

Haverhill School Committee
Regular Meeting of April 14, 2011

This meeting was recorded

Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Present were: Mr. Shaun Toohey; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mrs. Susan Danehy, Vice President; Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and Mrs. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Mayor Fiorentini, Chairperson (arrived at 8:08 p.m.). Attorney Paul Magliocchetti and Mr. Scott Wood were recorded as absent.

High school students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation.

Performers from the recent high school play "Beauty and the Beast" performed a selection of songs from the production.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Timothy Danehy.

Tim indicated the pool locker rooms are being painted, the Junior Social is May 15, the Model UN participated in the Lowell debate, students have left for the Greece trip, and seniors have 23 school days remaining to graduation.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent has circulated the proposed calendar. The city has changed the final election date from November 1 to November 8.

The Robotics Team has won a competition at UMass Lowell and has been invited to participate in the Global Conference in California with a cost of \$12,000. They are in receipt of a check for \$10,000 from the Strategic Education Research Partnership Institute to defray costs; the remaining cost will be raised by students. New computers have been purchased for the team.

NEASC

The NEASC report is a success and they are currently digesting the information. They are working on the issues such as updating technology. The report highlighted the cleanliness of the high school, the security guards being visible, and the students' positive demeanor and attitude.

Budget Preview

The Superintendent stated they will report tonight where they are going with the budget with dates and expectations and what they want to present to members at different time frames which should be wrapped up by June 1. Students will know who their teachers and classes are prior to the end of school. Mr. Scully reviewed the FY12 Budget Timeline which is consistent with school committee goals and expectations. Ms. Kosmes and Mrs. Malone reviewed where does revenue come from reviewing the current revenue source and amount, the anticipated FY12 amount and the total change to each source.

Subcommittee Reports.

Mr. Bevilacqua has asked Mr. Sierpina to review the resolutions for the MASC Annual Conference and to consider being the delegate to the program. Mr. Sierpina took this under advisement.

Mr. Toohey met with the technology subcommittee prior to the meeting and the Superintendent is putting together evaluations and will come back with recommendations. Mr. Scully indicated the high school is not where they should be in technology and hopes to have this issue addressed by August 1st.

Mrs. Danehy and Attorney Magliocchetti attended the city council meeting indicating Hunking School has been targeted for an energy efficient block grant. This will be an automated system which will control heating costs.

School Committee Communications.

Mr. Sierpina

Cooperative Efforts with Whittier Regional to date

Mr. Sierpina stated 16 more students have been accepted at the VoTech which is heading in the right direction. Mr. Bevilacqua has asked that Mr. DeRosa come to a meeting to discuss and reaffirm what the students need to do in order to be accepted at Whittier. He asked the middle schools to make sure the students have an opportunity to visit the school.

Music, Art, Physical Education "New Arrangement" – how is it working?

Mr. Sierpina questioned the feeder system for the high school band program. Mr. Scully is looking at offering music or an instrumental program. They hope to stabilize the art program so it is working correctly. Students will get equal treatment whether in art or music. They need to follow the requirements set by the state and to do what is right for the students.

Reading Recovery (a data report)

Mr. Sierpina referenced 38 students participate in the reading recovery program staffing 8.75 teachers with only a 56% success rate. He asked to look at the program and see how much money we are making on the program. Students who are failing are being pulled out and put in smaller reading groups.

Cafeteria Products (where & how are they stored?)

Mr. Scully informed members products are stored at the high school being received monthly with new products stored in the rear with older products up front. All products are dated except vegetable and pasta with cheese and meat commodities being used within four to six weeks.

Old Business.

Approval of School Calendar for 2011-2012 – Mr. Scully.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to table the school calendar. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

New Business.

Building Disposition – Mayor Fiorentini.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to endorse the Superintendent's recommendation to surplus Cogswell and Smiley Schools. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
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Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes
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Motion passes.

Approval of Warrant Number EV201100408 totaling \$434,326.73

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to approve Warrant EV201100408. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Abstained	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus:

approval of the Use of Facilities:

- Requested by Peter Shanahan of the John Ottaviani and HHS Track Boosters for the use of the Haverhill High School Track on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the 34th Annual Ottaviani Track Meet. Process Fee:: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee:: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 (weekend rates) per hour; Rental Fee: : \$ Waived
- Requested by Jeff Nelson of the Elite Players Camp for the use of the Hunking Middle School on Tuesday April 19, 2011, Wednesday April 20, 2011 and Thursday April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for Baseball Camp. Process Fee:: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee:: \$ Waived; Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 per hour; Rental Fee: \$ Waived
- Requested by Sgt David Currier of the Northeast Regional Police Institute for the use of the Haverhill High School Classrooms on Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday May 7, 2011 thru June 25, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2011 and Wednesday April 27, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Police Training – CPR/First Aid; Process Fee:: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee:: \$ 20.00; Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 per hour; Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 per hour weekend rate; Rental Fee: \$ 30.00 per event

approval of the field trip request(s):

- B. Gulardo/Zack Simmons, HHS, Grade 12, May 15-16, White Water, Wes Forks, Maine, \$200
- Elaine Mistretta, HHS & Middle Schools, Haverhill Robotics Global Conference, Orange County, California, July 8-13, 2011, see attached costs

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

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Executive Session/_Adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

A roll call vote indicated all in favor.

Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

List of Documents:

School Committee Agenda; School Calendar; Memo from Ray Sierpina regarding agenda items; Reading Recovery Mid-year Report; Warrant Number EV20110408; Use of Facilities; Field Trip Request; Financial Projection from Kara Kosmes; Mid-year Food Service Report

Documents distributed a meeting:

FY12 Budget Timeline – Mr. Scully

Where does revenue come from? – Ms. Kosmes and Mrs. Malone