

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011

*This meeting was recorded.*

Mayor Fiorentini, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President; Mr. Shaun Toohey; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; 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. Mr. Scott Wood was recorded absent.

Tim Danehy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:**

Mayor Fiorentini introduced Tom O'Brien, the new Athletic Director. Mr. O'Brien spoke briefly on moving the athletic program in the right direction.

**Communication and Reports:**

**Student Advisory Council Report – Timothy Danehy.**

Tim gave an update of the following high school events: Senior class hypnotist night, Coffee house at library March 8, senior class dodge ball tournament March 18 Model UN at high school at Lowell and New York on March 9-12 with a fundraiser, Spanish Club participating in teddy bears for Valentines Day, Poetry competition in library on Monday, and asked seniors to complete scholarship information

**Superintendent's Comments/Reports:**

Mr. Scully informed members of the newest high school Assistant Principal, Kristen Fleming; Michael Buckout representing the high school at the All States in Choral; the Boston Globe Gold Key Award recipient and students recognized in art and photography; Greenleaf pennies for patients drive; a Grant received for robotics from NASA; and the remarkable achievement of the Golden Hill student benchmark percentages.

**Update from Haverhill High School – Mr. Nangle.**

Mr. Nangle reviewed what was new at the high school and the initiatives that will be implemented for the early college program for tenth graders, summer school at NECC, ninth grade transitional program, classical academy, working with UMass Lowell and Whittier VoTech by utilizing all resources. Mr. Nangle will return with the program of studies.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated a Strategic Planning meeting was held with Mr. Sierpina and Mrs. Malone which is coming to a conclusion soon and include the RTT requirement.

Mr. Bevilacqua informed members he and Mr. Toohey with the Superintendent will be touring the school beginning in the spring with an interest in student safety.

**School Committee Communications.**

**Attorney Magliocchetti**

**Reading at Grade Level**

A discussion was held on increasing student benchmarks and monitoring students to get to grade level by the third grade. They are focusing on pinpointing where the teacher is having a problem and putting grant dollars to aid in this area. The grant will assist reading recovery coaches in different academic programs with initiative to get them in sync.

Mr. Bevilacqua recused himself for the next item.

**Stadium Commission Update**

Attorney Magliocchetti and the City Council subcommittee are working on finalizing an updated ordinance review by the Mayor and City Solicitor. It will include how membership is constituted, the position of groundskeeper and how it is funded based on use by the City and the School Department. An RFP has gone out to sell the naming rights to the stadium and not on the field.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to allow the RFP to be amended to name the stadium and not the field. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion fails for lack of majority vote.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mayor Fiorentini to move for reconsideration. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to table this item to the next meeting. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Mr. Bevilacqua returned at this time.

**Mr. Sierpina**

**Our Legislative Bulletin**

Mr. Sierpina questioned the cuts from the house budget. Ms. Kosmes reviewed the process indicating we will not have final numbers until August. They will have Senate numbers in April. Preliminary data and recommendations should be available in two to three weeks. The

Governor's budget has increased education with a local aid cut amounting to \$600,000 for the city.

Condition of our Flat Roofs

Mr. Scully discussed the status of the Hunking and Whittier roofs seeing no real damage by a structural engineer. The DPW has provided equipment to clear the hot spots and exit doors with crews still working on drifting and freeze ups. Snow removal is ongoing.

Winter School Bussing

A discussion was held on the traffic condition to Golden Hill. Mr. Scully stated they are putting a plan in place for movement around the cars and busses keeping in mind the pathway for walkers.

**Old Business:**

Discussion and Approval of Payment to Francis H. Maroney in the amount of \$2,815.13 (tabled at the 01.27.11 meeting).

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to review the payment to Maroney. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Members reviewed the 2008 invoices.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to pay the Maroney bills subject to the city auditor double checking payment.

It was asked to take each bill separately. Mrs. Danehy withdrew her motion.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Invoice 21134 for \$250.18 in conjunction with auditor's verification of non payment. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Invoice 10274 for \$1,657.92 in conjunction with auditor's verification of non payment.. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Approved 10.13.11

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to table Invoice 11621 for further clarification. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Scholarships available to Haverhill students – Attorney Magliocchetti.

Mr. Scully reviewed the documents clarifying what and where scholarships are available to students and indicating the dollar values including where they are available. Students are encouraged to be considered for the funds which are managed by the City Treasurer.

Building Maintenance Update – Attorney Magliocchetti.

A current work order list was presented indicating cleaned up and closed out orders. Mr. Dill is working with Ms. Kosmes to obtain clerical assistance with updating the paperwork in a timelier manner. They are working on a better organizational plan for the custodians, which will be forthcoming. Mr. Dill indicated they use our personnel for maintenance and most of the city work is done by outside contractors which are reflected in the invoices. Mr. Dill's qualifications were discussed and what the department needs to run more efficient.

**New Business:**

Approval of Warrant Number EV20110211 totaling \$310,403.84

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to approve the warrant totaling \$310,403.84. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

Atty. Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mrs. Bevilacqua	Abstained	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

Motion passes

**Items by Consensus:**

that the following items be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances (see attachment)

approval of the Use of Facilities:

- Requested by Steven Gibbs/Amanda Cassela (non-profit) of the AAU Hoop Mountain Basketball for the use of the Whittier Middle School on March 14, 2011 thru May 26, 2011 on Tuesday and Thursday Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. thru 9:00 p.m. for Youth Basketball practice. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee:\$ 45.00 (weekend rate); Rental Fee: \$ Waived.
- Requested by Colin LePage (non-profit) of the Riverside-Bradford Baseball for the use of the Consentino School on March 5, 2011 and March 6, 2011 Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. for Baseball Registration. Process Fee:\$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$Waived; Custodial Fee:\$ 45.00 (weekday rate); Rental Fee: \$ Waived

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded Mr. Toohey to approve the Items by Consensus. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Approved 10.13.11

Motion passes

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded Mr. Toohey to approve the use of facilities. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

**Executive Session/ Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

*List of Documents:*

*School Committee Agenda; Email from Paul Magliocchetti regarding agenda items; Email from Raymond Sierpina regarding agenda items; Memo from Kara Kosmes regarding Francis H. Maroney Bill; Updated High School Scholarship Information from Beth Kitsos, Associate Principal; Warrant Number EV20110211; Memo from Principal Dianne Connolly regarding surplus material; Use of Facilities; Work Order Report as of February 4, 2011*

Documents distributed at meeting:

Mr. Scully – K – 3 percentage benchmarks in reading