

Haverhill School Committee  
Public Hearing on FY12 Budget/Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2011

*This meeting was recorded*

Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Shaun Toohey; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Raymond Sierpina;; Mr. Scott Wood; 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 James J. Fiorentini, Chairperson (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Mrs. Susan Danehy, Vice President were recorded absent.

The Superintendent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Business.**

Approval of Warrant Number EV20110610 totaling \$520,169.83.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the warrant.

A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

**Items by Consensus.**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following items by consensus:

- field trip request(s):
  - A. Diskin, HHS, Grade 10-12, June 19-29, 2010, Italy, \$2,587
- the use of facilities:
  - Requested by Derek Davoli of the Riverside Bradford for the use of the Hunking School Bathrooms on Saturday June 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for a Road Race. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: Waived; Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour; Rental Fee: \$ Waived*
  - Requested by Robert Laprel and Brendon Laprel of the Robert C. Laprel Scholarship for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Sunday September 25, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 for a Road Race. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour; Rental Fee: \$ Waived*
  - Requested by Vincent Ouellette of the Haverhill Recreation for the use of the Haverhill High School one Classroom and the Gym on July 5<sup>th</sup> thru August 12, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Haverhill Recreation Day Camp. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 per day; Rental Fee: \$ Waived*
  - Requested by Jenifer Murphy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Human Resource Division for the use of Consentino School Saturday September 24, 2011 for Military Make-up Civil Service exam. October 15, 2011 for Police Promotional Civil Service exam. November 19, 2011 for Fire Promotional exam from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour; Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 (weekend rate) per hour (2); Rental Fee: \$ 30.00 per classroom per event*
- the legal bill for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$963.04

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

Approved as revised 10.13.11

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

Motion passes.

### **Update on FY12 Budget.**

Mr. Scully noted that due to the increases in healthcare costs (9%) stipulated by Mayor Fiorentini all new initiatives contained in the FY12 budget were on hold; for example city-wide all day tuition-free kindergarten program. He noted that if additional funds become available this program would be the first priority. The Superintendent stated that the budget presented (\$80,919,595) was balanced with the initiatives removed.

Mr. Sierpina asked for the additional amount needed to provide all day kindergarten. Superintendent Scully replied \$500,000.

Mayor Fiorentini took over as chair of the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Wood noted that the budget presented included reduced user fees; lower class sizes and retaining of school resource officers.

Mr. Scully emphasized that the district/city would not be incurring unemployment costs as in past and that by June 10-15, 2011 all staff assignments will be made.

Mr. Wood noted that this budget would positively affect academic achievement.

Attorney Magliocchetti stated that it was critical for the district to all-day kindergarten since it was a program that "pays back in the future". He related that he was pleased that a band program was being reinstituted.

Mr. Toohey commented that the budget presented was fiscally prudent and stabilized the district; in addition it reduced class size. He was disappointed that the all-day kindergarten program could not be funded but hoped that other sources of revenue such as meals tax proceeds might allow for this program to be implemented.

Mayor Fiorentini outlined that the 9% increase was in order to maintain an adequate trust fund balance.

Mr. Bevilacqua noted that he and the superintendent spoke daily on the budget and that the focus was on student achievement; stabilizing class size; address student fees and the development of band feeder system. In addition, he had conferred with Representative Dempsey regarding the state budget developments. President Bevilacqua related that if additional funding becomes available items could be added back.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the FY12 school budget in the amount of \$80,919,596 as presented with add-ons as discussed.

### **Public Comment on FY12 Budget.**

No comments.

Approved as revised 10.13.11

A roll call vote was held on the FY12 budget and the results were the following:

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

It was announced that there was no need for a meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>; therefore the meeting would be canceled.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey at 7:35 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations. A roll call vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

### *List of Documents:*

*School Committee Agenda; Warrant Number EV20110610; field trip request from Haverhill High School; Use of Facilities; Legal Bill from Attorney Grunebaum*

*Distributed at meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup> memorandum from Superintendent regarding FY12 budget; along with supporting documents*