



## Haverhill School Committee Regular Meeting of October 25, 2012

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the regular meeting of the Haverhill School Committee to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Mr. Raymond Sierpina; Mr. Shaun Toohey; Mr. Scott Wood; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua; Mrs. Susan Danehy, President; Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools. Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice President arrived at 7:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Presentations.

Mr. Bevilacqua introduced Mr. Peter Carbone, representing Kiwanis and Mr. Frank Novak, representing Rotary who presented at check to the Superintendent James Scully for \$8,700 for technology that will be used towards the purchase of electronic textbooks.

The Superintendent announced that a recent Walnut Square alumni event a donation of I pads was made for students at that school.

Mr. David Mancuso, Regional Vice President of External Affairs from AT&T addressed the committee and noted that through the efforts of Bob LaRochelle his company became aware of some of the initiatives that were being implemented in the Haverhill Public Schools. He presented to the Superintendent a check in the amount of \$10,000 that will support the program, which is outlined below.

The funding will assist with a summer enrichment program targeting eighth grade students to strengthen their social emotional relationship while providing an academically rigorous summer program focused on English Language Arts and Mathematics. The strength of the summer component is the combination of meeting social emotional and academic needs of the students as well as targeting student weaknesses in the two content areas. The summer program allows the students additional adult attention that they need to stay invested in themselves and their future. Furthermore, the summer enrichment will support the transition to high school by allowing the students access to their new environment with a trusted adult and smaller group of students. There will also be limited disruptions while learning with an added benefit of a ½ high school credit for attending. For students who generally work to catch up to their peers, this will be a great start to their high school career. We are also looking as part of this program collaboration with Northern Essex Community College in their sophomore year.

Access to skilled workers is increasingly vital to the Massachusetts and national economies. The contribution to Haverhill High is in recognition of an exemplary program that will help more students graduate from high school ready for careers and college. This contribution is part of AT&T Aspire, one of the most significant U.S. Corporate education initiatives with more than \$100 million invested since 2008 to tackle the issues that face students at risk of dropping out or graduating from high school unprepared for the academic rigors of college.

### Communications and Reports.

Haley Peabody, Student Advisory Council Representative announced the following events at Haverhill High School:

Spirit Week begins next week with the November 1- Bonfire followed the next evening by the November 2- Homecoming Football Game vs. Lawrence at Trinity Stadium. Mr. Scully extended an invitation to the school committee to attend the bonfire and relayed that it would be a spectacular event.



#### Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

Superintendent Scully relayed that Assistant Superintendent Mary Malone was hosting a program on Comcast Channel 99 entitled "Parent & School Connections" which would be a good resource for information for parents. This program will be replayed on that channel.

Mr. Scully introduced Technology Department staff members, Tim DiFalco; Doug Russell; Brian Nangel who were present to discuss the implementation of the iTunes University in the Haverhill Public Schools.

Brian Nangel noted that this was a free service that many large universities utilized to provide digital content. He further stated that it was a free service provided by Apple to educational institutions that allowed them to expose others to their digital library, which might include tutorials and online courses. The Haverhill Public Schools recently began adding online course material to iTunes University. This made it accessible to anyone in the public arena who had an apple device to view our course material.

#### School Committee Communications.

The school committee selected Vice President Paul Magliocchetti to represent them at the Annual MASS/MASC Conference on November 9, 2012 in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Attorney Magliocchetti indicated he would meet with the superintendent and assistant superintendents prior to the conference to review the resolutions and then notify the members individually of the determination.

Mr. Bevilacqua suggested a Recognition Program for Haverhill High School Graduates. He acknowledged Tom Bergeron and his career achievements. He proposed a "Tom Bergeron Day" in Haverhill at Haverhill High School. He noted that an Emmy award was a significant career achievement. Mr. Bevilacqua recommended a kickoff for the recognition event followed by a fundraising dinner that evening honoring Tom Bergeron; this would be the First Annual Dinner.

The committee unanimously endorsed this event.

Mr. Bevilacqua reported on a very successful "Go Public" Event held on October 18, 2012 at HHS. He commented that there was an amazing turnout and that it showcased the opportunities in attending a public college. The event was hosted by Representative Brian Dempsey along with the Presidents of University of Massachusetts – Lowell (Marty Meehan) and Northern Essex Community College (Lane Glenn) with the focus of the affordability of a public institution. Mr. Bevilacqua related that students have already earned college credits while attending high school, which will make college less expensive.

Mr. Sierpina acknowledged the receipt of information on the Duties of Curriculum Supervisors along with the rubric used for their evaluation. It was noted that the curriculum supervisors would along with principals be held accountable for MCAS results.

Mr. Scully stated that the roles had been amplified the past two years and their responsibilities increased to grades K-12.

Dr. Malone commented that the supervisors divided their responsibilities between evaluation, classroom instruction and modeling.

In reference to the maintenance projects, Mr. Sierpina was encouraged with cost savings. Mr. Scully noted that he was impressed with the effort.

There were no Subcommittee Reports.

### Old Business.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to remove the Wellness Policy from the table.

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

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

A 7-0 vote; motion passes

The committee debated the revised Wellness Policy.

The following committee members were present and offered input regarding the policy. Mrs. Cheryl LeBlanc, Supervisor of Health and Nursing Services, Lisa DiBurro, R.N., Dr. John Maddox, School Physician and Mrs. Ginger Iola, Lead Teacher of Physical Education and Health.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Sierpina to change the wording in the policy from “recess time will not be withheld for instructional make-up time.” To “recess time may not be withheld for instructional make-up time.”

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

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

A 3-4 vote; the motion fails.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to strike the phrase “recess time will not be withheld for instructional make-up time.”

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

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

A 7-0 vote; the motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the amended policy.

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

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

A 7-0 vote; the motion passes and the Wellness Policy as amended is approved.

### New Business.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20121026A totaling \$731,341.89 and Warrant Number EV20121026B totaling \$762,881.63 as indicated in the agenda material.



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

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

A 6-0 vote, the motion passes and the Warrants were approved.

#### Items by Consensus.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the items by consensus as indicated in the agenda material.

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

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

A 7-0 vote, the motion passes and the Items by Consensus were approved.

The items by consensus included:

Field trip request(s) from Zachary Eldridge, High School Teacher for grades 10-12 to travel to Rome, Munich, Lucerne on April 10-20, 2013; Robert Estes, Whittier School Teacher for grade 6 to travel to Ferry Beach Ecology School, Saco Maine on May 13-17, 2013 and Sarah Trombly, Whittier School teacher for grade 7 to travel to New York City on May 29-30, 2013.

The Use of Facilities as listed below:

1. Requested by Bob D'Urso of the Haverhill Shoemakers (AAU Baseball) for the use of the Consentino Gym on Monday, January 7, 2013 thru April 8, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee: \$ 10.00  
 Utility Fee: \$ \*Waived  
 Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour  
 Rental Fee: \$ \*Waived  
 \* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

2. Requested by Thomas Geary and Kevin Demaris of the Whittier Men's Basketball for the use of the Whittier Middle School Gym on Thursday, Oct 30, 2012 thru March 14, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee: \$ \*\*Waived  
 Utility Fee: \$ \*\*Waived  
 Custodial Fee \$ \*\*Waived  
 Rental Fee: \$\*\*Waived

\*\* All money to be submitted to the Haverhill High School Athletic Department to offset the user fees.

3. Requested by Sylvia Harrison of the Greenleaf School P.T.O. for the use of the HHS School Fields (track) on Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for Fun Run.

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



\* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

4. Requested by Troy Gabriele Athletic Director of the Bradford Christian Academy for the use of the Bradford Elementary on Friday, December 7, 2012 thru February 15, 2013 and Monday December 17, 2012 thru February 11, 2013 from 4:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. for Basketball.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00 per hour
Rental Fee:	\$ 100.00

5. Requested by Jillregin Menus of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass Troup #78173 for the use of the Pentucket Lake School on the 2- and 4- Thursdays November 8, 2012 and November 22, 2012 thru June 13, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. thru 7:30 p.m. for daisy troop meeting.

Process Fee:	\$ **Waived
Utility Fee:	\$ **Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ **Waived
Rental Fee:	\$ **Waived

\*\*In-Kind Services: Fall and Spring cleaning and maintaining of all the outside flower boxes. \*\* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

6. Requested by Endicott College for the use of the Haverhill High School on Tuesday, October 29, 2012 and Wednesday, October 31, 2012 thru June 18, 2013 for Graduate Course.

Process Fee:	\$ *Waived
Utility Fee:	\$ *Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ *Waived
Rental Fee:	\$ *Waived

\*Program offered for Graduate course for the Haverhill Teachers.

7. Requested by Jane McArthur of the Star Fire EMS for the use of the Haverhill High School on Monday, October 29, 2012, Wednesday, October 31, 2012 and Thursday November 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for EMT training.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per event
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00
Rental Fee:	\$ 30.00 per classroom

8. Requested by Michael Macdonald of the Chang's Taekwonda America for the use of the Whittier Middle School Cafeteria on November 10, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Black Belt Testing.

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

\* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

Legal bills for school attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$3,056.40.

There was no request for an Executive Session.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

All members were in favor of adjournment.



*List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; AT&T Information; MASCS Resolutions & Voting Delegate Form; Agenda request from Mr. Sierpina along with Maintenance Information from Tom Geary; Administrator Rubric; Curriculum Supervisor Duties; Wellness Policy Meeting Information; Warrant Number EV20121026A totaling \$731,341.89 and Warrant Number EV20121026B totaling \$762,881.63; Field Trip Requests; use of facilities; legal bill from Attorney Grunebaum*