

Haverhill School Committee
Regular Meeting of April 28, 2011

This meeting was recorded

Mayor James J. Fiorentini, Chairperson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President; Mr. Shaun Toohey; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mrs. Susan Danehy, Vice President; Mr. Scott Wood; 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 Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation.

None at this time.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Timothy Danehy

Tim informed members Prom tickets on sale; social tickets on sale in two weeks; the Mr. HHS pageant is being rehearsed; scholarships for seniors are due May 9th; progress reports out next week; Greek class is back from their trip to Greece; blood drive was held yesterday; the student council cleaned Brook Street; and there is no senior class trip with not enough signed up and may be getting another together'

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent requested to move the May 26th meeting to June 1.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the change of meeting date to June 1. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Common Core State Standards

Mrs. Malone presented a brief overview of the Common Core Standards and how the state and district will move forward in ELA/Literacy and Mathematics.

Budget Preview

The Superintendent reviewed the budgetary process with the public hearing on June 1st. The next meeting will review the anticipated expenditures and where they are. He indicated they will come in on May 12th with the final budget presentation. A meeting will be held with the City and Schools for approval of city back charges' methodology. Ms. Kosmes indicated the lines should be looked at to see if the school department would use or may need to remove lines no longer being used. Ms. Kosmes stated there is a need to investigate the pieces and scrutinize them.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to send the city charges s to the Finance Subcommittee for review. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Approved 10.13.11

Subcommittee Reports.

None at this time.

School Committee Communications.

Attorney Magliocchetti

Grants accounting and account balance

Attorney Magliocchetti discussed the last meeting and looked for more detail. He asked how the grants were disbursed throughout city, what they are for, if they are rolled over, more detail about the amounts and limitations on spending. Mr. Scully will have more information and have it broken down building by building with all distributions with a target of May12th for them.

Mayor Fiorentini recused himself and Mr. Bevilacqua took over as chair (8:00 p.m.) due to a potential conflict.

Teachers contract negotiations update

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated he is confident a contract will be reached. He is not comfortable with the process which needs to be looked at, reconsidered and possibly changed. He recommended the two sides to work on a process and discuss substantial issues to make the meetings more consistent.

Mayor Fiorentini returned as Chair (8:05).

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to suspend the rules to discuss the proposed healthcare legislation.

The law was passed by the House and needs to go to the Senate and Governor. Mayor Fiorentini discussed the new law which is an optional plan and needs to be adopted by the City Council. If adopted, a new PEC would be established to discuss the proposal. They would have 30 days to discuss the proposals and the deductibles not exceed the GIC rates or to go into the GIC. If an agreement is made a minimum of 10% would be saved for employee health costs. If no agreement is reached then the city can implement the original proposal by the Mayor or the join GIC and is not subject to collective bargaining with 20% set aside with a health reimbursement account.

Stadium Commission update

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated the RFP's are now in. The issue of allowing a vendor in the adjacent parking lot may require an amendment to the current lease. Attorney Cox is reviewing if they have the authority to deal with vendors.

School policy regarding honors standards at Middle Schools

Student's behavior was discussed and a child being denied honor roll status. He offered proposed changes and asked this to be referred to the Policy sub committee. Mr. Scully will entertain any suggestions and back to the academic people who deal with this.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to refer this to the Policy sub committee and review the honors standard. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

Condition of Boys locker room at the JGW Middle School

Attorney Magliocchetti discussed the condition of the boys' locker and the leak reported a couple of years ago. The issue was addressed over April vacation. He referenced his concerns with problems with maintenance and how things are being addressed and completed. Mr. Bevilacqua asked the Superintendent to find out why this health issue was not addressed and if there were any other similar problems.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey table this item to the next meeting with a report back from the Superintendent.

Mr. Sierpina

An explanation of the Lesley Grant, what it entails, grade levels participating and schools involved

Mrs. Malone indicated this is not a grant and listed as the Lesley Literacy Collaborative which is a K-8 comprehensive school wide reform on literacy which is a researched based instructional program to improve literacy of students. Teachers are trained as coordinators and go back and give feedback to teachers on the literacy model.

Criteria to be achieved to earn a Haverhill High (night school) diploma

The GED graduation requirements were discussed. Questions centered on passing MCAS. The Night school high school program requires students to pass MCAS however the GED program does not.

Status of Task Force regarding evaluation of Teachers and Administrators

Mrs. Malone, Mr. Toohey and Mr. Harvey will be meeting next Friday to discuss this with all being evaluated with similar criteria.

Budget completion by June 1

Mr. Scully stated the expectation is to have students find out prior to the end of the year where they will be going and what teacher they will have.

Old Business.

Approval of School Calendar for 2011-2012 (tabled 4.14.11) – Mr. Scully

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the school calendar. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

New Business.

Approval of Warrant Number EV201100422 totaling \$890,450.02; Warrant Number EV201100429 totaling \$209,842.35 and Warrant Number EV201100429 ravel totaling \$3,325.11

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the three Warrants. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Approved 10.13.11

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommended that the following items be approved by consensus;

- items indicated in the agenda material be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances;
- legal bills for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$2,332.54

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

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

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey at 8:50 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations. A roll call vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents:

School Committee Agenda; Common Core State Standards provided by Mary Malone; Memo from Kara Kosmes to James Scully regarding City Charges, Revised School Calendar; Memo from Attorney Magliocchetti regarding agenda items; Excerpt from Student Handbook regarding Honor Roll; Email from Mr.Sierpina regarding agenda items; Warrant Number EV20110422 & EV20110429 including ravel warrant; Memo from Michael Rossi regarding declaring items surplus; Legal Bill from Attorney David Grunebaum: