

Haverhill School Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.

Mayor James J. Fiorentini opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mrs. Susan Danehy, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua and Ms. Kosmes were recorded as absent.

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Ms. Kosmes' mother Mary who passed away.

Public Participation

Members of the Hunking School parents and PTO made the committee aware of the day to day occurrences at the school. They also informed members that there is no Library which is now a classroom, music is held in the classroom with no resources, band practice is held in the café and the music room is now a special ed room, the loss of thirty minutes travel time between Hunking and Hunking North adding up to 10 hours per week, the relocation of staff members, the Hunking roof unable to bear snow, the disruption to learning, the shoring up of the building, and what the steps are to address the short and long term crisis. They emphasized the social and emotional impact on the students as well as the educational impact and questioned what is going to happen next year and the next three years.

Members agreed to suspend rules for the Superintendent to address Hunking.

Status Report on Hunking School

The Superintendent has met with the Engineer and is anticipating a report from him tomorrow as well as reports from the Department of Public Health by next week. They are on target on what they are doing. Once the reports are received and if all falls in line by the end of next week with meetings, their intention is to suggest shoring the building up, scrubbing the building, and returning the students from Hunking North once completed. The Superintendent indicated they are unsure if they will wait until school is out to do the work so not to disrupt the students. The work would be completed by August 1 and have the building ready by August 20th.

Members expressed their concerns on testing the students at Bartlett, shoring up the building and the length of time it will last, building a new school, the psychological and emotional impact on students, looking into portable classrooms. The Superintendent indicated that the bidding process for the portable classrooms would take four or five months whereas the shoring up of the building can be done during summer vacation. Some work will be done during February vacation.

The Mayor indicated hearing tomorrow or Monday if they are to receive state assistance to build a new school. He asked parents to band together when its time to go before the City Council to ask for the funding. The Superintendent will have his recommendation in the next few days. This item will be put on the next agenda.

Mr. Wood asked to suspend the rules to discuss the high school fund raiser. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

The high school senior class is holding a fund raiser to offset senior costs. Thirteen staff members have agreed to participate. The member receiving the most money in his jug will have his head shaved. Donations are being accepted until February 3rd.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Meserve

Jillian was not in attendance.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

Classroom Visitations

The Superintendent has visited all classrooms prior to the holidays and noted the academic improvement and how they are relooking at learning. They are making sure all students are engaged and Teachers are stepping up and making sure students' needs are being identified and addressed.

Personnel Actions

The Superintendent referenced the information in their packet.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports at this time.

School Committee Communications

Mrs. Danehy

Subcommittee Assignments

Mrs. Danehy referenced the recommended assignments and asked to add Hunking School to the list.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to add Hunking School as a sub-committee group.

Discussion was held as to the entire committee attending the meeting which are usually at short notice and unable to be properly posted. It was recommended to appoint a liaison. Mrs. Danehy withdrew her motion.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to appoint a Liaison to Hunking School. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy to suspend the reading of the subcommittee appointments. A verbal vote indicated all in favor to waive the reading.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to suspend the rules to the Whittier VoTech representative. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy to remove this item from the table. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to nominate Shaun Toohey as the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Representative. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Attorney Magliocchetti

Parent Participation

Attorney Magliocchetti questioned what current laws we have on what they can do legally to get parents involved with their students and what we are doing to make sure the laws are complied with. Mr. Scully will have all principals respond with a list and bring it forward. Attorney Magliocchetti would like this put on a future agenda on how to increase parent participation.

HPS Policy Manual

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated that now the strategic plan is complete he would like to work on the policy manual to make sure they have proper policies in place.

Title I Programs – What are they and which schools benefit?

Attorney Magliocchetti questioned the programs held before and after school, asked what schools are involved and any issues revolving around the Title I program. Mr. Scully will prepare the information for the next meeting.

Whittier School Gym

Attorney Magliocchetti questioned the poor condition and requested a timeframe for painting and floor repair to the gym. Mr. Scully will have the information for the next meeting.

Mr. Sierpina

Hunking Update

This item was previously discussed.

Recycling in our school cafeterias

Mr. Sierpina has contacted the cafeteria department and reviewed what they are recycling. They are looking towards more paper and food recyclables. He would like to continue focusing on this and green schools.

New Business:

Approval of Warrant Number EV20120127 totaling \$683,266.46 and Warrant Number JE20120127 totaling \$104.24

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Warrant JE20120127 totaling \$683,266.46. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Warrant JE20120127 totaling \$104.24. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus:

Approval of the field trip request(s):

- Genevieve Torrisi, Whittier Middle, Grade 8, June 4-8, 2012, Washington DC, Gettysburg PA, \$780

Approval of Use of Facilities

- Requested by Christopher Bochetti of the Haverhill P.A.L. for the use of the Whittier Middle School on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Soccer. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived* ; Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 weekend rate; Rental Fee: \$ Waived*
- Requested by Julie Strumpfeler of the Brookridge Community Church for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday, April 7, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Community Egg Hunt. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived * ; Custodial Fee; \$ 45.00 weekend rate; Rental Fee: \$ Waived *

*Fee waived Haverhill Students 100 %

Approval of legal bills for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$3,515.50

Mr. Wood asked to withdraw Item B.

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

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

Approved 03.08.12

Mrs. Danehy

Yes

Mayor Fiorentini

Yes

Motion passes.

Mr. Wood asked to send the Use of Facilities to the Policy subcommittee for clarification.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to have the Policy subcommittee review the Use of Facilities policy. A verbal vote indicated all in favor

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve Item B Use of Facilities. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina

Yes

Mr. Toohey

Yes

Mr. Wood

Yes

Attorney Magliocchetti

Yes

Mrs. Danehy

Yes

Mayor Fiorentini

Yes

Motion passes.

Send use of facilities to policy to set criteria to waive fees source of revenue

Executive Session/Adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Personnel Actions; Email from Mrs. Danehy regarding School Committee Subcommittee Assignments; Agenda Request from Attorney Magliocchetti; Agenda Items from Mr. Sierpina; Warrant Number EV20120127 & Warrant Number JE 20120127; Field Trip Request; Use of Facilities; Legal Bills from Attorney David Grunebaum