to be stipulated. She also questioned who would be evaluating the performance of the out-sourcing companies.

Mr. Amirian commented that the number of maintenance staff was inadequate but, recommended keeping the monies with maintenance.

Attorney Magliocchetti appreciated the Mayor's compromise and would respect the Council's wishes. He was against losing the School Department's autonomy in regards to maintenance.

Attorney Rosa agreed with Mr. Wood on priorities.

Mr. Wood thanked the Council, but he reiterated that the Superintendent's highest priority was the social-emotional well-being of students.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that the amended budget needs to be voted.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the amended FY20 budget. Mr. Amirian seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the \$60,000 addition to the maintenance budget. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello asked Mr. Wood to schedule a Joint Facilities Meeting in the near future.

School Committee Communications.

Attorney Rosa introduced Herb Bergh from the Haverhill Education Foundation to provide an update on the Foundation's work.

Mr. Bergh introduced other Foundation board members present: Tina Fuller, Kalyn Ryll, Joanna Dix, Jennifer Rubera (grant recipient), and others not present, Ms. Shanyn Toulouse and Dr. John Maddox. He

provided a brief history of the foundation and presented certificate to sponsors of a recent Trivia Night that raised \$7,000 including Dr. Marotta, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Amirian and Attorney Magliocchetti.

Ms. Ryll gave an update on some of the mini-grant projects that were received in our schools.

Mrs. Rubera received two grants from the HEF in the amounts of \$250 and \$300. She offered that this money could go a long way in educating students and gave an example of composting (worm bins) and spinning composting.

Attorney Magliocchetti voiced his support for the foundation and commended Mr. Bergh on the foundation's work.

Update from MSBA on Consentino School Project: Attorney Rosa.

Attorney Rosa provided the members with some crucial dates as part of the MSBA Consentino School Project. He also commented that Moody and Golden Hill Schools were not being included in the Accelerated Repair Project. Attorney Rosa was following up with MSBA through email. Mayor Fiorentini would also follow up with MSBA.

Update on Maintenance for Whittier School, the Summer Timeline and any available reports: Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello.

Ms. Forgione commented that the bathrooms will be completed by end of July, there were fire alarm upgrades, the Final Engineering Report should be received next week and the valves are being installed and troubleshooting the system.

Dr. Marotta stated the Engineering Report would be placed on the July 25, 2019 agenda.

Attorney Magliocchetti was concerned that Ms. Forgione had not inspected the HVAC system.

Ms. Forgione did not recall receiving the request.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that Ms. Forgione did not work for the School Committee but for the Superintendent and Attorney Magliocchetti could not direct staff members.

He commented on the cleanliness of the buildings and recommended that the substitute custodians pay rate should be at least the minimum wage.

Dr. Marotta noted that it would cost \$120,000 to adjust all employees to minimum wage (presently at \$12.00 per hour and would be adjusted to \$12.75 in January 2020).

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Contract – Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Wood.

Mr. Michael Pfifferling, 7 Hillview Drive, Groveland MA commented that the transition process had started by using some vacation time to spend a couple days in July and August in Haverhill and that he would be full-time no later than August 27, 2019. Mr. Pfifferling was looking forward to working to support the Superintendent's Goals.

The members recommended that under section (3) Compensation that the following phrase "of the district" be inserted in the second paragraph after economic conditions. Additionally, another modification was made in the next paragraph, second sentence after the word completed "by the Superintendent".

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the contract with Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations as amended [Mayor's Notes MP Contract .pdf](#). Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Subcommittee Reports - None.

New Business.

The Superintendent's recommendation regarding a one-year extension of the special education transportation contract with NRT.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve a one-year extension of the special education transportation contract with NRT as recommended by the Superintendent. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	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 grant the Superintendent permission to have equipment and materials declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following [Warrants 06.27.19.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material:

- 1) Warrant Number EV201900628 totaling \$545,946.49
- 2) Warrant Number EV20190628B totaling \$678,070.76

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the use of facilities [SC UOF 06.27.19.pdf](#) and the minutes of the Public Hearing on FY20 Budget/Regular Meeting of June 13, 2019 [School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes 06.13.19.pdf](#) and the Special Meeting of June 18, 2019 [School Committee Special Meeting and Executive Session 06.18.19 .pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the Items by Consensus. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	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 adjourn the meeting (8:20 pm). Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained