

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting of March 11, 2010

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson (left at 10:15 p.m.) opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Present were: Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Shaun Toohey, President; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Vice President; Dr. Raleigh Buchanan, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), and Dr. Steven O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum. Mrs. Susan Danehy (arrived at 7:01) was recorded as absent.

Boy Scout Richard Wildes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time

Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report

Ned Harvey presented the Student Advisory Council report.

Revised Proposal/Contract from Futures Education for Special Education Audit

Brian Edwards and Tina Zabeck gave an overview of the services that will be provided for the special education analysis/audit. Members discussed timeframe, savings, additional costs, contract language, improvements and recommendations, and follow-up support.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the proposed contract. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented his Hillie Highlight report.

Subcommittee Reports

Attorney Magliocchetti reported on the Strategic Plan Subcommittee. Mrs. Danehy reported on the Goals Subcommittee and asked to tie it in with the Saturday workshop. The athletic subcommittee meeting was postponed and a negotiation meeting was held.

Food Service Update by Whitson

Members of the Whitsons' Group and members discussed the increase in participation, implementing a pin pad system, paying on line, the focus on nutrition, introducing of scratch cooked items, financial status, monitoring free or reduced lunch, and a recommendation to run forums to reduce childhood obesity.

Old Business:

Update on School Department Attorney

Mr. Bevilacqua and Attorney Magliocchetti have met with Attorney Cox to determine his interest in providing legal services. Attorney Cox was asked to provide a proposal to them for the next meeting.

Approved 03.25.10

Update on Policy BEC Executive Sessions

Mr. Wood will present recommendations at the next meeting as to updating the Policy Book. He read the updated Policy BEC Executive Sessions and included in the policy exceptions 1 – 10, Participation in Executive Sessions and BECA Executive Session Minutes (see below).

BEC: EXECUTIVE SESSIONS -- All executive sessions are to be held in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23(a) and 23(b) as amended. As stated in said M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23(b) the exception s to the open meeting laws that allow executive session are as follows:

**** **INCLUDE IN THE POLICY EXCEPTIONS 1-10**

Notwithstanding anything stated herein, these exceptions are intended to restate the latest applicable General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended, and the prior list shall be added to or deleted as required to incorporate the most current published and effective applicable General Laws.

PARTICIPATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

School Committee members

Superintendent

Superintendent Secretary

Other School department administrators, employees, and individuals as needed

BECA: Executive Session Minutes -- Minutes shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent as the Secretary of the School Committee. Pursuant to applicable M.G.L., minutes shall be immediately available, except as exempt per Chapter 39, Section 23(b). The School Committee President, Vice President or designee shall review and initial the minutes prior to adjourning an Executive Session meeting.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the updated Policy BEC. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

Motion passes.

Mayor Fiorentini asked for unanimous consent to change his vote from No to Yes. A verbal voted indicated all in favor.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the updated Policy BECA Executive Session Minutes. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

Proposed Cell Phone Policy (Policy JIK)

Mr. Wood read the policy relative to Pagers, Signal Devices, and Cell Phones. Mr. Wood asked to amend the second line to eliminate the word “some”; the third line replaces “will with shall” and the fifth line replaces “will with shall”.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to amend Policy JIK as indicated. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the entire cell phone policy JIK as amended. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

New Business:

Approval of Warrant Number EV20100312 (payable 03/12/10) totaling \$728,492.14.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV2010 00312(payable 03/12/10) totaling \$728,492.14. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Discussion of High School Curriculum

Mr. Nangle with his curriculum supervisors discussed the current program, alignment of standards, the frameworks, literacy strategies, systematic use of data, professional development, dual enrollment, early college, mathematics, and academic youth development program for the summer and a new freshman program they are looking at next year. The Freshman Academy will work on alignment of standards in the classrooms making changes on student achievement and transition of eighth graders to the high school. A discussion was held on the cost of senior dues and what it covers.

Discussion of Contract Negotiations

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced other contracts that the general law states are negotiated by the Superintendent but the members sets the terms and conditions. The Superintendent reviewed the contracts he negotiates and indicated in the past there hasn't been a policy that sets the conditions and recommended to meet with the committee to discuss this to improve the development with the administrators.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Wood to refer the contract negotiations to the Policy Subcommittee for further discussion on what the parameters are. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes

Motion passes.

Physical Education/Health Requirements

Mr. Sierpina indicated that per the DOE each child needs 90 minutes per day of physical education. Currently elementary students receive 60 minutes per week. The Superintendent read what the definition is of physical education including recommended alternatives such as traditional gym, yoga, aerobics, organized games on the playground, dance, calisthenics or part of an athletic team. A new regulation notifying parents in writing of their child's BMI's which will inform them of the health status of their child relative to obesity.

Current Classroom Enrollment by Grade and School

Mr. Sierpina requested an update on classroom enrollment with the class size stabilizing with the exception in grades 4 and 5 and some in the middle school in the 30's. The Superintendent indicated there is a 15-20 percent mobility. Crowell is looking at innovative programs such as a monthly science program for fourth and fifth graders that would meet monthly, a math or English program for young scholars that would also meet monthly, and to accommodate the overflow from Golden Hill.

Presentation of Draft School Calendar for 2010-2011.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to table the Draft Calendar for two weeks. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes

Motion passes

The Superintendent introduced the Items by Consensus:

approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 25, 2010

approval of the legal bills for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$953.71; Murphy, Lamere & Murphy P.C. totaling \$713.00 and Rosen Law Office P.C. totaling \$4,215.00

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Danielle Hamel of All that Jazz (profit-group) for the use of the Haverhill High School Auditorium on June 11, 2010 (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) and June 13, 2010 (12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) for a Dance Recital. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour; Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 per hour (weekday rate); Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 per hour (weekend rate); Rental Fee: \$100.00 per day
- Requested by Derek Mitchell of CWA Wrestling (profit-group) for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on April 3, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for professional wrestling. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour; Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 per hour (weekend rate); Rental Fee: \$100.00 per day
- Requested by Dave Currier of the Northeast Regional Police Academy (non-profit) for the use of the Haverhill High School Cafeteria on March 20, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a police academy academics program. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 per hour (weekend rate); Rental Fee: \$ Waived

approval of the field trip request(s):

- Walter Dunn, HHS, Grades 9-12, March 26-27, 2010, Barnstable High School, zero cost
- Mr. Begley and Mr. Hickey, HHS, Grades 9 – 12, April 9-11, 2010, Springfield, Key Club Conference, \$85.00
- Dan Francescone, Whittier Middle School, Grade 8, June 7 – 11, 2010, Arlington Virginia, \$725.00
- Carol Ireland, Lori Curry, HHS, Grades 10-12, March 26, Providence Rhode Island, \$20.00

Approved 03.25.10

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Items by Consensus. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	No	Mr. Toohey	Yes

Motion passes.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood at 10:35 p.m. and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Atty. Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes

Motion passes.