

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of May 10, 2012

This meeting was recorded

Jason Toney led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Susan Danehy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua and Mayor James J. Fiorentini were recorded as absent.

Public Hearing on John C. Tilton Innovation School Initiative

Parents Lisa Foster, Colleen McCann, Heather Ray offered comments of support for the Tilton Innovation School Initiative. Mr. Scully indicated the members shall comment and vote at a subsequent meeting for this initiative.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report

Jason Toney, HHS senior, commend all for the great job done at the high school with the new technology being a great addition and helping the learning experience. He commented on the condition of the school noting the amazing outside looks. He referenced the teacher evaluations and to make sure they are doing a good job and to make sure they pursue their own strategy of learning. He indicated the lunch options are still not economical for students to purchase health options. Seniors are busy preparing for college, senior chapel, the banquet, prom and a poetry reading will be held within the next few weeks.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Mr. Wood referenced the fire at 98 Fountain Street where one of our staff members lived. Lucio Gomes works in the schools with his wife and three children who lost everything. Mr. Wood solicited for help and donations to the staff and general public. Items can be dropped off at any principal's office or to contact the Superintendent. He thanked those who have previously offered help.

HHS Report on 9th grade MAP and interventions

Mr. Scully indicated the report in the packet is for the members' reading pleasure.

3rd Term PTC Attendance Rates

Mr. Scully stated the information is broken down by grade level.

Update on All Day Kindergarten

The Superintendent informed members that there will be two kindergarten centers having 60-80 students enrolled. Part time enrollment to date is only 13 students and should increase within the next few weeks. An update on the program with is forthcoming. Crowell currently has 50% occupancy with all day kindergarten.

GLEC Board of Directors – Haverhill Representative Designation

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to select the Superintendent as the GLEC representative. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes		

Motion passes.

Budget – The First Look

The Superintendent went over a general notion of the budget. He indicated:: a seven percent increase, grants offsets, Chapter 70 funds increased, a 1.9% salary increase from contractual steps, SPED transportation expenses up, City charges up 2%, new initiatives, nurses, all day kindergarten, current program improvements, cutting user fees, staffing including adding a math and science teacher to the high school and guidance counselors at the middle school, the technology bond and computer leases and health insurance costs. They will follow the same schedule with a public hearing as last year. Members questioned the format, the maintenance department, utilities, city charges, health insurance, and school choice. The Superintendent asked members to contact him with questions for more detail or adjustments to the budget.

School Committee Communications

Mrs. Danehy

Haverhill Representatives to Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School – School Board

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to rescind the appointment for both of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Representatives. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes		

Motion passes.

Attorney Cox's ruling on the understanding of the three year appointments was read. Discussion was held as to who would be appointed, a member of the committer or the general public. It would be how they are best represented. Mr. Wood recommended to take no action at this time and to not base this appointment on individuals. Attorney Magliocchetti's concern had to do with timing when times a school committee member may not be a member yet is still a representative. There is no set policy for selecting said member. Mrs. Danehy indicated if they take no action the current members stay on the board; however, if they take action it would be for three years. She agreed to develop a policy as to what the school committee would do in the future. Attorney Magliocchetti pointed out the current public appointee requested a one year appointment and should contact him to discuss this and address this in policy subcommittee. No motion to move forward was made; thus, no action taken. Mr. Toohey and Mr. Early remain representatives.

Attorney Magliocchetti

Budget & The Strategic Plan

Attorney Magliocchetti was glad to see the budget was being developed to address the objectives in the strategic plan. He would like to see a presentation correlating the budget with the strategic plan with their goals. He has asked for the warrants to be presented in different ways and they have. The Superintendent indicated the two

different ways one being through the LEA budgets and the other grant budgets. This will be emailed to members. He referenced some of the expenses this year may diminish next year.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports at this time.

Old Business:

Approval of revised minutes of emergency meeting of March 16, 2012

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the revised minutes. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20120511B totaling \$985,577.16; Warrant Number EV20120511 Travel totaling \$3,294.51 and Warrant Number JE20120511 totaling \$152.00. A roll call vote was held with the following results

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes		

Motion passes.

Approval of the legal bills for the Rosen Law Office totaling \$13,860.06

Mr. Wood recommended asking Attorney Cox to take over this matter since it would be more financially prudent. Mr. Scully will contact him. No motion was made to approve the bills.

Items by Consensus

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 2012; the regular meeting of April 12, 2012 and the special meeting of April 25, 2012

Approval of Use of Facilities

- Requested by Kim Ocasio of the Ocasio's True martial Arts Inc for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Black Belt Extravaganza Tournament
 - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
 - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 Weekend
 - Rental Fee: \$ 100.00
- Requested by Young Chang of the Chang's Tae Kwon Do America for the use of the Hunking School on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Belt Testing.
 - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
 - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 Weekend
 - Rental Fee: \$ Waived *

* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Items A and B. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
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Approved 06.28.12

Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes		

Motion passes.

Executive Session/ Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 8.29 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, litigation and negotiations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Public Hearing Information on John C. Tilton School Innovation Initiative; High School Initiatives in Response to MAP Results; PTC Attendance as of May 1, 2012; Communication from Acting Director Anne Booth; Memo from Superintendent regarding WRVTHS Haverhill Representatives; revised minutes of the emergency meeting of March 16, 2012; Warrant Number EV20120511B totaling \$985,577.16; Warrant Number EV20120511 Travel totaling \$3,294.51 and Warrant Number JE20120511 totaling \$152.; Memo from Superintendent regarding Rosen Law Bills; the regular meeting of March 22, 2012; the regular meeting of April 12, 2012 and the special meeting of April 25, 2012; Use of Facilities