



HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 24, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Susan Danehy opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua , 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 Operations, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mayor James J. Fiorentini was recorded as absent (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Mrs. Danehy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Discussion & Vote on John C. Tilton Innovation School Initiative

Mrs. Mary Beth Maranto gave an updated presentation referencing the formal innovation plan before them which would allow improvements to the school. Her overview included extended learning, enrichment, positive behavior interventions and supports, uniforms and an extended day open to all students.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to endorse the application of the Tilton Innovation School. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Meserve

Jillian indicated school wide elections for class officers were held last week including student council representatives for each class. This week begins senior week with the Prom last night, Senior Chapel next Tuesday and with graduation on Friday. She thanked all members for working with them this year.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent gave an update on the success of the spring sports program with five teams going to playoffs.

It was requested to move up the Budget Discussion at this time.

The Superintendent indicated the personnel update was in the package, the foreign language update was in the package, and then distributed a tentative meeting schedule for review.

School Committee Meeting Schedule

He proposed that they have one meeting in July and August and have a morning meeting on August 9th to sign the bills. They do not need a special meeting in July to sign bills. The rest of the schedule is two meetings per month with a special meeting in November or a regular meeting on the 15th due to the holidays.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the schedule with the change of the November meeting to be a regular school committee meeting. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Mr. Bevilacqua requested to change the October 11 meeting date to October 4th. Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua to amend the motion to change the October 11th meeting to October 4th. Mr. Wood referenced the meeting the prior week and the consistency of the second and fourth Thursday. Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to reconsider. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua to change the October 4th meeting date to October 25th. Seconded by Mr. Toohey for discussion. Mr. Wood stated we may need a special meeting for bills to be paid. The Superintendent suggested that depending on the amount of material for the meeting they may not need the meeting on October 4th and do a bill signing on October 11th. A verbal vote indicated all in favor of the amendment. A verbal vote indicated all in favor of the calendar as amended.

Budget Discussion

The Superintendent asked to review the budget this evening by making corrections, substitutions, and deletions. He would then have a finalized budget document for members on June 1st with the Public Hearing on June 4th and go to the City Council on June 11th allowing sufficient time for proper posting. The June 14th meeting would be cancelled.

Members questioned and commented on the budget:

- Send a list of corrections to members
- Shifting of the nurses to the schools
- City charges
- Explaining the mitigation costs for the health insurance
- Health insurance costs
- All day kindergarten
- Salary increases
- Crowell School
- Curriculum enrichment
- Maintenance gas line item/utilities
- Class size
- Foreign language pilot program
- Revolving and stabilization accounts
- Medicaid costs

The Superintendent recommends the School Committee vote to affirm its vote at the 5.10.12 executive session on the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction's term and compensation.

Mayor Fiorentini asked for a motion to affirm the vote of the executive session.

Moved by Mr. Sierpina and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to affirm its vote at the 5.10.12 executive session on the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction's term and compensation.

The Superintendent stated there is a discussion relevant to the issue to the Assistant Superintendent's compensation which has been discussed since last October and her contract is coming to conclusion and it is his recommendation to address the matter that happened that has been discussed in the past five to six months. Mayor Fiorentini asked for the vote. The Superintendent read the motion made and voted with the final contract for review at the next Executive Session. Mayor Fiorentini asked Attorney Cox who was eligible to vote. Those individuals who were in attendance of the original action are eligible to participate, speak and vote.

This is not a main motion but an incidental motion to ratify the action was held before. Attorney Cox has researched this and could not find anything that they need to come back into regular session to affirm the vote. There is a question that the committee did not go back into open session and announce what they did in Executive Session. They felt it was best to bring this up at an open meeting and has no issue that the vote take was not valid and binding. Mr. Scully explained the compensation package to members.

A roll call vote on members at Executive Session was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	No
Mr. Wood	No	Mr. Bevilacqua	Not in attendance
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Not in attendance		

Motion passes.

Personnel Update

The Superintendent indicated this is a communication.

Foreign Language Pilot Program

The Superintendent indicated this is a communication.

School Committee Communications

Mr. Sierpina

Whittier Vocational Acceptances by Middle School

Mr. Sierpina reference the information in the packet and felt progress is being made and would like to see more students accepted.

Title I Funding

Mr. Sierpina referenced the state and federal sheets with \$1.7 million being awarded for FY12. Dr. Malone indicated the Title I support grants which are three are being used for professional development, stipends for teachers and supplies. The grant has mandatory set asides which are supplemental services or 20 percent of the grant (\$700,000) mandated for students.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports at this time.

Old Business

Rosen Law Bills – tabled 5.10.12

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to remove the Rosen Law Bills from the table. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Rosen Law Bills. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Bevilacqua	Abstained

Approved 06.28.12

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

New Business

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV20120525 totaling \$81,727.97; and Warrant Number JE20120525 totaling \$71,932.51 A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Bevilacqua	Abstained
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

Approval of the legal bills for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$761.00 and Attorney William Cox totaling \$12,499.98

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

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Executive Session/ Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Negotiations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Communication from Superintendent on Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction's contract including draft minutes of 5.10.12 executive session; Personnel Actions; Foreign Language Pilot Program; Email Agenda Request from Mr. Sierpina; Warrant Number EV20120525 totaling \$81,727.97; Warrant Number JE20120525 totaling \$71,932.51; Invoices from Attorneys Grunebaum & Cox