

The Special Meeting of the Haverhill School Committee was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson. Present were: Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mr. Shaun Toohey; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice President; Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools. Mrs. Susan Danehy, President was recorded absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Superintendent provided an update on the FY13 budget. He noted that the committee had received the revised budget. Mr. Scully reported that the budget addressed all the issues such as all day kindergarten; lower class sizes and reduction of user fees.

The Superintendent also noted that he had reviewed Crowell School and that the enrollment would be approximately 80 students. This location will have access to art and physical education. Mr. Scully respectfully asked the Committee to approve the budget with the re-utilization of the Crowell School to remain intact. The Superintendent also asked for the public hearing on the budget to be opened.

There was no public comment on the budget.

School Committee Comments on FY13 Budget:

➤ **Mr. Bevilacqua**

- ♦ Budget addresses student needs;
- ♦ Full Day Kindergarten at reduced cost;
- ♦ Addition of HHS teachers;
- ♦ Further reduction in athletic fees;
- ♦ Upgrades in technology;
- ♦ Additional textbooks with goal of going to e-books;
- ♦ New Hunking School;
- ♦ Thanks Chairman Dempsey for his support of Haverhill Public Schools;
- ♦ Best budget in recent years;
- ♦ Increased opportunities for students to attend Whittier Regional and pursue their goals such as military etc.;
- ♦ Meets goals that school committee has established

➤ **Attorney Magliocchetti**

- ♦ Impressed with budget document;
- ♦ Hard work of Representative Dempsey;
- ♦ Money into the classroom;
- ♦ Echoes Mr. Bevilacqua's comments;
- ♦ City is moving in the right direction;
- ♦ Great educational system in Haverhill

➤ **Mr. Toohey**

- ♦ Does not support salary increases or future salary increases;
- ♦ Fiscally prudent;
- ♦ Educationally moving in a positive direction – commends colleagues and Superintendent and his leadership team;
- ♦ Technology improvements;
- ♦ Reduction in class size;
- ♦ Unhappy with Crowell situation;

➤ **Mayor Fiorentini**

- Good budget will support its adoption tonight;
- Recognizes Representative Dempsey's work on increased funding;
- Concerned about lack of funding for all day kindergarten once grant has ended;
- Mandatory summer school is a priority;
- Merit raise for school principals;
- Overall great things happening in Haverhill;
- Will support budget

➤ **Mr. Scully**

- Majority of funding towards student improvement;
- All grants are distributed based on academic criteria and/or discrepancies;
- Primary focus on student success

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the FY13 budget in the amount of \$86,175,788.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

A vote of 6-0; the budget is passed.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve a \$5,000 increase in annual contract for Attorney Cox.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	No
Mr. Wood	No	Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

A vote of 4-2; Attorney Cox contract increase approved

Mr. Sierpina left the room at this time.

Mr. Scully noted that the school committee was reaffirming a vote that had taken place in a previous executive session in relation to principals' contracts. He stated that the committee had approved the following increase: 1.5% in year 1 and a 1% in year 2 with a 2% one-time bonus for 2% overall improvement in MCAS – no addition to the base.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the principals' salary increase.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mr. Toohey	No	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	No
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

A vote of 3-2; the principals' salary increase approved

Haverhill School Committee – Public Hearing & Special Meeting of June 11, 2012

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the revised minutes of the executive session of May 24, 2012 as indicated in the agenda material.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

A 5-0 vote; minutes approved

Mr. Sierpina returned to the room and the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Warrant Number EV20120615A totaling \$191,222.60; Warrant Number EV20120615B totaling \$677,447.61 and Warrant Number JE20120615 totaling \$24,500.00 as indicated in the agenda material.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Bevilacqua	Abstain
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

A 5-0 vote; warrants approved

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the field trip request (Major David Workman – HHS to Camp Edwards in Sandwich MA on June 18, 2012).

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

A 6-0 vote; field trip request approved

Mayor Fiorentini thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

List of Documents:

School Committee Agenda; Revised minutes of the executive session of May 24, 2012; Warrant Number EV20120615A totaling \$191,222.60; Warrant Number EV20120615B totaling \$677,447.61 and Warrant Number JE20120615 totaling \$24,500.00; field trip request from Haverhill High School