

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2010

This meeting was recorded.

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Mr. Shaun Toohey, President; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Vice President; Mrs. Susan Danehy; Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Mrs. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction..

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Carol Ireland, HHS, co-advisor for the Violence Intervention Prevention (VIP) Team, with the assistance of two students presented to the committee a video recorded this summer on bullying.

Ginger Iola, Health and Education teacher, updated members on what they are doing in physical education and the health program this year.

Communication and Reports

Student Advisory Council Report – Tim Danehy

Tim Danehy thanked the city departments who made the bon fire a success and gave an overview of spirit week.

MCAS Report – Mrs. Malone

Mrs. Malone presented her third report on MCAS focusing on the following:

- Proficiency for All Students by 2014; where do we stand as a district?
- Grade 3 & 4 - Tilton, Bradford, Pentucket Lake, and Golden Hill Elementary ELA
- Grade 3 & 4 - Tilton Elementary, Bradford Elementary, Golden Hill Elementary, and Pentucket Lake Elementary Mathematics
- Grade 5, ELA Open Response for Bradford, Whittier, Consentino and Nettle
- Grade 5, Mathematics Open Response for Bradford, Whittier, Consentino, and Nettle
- Grade 5, Mathematics Short Answer for Bradford, Whittier, Consentino, and Nettle
- Grade 6, 7, & 8 ELA Open Response for Whittier, Nettle, Consentino, and Hunking
- Grade 6, 7, & 8 Mathematics Open Response for Whittier, Nettle, Consentino and Hunking
- Grade 6, 7, & 8 Math Short Answer for Whittier, Nettle, Consentino and Hunking
- Grade 7 ELA Composition for Whittier, Nettle, Consentino and Hunking
- Grade 10 Open Response Mathematics, Open Response ELA, Short Answer Mathematics, and ELA Composition

Subcommittee Reports

No reports were presented at this time.

School Committee Communications

Mr. Toohey

MASC Voting Delegate

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to nominate Mr. Toohey as the MASC Delegate and Mr. Sierpina as the alternate. A verbal vote indicated all in favor noting Mr. Wood was recorded as absent.

Motion passes

Approved 10.28.10

Attorney Magliocchetti & Mr. Wood

Conduct of Student Athletes

Members discussed the conduct of students at school sponsored events, using different standards for different students, actions of the administration, looking into a policy that would be standardized for said offenses, and the need to look into regulations to see if they are consistent with other policies.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to refer this item to the policy subcommittee. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Attorney Magliocchetti

School Committee Conduct

Mr. Wood reported on the policy subcommittee meeting. Different options were discussed for the handbook relative to member conduct and their role during meetings. Once finalized, the policy will be brought forward for approval.

Middle School Band – Introduction of Middle School Band Director & Program Overview

Arthur Bakopolus, newly appointed director, gave a brief synopsis of his background and what his program consists of relative to instrument instruction in the middle schools.

Dress Code – Principals, teachers and students

Attorney Magliocchetti discussed his handout which included conflicting research on the impact on student achievement relative to uniforms and/or dress codes. Members agreed on more uniformity on what students are wearing and suggested referring it to the Superintendent to ask him to make a recommendation back to the committee and be in correlation with the policy and high school student handbook. It was the consensus of members to have a stricter or tighter dress code for all schools.

Athletic Department Budget

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table this item to the next meeting. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

Mr. Sierpina

Status of Cleanliness of All School Buildings

Mr. Scully reported the schools are much cleaner and is putting a full court press on problem areas and is not letting this issue die. Mr. Sierpina requested of the Superintendent to check on a bathroom in the high school A wing.

STEM – Race to the Top Article/Questions

Mr. Sierpina referenced an article which gave an outline of what the four to five year proposals would be. Mr. Scully stated once the plan is written it will have portions of the STEM plan that will go forward for the next four years. It will be submitted to members once it is submitted to the state. Once things are formulated, they will be brought back to the members.

Nurse Leader Position Status

Mr. Sierpina questioned the status of the Nurse Leader Position. Ms. Kosmes indicated the position has been posted and hopefully within the next two to three weeks they will have a nurse leader in place. It was noted that this position will now be a Supervisor of Health and Nursing with a change in job description duties.

Special Education Update – “Quarterback” vs. Lead Teachers

Mr. Scully stated the increase in demands of sped at the high school. The savings in hearings will more than cover the cost of this person. This is an issue in addition to state reporting that needs to be addressed.

St. James Lease – Status Report

Ms. Kosmes stated they are into the lease until June 3, 2012.

Status of Application for School Building Fix

Ms. Kosmes has submitted the application for six buildings. The request was approved through City Council and the application filed. Upon notification of being selected, this will come back to the school committee for approval and then go to the city council for final approval agreeing to pay the difference 28%.

Staff Visit to South Lawrence East Elementary School – An Overview

Mr. Scully has been sending staff to meet with Mary Toomey in Lawrence whose school has raised scores up tremendously. A gain of the visit was a data wall. All primary schools are mirror imaging this which will drill down to the classroom. Mrs. Malone is now arranging for a meeting at a Lowell middle school.

New Business

Approval of Warrant Number EV20101015 totaling \$415,116.49 AND Warrant Number EV20101022 totaling \$13,411.74.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the warrants. A verbal vote indicated all in favor with Mr. Bevilacqua abstaining.

Approval of the consultant contract(s) as indicated in the agenda material:

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts	\$3,300.00
Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts	\$6,600.00
YMCA of the North Shore	\$3,612.00
YMCA of the North Shore	\$9,608.00
Haverhill Historical Society	\$2,070.00
All grant-funded	

Approval of declare surplus as indicated in the agenda material.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Items B and C. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Approval of the field trip request(s):

- Radka Meader, HHS, Grade 12, 12/4-12/5, New York City, \$300
- Zachery Simmons, HHS, Grades 11-12, October 23-24, Camp Hi-Rock, zero cost
- Joseph Gori, HHS, Grades 9-12, 4/15-4/19, Orlando, Florida, \$1,300
- Zachery Simmons, HHS, Grades 11-12, July 11-22, 2011, Costa Rica, \$3,700 (before fundraising)

Approved 10.28.10

Mr. Bevilacqua requested additional bids for the Costa Rica trip which costs \$3,700 at this time versus waiving the bid requirement. Mr. Scully will bring this back to the committee.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table the Costa Rica field trip. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the remaining field trips. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua at 9:48 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

List of Documents:

School Committee Agenda; Attorney Magliocchetti's Agenda Item Memo; Mr. Sierpina's Agenda Item; Warrants; Surplus Memos; Consultant Contracts; Field Trip Request forms

Documents distributed at meeting:

Mrs. Malone – MCAS report