

**Haverhill School Committee
FY11 Budget Review Session
Special Meeting of May 18, 2010**

Mr. Shaun Toohey, President called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.. Present were: Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mrs. Susan Danehy; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Vice President; Dr. Raleigh Buchanan, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Steven O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations. Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to suspend the rules to discuss the process and procedure for filling the vacancy of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

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

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

Motion passes.

The Superintendent distributed a timeline for the process.

Discussion ensued about the process and procedure for filling this critical vacancy.

Some points/comments that were raised included the following:

- Need for public interview;
- Faith in the Superintendent to fill the position;
- Clean process must be ensured;
- Do not undermine the authority of the superintendent;

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood that the finalists for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction interviews be held in public subject to confirmation from the City Solicitor.

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

Motion fails.

Discussion and review of the FY11 budget continued.

Ms. Kosmes reviewed the budget adjustments document with the committee.

		Salary	Expense	Revenue	City Charges	
Gap						3765398
EXPENSE						

Maintenance and Utility Reductions general			-100000			
Maint/ Utility Reductions - bldg restructure			-40000			
Sped expense reductions (tuitions, etc)			-556000			
Curriculum texts - payment plan complete			-100000			
Level fund music and HS Admin expenses			-5018			
Level fund transportation expenses			-113380			
REVENUE						
Attrition Increase				-50000		
Sped ARRA additional				-187716		
Medicaid revenue to level fund Fy10				-66981		
SALARY						
Stadium staff covered by stadium commission	-1.00	-46935				
Attendance eliminate vacant position	-1.00	-45000				
5.0 Elementary Teachers	-5.00	-250000				
2.0 K Teachers	-2.00	-100000				
2.0 EI ELL Teachers	-2.00	-100000				
1.0 HS Art Teacher retirement	-1.00	-60000				
1.0 HS Lang Arts Teacher retirement	-1.00	-60000				
1.0 HS Foreign Language Teacher	-1.00	-60000				
1.0 HS Science Teacher retirement	-1.00	-60000				
1.0 Speech Therapist retirement	-1.00	-50000				
15.0 EI/Mid Art/Music/PE teachers-5 day	-15.00	-750000				
20.0 Half time Instructional ESP's-5 day	10.00	150000				
1.0 EI Pr Clerk - bldg restructure (retirement)	-1.00	-35000				
.50 EI Bldg Custodian - bldg restructure (vacancy)	-1.00	-15000				
Head Teacher Stipends - bldg restructure		-5000				
.50 EI Lit Teacher	-0.50	-30000				
Transportation Salaries level fund		-75000				
Professional Development move to grants		-25000				
Professional Improvement reduce		-71250				
Athletics Coaching level fund		-38472				
Sped tutors use ARRA funds		-25000				
HS Clubs - self supporting		-30000				
HS Guidance reduce due to LOA		-25000				
Salary Reserve		-45000				

The following remarks were offered in response to the FY11 budget:

- There must be a formal plan for building usage (Mr. Wood & Mr. Bevilacqua);
- Dr. Buchanan indicated that a recommendation on school facilities would be forthcoming in the next few weeks;
- Mr. Dill should attend a future meeting (Mr. Wood);
- Medicaid should not be used to balance the budget (Ms. Kosmes);
- Reduction in personal days by employees (Ms. Kosmes);
- RFP for Smiley School (Mr. Bevilacqua);

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- Budget is a plan based on assumptions (Attorney Magliocchetti);
- This is a terrible situation – the reality is we do not have the money (Mrs. Danehy);
- Enrollments are flat – not increasing (Ms. Kosmes);
- Stadium Groundskeeper should not be eliminated or outsourced due to the number of events at the (Mr. Shanahan, former Athletic Director);
- Meals tax will provide some needed revenue (Mayor Fiorentini);
- Building Efficiency – reduction in facilities provides savings (Dr. Buchanan);

Mrs. Danehy left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to remove Crowell School from consideration as a budget reduction.

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

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

Motion passes by a 4-2 vote.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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