

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of January 27, 2011

This meeting was recorded

Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Mr. Shaun Toohey (left at 7:50 p.m.); Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mrs. Susan Danehy, Vice President; 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 Fiorentini, Chairperson was recorded as absent.

Tim Danehy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to suspend the rules to discuss the Superintendent's contract. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

Attorney Magliocchetti reviewed the negotiations of the Superintendent's contract indicating they have agreed to terms with the Superintendent. Mr. Scully has waived the annuity and wellness stipend. They have incorporated a merit bonus based on MCAS performance in the district.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the contract between the Haverhill School Committee and Mr. Scully.

Mr. Scully indicated the official start date is July 1 with the same end date.

A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

Mr. Bevilacqua and Mr. Scully will sign the contract at the conclusion of this meeting.

Student Advisory Council Report – Timothy Danehy

Tim indicated the following:

- coffee house was a huge success with another in March
- girls basketball team qualified for states
- grades close this Friday with report cards issued next week
- student council placing picnic tables outside the library for students' lunch
- winter sports are coming to an end
- user fees due this past Wednesday

Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Approved 03.10.11

Weekly meetings are being held dealing with high school issues or pods and enhancing the course of studies.

Principals are meeting to review school configuration and building usage throughout the city and how to incorporate the all day kindergarten concept without a financial burden to the city. A financial analysis has been done on St. James School and would not realize or capture the reimbursable amount if located to another area. This location is currently working for the school system.

Update from Haverhill High School – Mr. Nangle – postponed until 2.10.11

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

Common Core – Mrs. Malone

RTTT Review – Mrs. Malone

Mrs. Malone provided members with a copy of the common core standards. These frameworks have been merged with the Massachusetts standards. They are posted on the website for staff and parents and the process of professional development with the staff will begin on March 4th. All curricula will be aligned by end of the school year 2012-2013. Mrs. Malone indicated all states have been augmented with 2.5% in ELA and 4% in Mathematics. The grant writing for the RTTP will begin this summer for years three and four.

FY12 Budget Update – Ms. Kosmes

Ms. Kosmes presented preliminary numbers which will give them a track from funds from the state and local sources reflecting a deficit of \$185,327 or basically level funding. This does not factor in grants lost through stimulus funds and where we can redeploy funds. Grants are very specific as to what programs they can be used towards. This is strictly a funding update. Mr. Bevilacqua has requested of the state representatives to come forward once they are aware of funding.

Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Toohey commented on the public forums with issues discussed with Mr. Scully on curriculum and maintenance. Mrs. Danehy asked the public to email their thoughts to Mr. Scully as to what they would like to see the superintendent focus on in year one and the next three years, what do you see as positives and negatives, and to give them an idea where you would like to see where resources should be.

Mr. Bevilacqua indicated he has provided a new committee structure and assignments to members.

School Committee Communications

Mr. Bevilacqua

Identification for Kindergarten & First Graders at Bus Stop

Mr. Bevilacqua indicated several bus drivers have informed him of students who do not have identification on them and are unaware of their addresses. He asked Mr. Scully to meet with the appropriate individuals to provide identification for those students. Attorney Magliocchetti referenced the current policy and to bring the bus drivers up to date on said policy.

Whittier Regional Committee Representative

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to appoint Mr. Toohey as the Whittier Regional Committee Representative for the one-year term to end December 31, 2011. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

Approved 03.10.11

Attorney Magliocchetti

Scholarships available to Haverhill students

Attorney Magliocchetti stated the Guidance Department has the available information for parents. Mr. Scully reviewed the packet document and is in the process of coordinating the scholarships which are available to students. This list is available on the webpage with a new webpage rolled out in two weeks.

Curriculum Development

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced the K – 12 Curriculum and the Classical Academy at the high school. Mr. Scully stated the K -12 staff will be ready by February 15th. Problems are in the Classical Academy with other subjects. They are generally all set to begin in February and are working on staffing and curriculum alignment. Mr. Scully stated they are adding a Pupil Personnel Services Director on the same level as the Special Needs area. They are combining some of the requests into one position. The only cost would be one administrator who will be supervising all pupil services.

Building Maintenance Update

Ms. Kosmes met with Mr. Dill this week to review all work orders. An updated report will be forwarded to members. As of today there are 78 outstanding work orders with 28 being repaired but staying on the work order as a reminder, 12 are roofing issues, 12 work orders for plumbing issues, 7 are waiting for parts or a contractor, 10 are ballasts that need to be replaced, 1 being the high school roof which stays on until closed out. Mr. Dill plans to return in February with an update. Attorney Magliocchetti indicated they still don't have a clear idea of the maintenance issues of what is being fixed and what isn't and where our dollars are going. This problem needs to be resolved. Mr. Wood indicated the Superintendent supervises the maintenance department. He asked for the Superintendent to take charge of the situation and department. Mr. Scully stated he has divided services and delegated them under Mrs. Malone and Ms. Kosmes and will make sure he will have the answers for the next meeting.

Mr. Sierpina

MAP Testing – Grade levels, subjects tested, results, Accountability

Greenleaf Computer Lab

Mr. Sierpina indicated MAP testing is for students in Grades 2 – 5 three times per year. Mrs. Malone stated these diagnostic tests depend on the computers available. Greenleaf students use the Hunking computer lab. Students at Walnut Square go to J. G. Whittier and Crowell go to Golden Hill. He indicated some buildings have outdated equipment and asked if Greenleaf can acquire computers so they don't have to travel. Mr. Scully stated they are trying to fast track this get a lab or mini lab at these schools and be fiscally responsible. A discussion was held as to students doing their work from their home computer.

Entrances/Exits to our "newer schools"

Mr. Sierpina expressed concern as to the one lane access to the Golden Hill School and questioned a second egress to the building. Mr. Scully was directed to contact the Mayor and Public Works to address this problem.

School Nurse Leader Update

Mr. Sierpina questioned if a new organization for the nurses has been implemented. Mr. Scully stated they are currently working on this with adequate services until issues are resolved.

Status of Custodial Reorganization

Approved 03.10.11

Mr. Sierpina questioned the custodial reorganization. Mr. Scully stated it is going well and there is a need for someone to coordinate custodial activities, to increase the evaluation and hold people accountable.

New Business:

Items by Consensus:

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2011;

Approval of the legal bill for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$1,602.32;

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded Mrs. Danehy to approve the Items 5 A & 5B. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

The Superintendent and Mr. Bevilacqua entered into the contract signing.

A ten minute recess was held at 8:40 p.m. to clarify the warrant figures.

Approval of Warrant Number EV20110128 totaling \$678,302.17

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the warrant totaling \$675,487.04 (includes the deduction for Maroney of \$2,815.13). A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

Executive Session/ Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

List of Documents:

School Committee Agenda; Email from Joseph Bevilacqua regarding agenda item; Letter from Superintendent-Director DeRosa regarding Whittier Regional School Committee; Email from Paul Magliocchetti regarding agenda items; Haverhill School Committee Scholarship Press Release 2010 along with High School Scholarship Listing; Emails from Raymond Sierpina regarding agenda items; Warrant Number EV20110128; School Committee Minutes of the January 13, 2011; Legal Bills from Attorney Grunebaum

Documents distributed at meeting:

Common Core Standards – Mrs. Malone

Approved 03.10.11

Budget Update – Ms. Kosmes