

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mr. Shaun Toohey; Mr. Scott Wood; Mrs. Susan Danehy, Vice President; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President; Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Mary Malone Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction and Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance.

The members and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

Public Participation.

Mrs. Kelly Valakatgis, President of HPSOS spoke about the conditions at Hunking Middle School.

Andrew Valakatgis, Daniel McLaughlin, Brad McLaughlin, students from Hunking Middle School spoke about the adverse environmental conditions at their school.

Mr. Gene Zylkuski, former candidate for Haverhill School Committee congratulated the members who had been re-elected. He made a statement about the school committee election campaign and his continued involvement and interest in the educational system of the Haverhill Public Schools.

Mr. Bill McArthur spoke about the 1999 Nesdec Report and its determination regarding facilities. He urged the committee to focus on all facility issues, not just the Hunking School. Mr. McArthur also urged the committee to develop long-range Master Plan for the district and the city.

Attorney Magliocchetti provided some remarks based on the public comment. He related that as parent he was out in the district getting feedback. Attorney Magliocchetti thanked all who spoke at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Bevilacqua commended the students for their observations.

Mrs. Danehy thanked all present for their continued involvement in promoting education in Haverhill.

Mr. Sierpina related that both he and Attorney Magliocchetti were working on a Strategic Plan for the system and that a public meeting would be held on November 30th regarding this topic.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that it was incumbent upon the Committee to provide students with a good and safe learning environment.

The Mayor apologized but due to a City Council budget meeting in the next office, he was leaving the meeting at this time. Mayor Fiorentini left at 7:40 p.m.

President Joseph Bevilacqua assumed the role of Chair at this time.

Communication and Reports.

Jillian Meserve presented her report. She stated that the Student Council was looking to establish a meeting date with the members of the school committee regarding the lunch price issue.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

Mr. Scully announced a \$25,000 donation for athletic programs at Haverhill High School. He related that this donation will be a stimulus for more private donations; all donations will be placed in a separate account for the benefit of students.

The Superintendent announced the facility improvements at Haverhill High School courtesy of Covanta Energy. He also informed the committee of lighting and signage improvements.

Superintendent Scully also announced through the collaboration with the Haverhill Recreation Department and Covanta Energy the installation of playground equipment at Consentino School which now houses grades K-8.

Mr. Scully noted an item has been missed on the agenda regarding maintenance transfers. He asked the committee to authorize a transfer of funds from maintenance services to maintenance salaries in the amount of \$20,000 to fund the supervisor and coordinator's positions.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to suspend the rules to discuss the maintenance department transfers.

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

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the maintenance transfer as proposed by Superintendent Scully.

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

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

Motion passes

Mr. Scully related increased programming on Channel 10.

Mr. Scully related that the Department of Education was pleased with our incremental gains in MCAS efforts.

The Superintendent noted that Haverhill and Whittier Regional were collaborating on assisting students in their transition to the vocational school.

Subcommittee Reports.

Attorney Magliocchetti related a public meeting had been held on November 9th on the Strategic Plan. He announced the next meeting will be held on November 30th.

He also stated that the subcommittee on lunch prices had not met with the students yet (the students had to cancel due to a school commitment), but they had been provided with the material they had requested.

The lunch price agenda item will remain on the table.

School Committee Communications.

Mr. Bevilacqua recommended that Mr. Toohey be re-appointed to the Whittier Regional School Committee.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to appoint Shaun Toohey to the Whittier Regional School Committee.

Mr. Wood noted that the appointment should be made by the new president in January. Both Attorney Magliocchetti and Mr. Sierpina concurred with Mr. Wood.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to table the Whittier Regional appointment until January.

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

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

Motion passes

Mr. Bevilacqua reported on a recent meeting he attended with the Governor and other state educational officials regarding the Governor's Education Agenda. Discussion ensued among the members regarding his report.

In relation to the Status of Hunking School/Status of Notice of Intent; Mr. Bevilacqua noted that he had discussions with State Treasurer Grossman, former Executive Director of MSBA Katherine Craven, Senator Baddour and Representative Dempsey regarding this school. He related that the district must file a Statement of Interest before the state can begin discussions. Mr. Bevilacqua stated that the Green Repair Project not be used at the Hunking School. He reported that daily discussions were being held by himself and the superintendent and that the school committee had voted to approve the filing of the SOI in time for the January 2012 deadline.

Mr. Bevilacqua reported that it appeared in FY13 (Golden Hill & Silver Hill) will be paid off; he noted that this was potentially an opportunity to utilize these funds.

Mrs. Danehy attended the SBA break-out session at the MASC Conference last week. She noted that the MSBA might be able to assist with community outreach. Mrs. Danehy related that transparency and continuing information be provided to the community at large to keep them educated about this potential project.

Mayor Fiorentini returned to the meeting at 8:05 a.m. and resumed chairing the meeting.

Mrs. Danehy provided a written report on her attendance at the MASC Conference which was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Sierpina asked if some of our schools are used as shelters. Mayor Fiorentini noted that the high school could be used as a shelter.

Mr. Scully will find out which schools might be shelters.

Mr. Sierpina asked about electricity issues with "No School Information".

Mr. Sierpina asked about the waiver for NCLB Act. He asked what they are asking to waiver.

Mr. Scully stated that the 2014 federal mandate. Mr. Scully related that the district did have some Level 3 schools but that as he previously noted are scores have improved incrementally.

New Business.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV2011111 totaling \$577,317.09; Warrant Number JE20111118 totaling \$14,179.01 and Warrant Number EV20111118 totaling \$915,000.33 as indicated in the agenda material.

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

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus.

The following were listed under Items by Consensus:

6 A – Field Trips:

- Bradford Elementary School & Hunking Middle School (Matthew Castonguay), Grades 4-8 to attend the AAU National Cross Country Championships in Orlando, Florida from December 2-5, 2011.
- Bradford Elementary School & Hunking Middle School (Matthew Castonguay), Grades 4-8 to attend the USA Track and Field National Cross Country Championships from December 8-11, 2011.

6 C – Use of Facilities:

Requested by Michael MacDonald of the Chang's Taekwando for the use of the Hunking School on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Black Belt Testing.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

Requested by Bob D'Urso of the Haverhill Shoemakers (AAU Baseball) for the use of the Consentino School on Monday from January 9, 2012 to April 9, 2012 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Baseball Practice

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Consentino School on Monday and Wednesday from November 21, 2011 thru January 25, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Nettle School on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from November 16, 2011 thru January 27, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Nettle School on Saturday, November 12, 2012 thru January 29, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Whittier School on Tuesday and Thursday from November 15, 2011 thru January 26, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

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Requested by Diane Fasulo of the Stars Special Olympics for the use of the Consentino School on Tuesday from November 22, 2011 thru March 3, 2012 for Basketball Practice for the Special Olympics.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ Waived

6 D – Minutes:

- Emergency Meeting of October 8, 2011 and Special Meeting of June 17, 2011

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the items by consensus 6 A, C, & D as indicated in the agenda material:

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

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

Motion passes

Mr. Wood asked for justification regarding paying for outside legal counsel on this matter and asked for a recommendation from Attorney Cox.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to ask Attorney Cox to handle the appeal.

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

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

Motion passes

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table 6 B – Legal Bills from Rosen Law Office, P.C. as indicated in the agenda material.

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

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

Motion passes

Mr. Scully noted there may be a need for a special meeting regarding the Statement of Interest for the Hunking School.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to go into executive session (8:22 p.m.) for the purposes of negotiations; the committee will return to open session only for the purposes of adjournment.

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

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

Motion passes