

Haverhill School Committee  
Regular Meeting of May 12, 2011

*This meeting was recorded.*

Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, President opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Present were: 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, Chairperson was recorded as absent.

Mr. Paul Tennant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation.**

None at this time.

**Communication and Reports.**

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

Mr. Danehy was not in attendance.

**Superintendent's Comments/Reports.**

Budget Presentation

Mr. Scully asked to move the Public Hearing on June 1 to 5:00 p.m. due to the Honors Banquet the same evening. Discussion was held as to new dates and times.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to change the Public Hearing to June 6 at 7:00 p.m. 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

Motion passes.

Mr. Scully presented that Pepsi Cola Corporation is holding an event at Hunking Middle School which will clean the surrounding area and paint inside the school. The Art Fair on Monday has been moved to the high school from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Scully referenced the Budget Booklet reviewing its brief summary, revenue and expenses including general funds and miscellaneous revenues. The net change is up 1.3% or \$999,982. Expenses and new initiatives were discussed amounting to \$80,789,419. The budget was done by cost and responsibility centers so members can see monthly and yearly revenues versus expenses which allow them to properly budget for the needs of the children. Discussion was held on the grant portion of the food services program by not charging health care expenses to grants with expenses coming out of the regular education side of the budget, all day kindergarten, new initiatives, current program improvements including cutting user fees, adding a resource officer and the second year of the Apple contract, class size, unemployment costs and layoffs, increased enrollment, utility costs and first and foremost student achievement. Mr. Scully distributed graphs which show exactly where they are in the budget. Health insurance has increased by nine (9) percent per the Mayor. There is approximately \$568,000 issue and items would need to be put on hold until funds are found to make the items work. The Superintendent asked members to vote to receive the budget and review it in the weeks ahead.

Approved 10.13.11

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the budget from the Superintendent's Office for the purpose of holding the Public Hearing on June 6. 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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to authorize the Superintendent to adjust the Food Service' expenses and charges as a result of a federal mandate to make our costs commensurate with the expenses of the program. 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

Motion passes.

Update on Common Core.

Mrs. Malone informed members training for all staff will begin in May on the Massachusetts ELA Literacy and Mathematics Frameworks where they will be moving forward on the agenda for next year.

Subcommittee Reports.

None at this time.

School Committee Communications.

None at this time.

**Mayor Fiorentini**

Pepsi Grant Award benefitting Hunking School

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**Attorney Magliocchetti**

Teacher and Principal Evaluations

Mrs. Malone reviewed the current teacher evaluation process. The Superintendent indicated all teachers and principals are being evaluated. This year administrators were asked to bring forward negative performances to Mrs. Malone.

Stadium Commission update

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated they have received two bids with the announcement shortly. An additional \$25 thousand will be coming in yearly.

School policy regarding honors standards at Middle Schools

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated a meeting is scheduled for next week with a full report at the next meeting.

Update on first Classical Academy class to graduate

The Superintendent distributed and reviewed. College information relative to the Classical Academy graduates.

**Mr. Sierpina**

Update on Leighton O'Connor Project

The Superintendent stated Mr. O'Connor is a consultant will monitor monthly reports and keep finances in order by looking at all financial areas including personnel and technology. He will be working in July to implement procedures with policy and budget.

Greenleaf School Lab Update

The Superintendent indicated they are working with TechEdge to do two functions: Firstly to update the high school technology and to examine the other issues of capacity, volume, etc. Secondly, Greenleaf School is also part of this review since it does not have the network capacity. They are looking at having the high school fully functional by the end of the calendar year which involves significant dollars.

Timeline for Green Schools grant

Ms. Kosmes updated members that the Mayor has assigned a review committee, has signed the documents and have been sent to SBA. A project manager will be selected and will work with an architect who will give them the scope and cost of the work to be done by the end of June. Funding should be in place by the end of July where they can move forward with the project specifications.

**New Business.**

Approval of Warrant Number EV201100513 totaling \$586,863.83

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant EV201100513. 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

Motion passes.

**Items by Consensus.**

The Superintendent recommended that the field trip request(s) be approved as presented.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Items by Consensus.

Mr. Scully asked to add the Hunking field trip of June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to amend the motion and add the Hunking trip. 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

Motion passes.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

A roll call vote indicated all in favor.

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

Motion passes.

*List of Documents:*

*School Committee Agenda; Memo from Attorney Magliocchetti regarding agenda items; Email from Mr. Sierpina regarding agenda items; Warrant Numbers EV20110513; field trip request from Whittier Middle School Informational: HHS Accuplacer Test Results Report*

*Documents distributed at meeting:*

*Budget – Mr. Scully*

*College information – Mr. Scully*