



HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of January 10, 2013

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This meeting was recorded

Mayor James J. Fiorentini opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Scott Wood was recorded as absent (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Presentations.

Introduction & Recognition of Mrs. Elaine Mistretta and the Access21 Haverhill Robotics Team along with a brief demonstration by students

Elaine Mistretta with the assistant of her students gave a brief demonstration of the Robotics program. The Zero Robotics Team code will be competing in space tomorrow with the top eight teams in a worldwide competition run live by astronauts on the International Space Station with feed to MIT.

Election of President and Vice President of the Haverhill School Committee for 2013.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to nominate Paul Magliocchetti as School Committee President.

There were no other nominations.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to close the nominations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor of closing nominations.

A roll call vote was held on the nomination.

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

Motion passes – Paul Magliocchetti President

Mayor Fiorentini turned the Chair over to Attorney Magliocchetti for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to nominate Ray Sierpina as Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to close the nominations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor of closing nominations.

A roll call vote was held on the nomination.

Mr. Sierpina	Ray Sierpina	Mr. Toohey	Ray Sierpina
Mr. Wood	Ray Sierpina	Mr. Bevilacqua	Ray Sierpina

Approved January 24, 2013

Attorney Magliocchetti
Mayor Fiorentini

Ray Sierpina
Ray Sierpina

Mrs. Danehy Ray Sierpina

Motion passes – Ray Sierpina Vice President

Mrs. Danehy gave a few parting words as last year's president and Attorney Magliocchetti as parting Vice President and as incoming President.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Haley Peabody.

Katherine Norphil informed members the picnic tables will be installed in the spring; a coffee house is being scheduled for March; and the Drama Club is working on the Putnam County Spelling Bee to be held in March. The Superintendent informed members all activities are rebroadcast on Cable Channel 99 daily.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent stated they have just received word from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which evaluates the condition and the American educational progress, has announced students will be tested and the honor to be recognized to participate.

Update on School Security

The Superintendent referenced the recent tragic incident and indicated he has enclosed the crisis team report which outlines the procedures staff follows in such a crisis. All schools have a controlled access prior to entering a building. Some systems are outdated and should be updated throughout the spring and summer months. Procedures have been tightened in all schools. They are working with the Police Department to aggressively protect the students and have a safe environment.

MCAS Workshop with the School Committee & District Leadership Team – Saturday, January 12, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – Haverhill High School Conference Room

The requested meeting with the principals and committee relative to MCAS in each building shall be held this Saturday. The meeting will be video taped for a presentation to the public and should be two hours maximum.

Interactions with the State

This information is included in the nine-page report as part of the agenda material for members' review.

First Draft of School Calendar 2013-2014

The Superintendent asked members to comment on the draft and inform him of any comments or changes by next week. The calendar should be finalized by the end of the month and passed on to parents for next year vacation information. It was requested to change the April 17 date for parent conferences, being the day before the spring vacation and Easter break. The Superintendent will review it.

Expansion of Athletic Program

The winter sport schedule has begun with participation in girls' basketball is low. Some of the programs are being expanded and being brought down to the middle schools as a feeder program. Two new sports, Crew and Girls Hockey, are being discussed as part of the expansion. Discussion as to funding, alumni support, and entering into partnerships with other schools are being considered.

School Committee Communications:

Mrs. Danehy

Update on School Committee Goals

Mrs. Danehy is sending a communication to members asking them to review the current goals and possibly redoing some that have a long-term impact. Mrs. Danehy asked members to look at improving MCAS and Student Achievement which are mission driven and would like feedback on other areas to be focused on and included in these goals.

Mr. Bevilacqua

Commissioner's Visit

Mr. Bevilacqua reported on the recent visit to Tilton School and Haverhill High School. The commission met with teachers, administrators, principals and students to get a sense of what the students are learning. He was impressed with the students' positive attitudes, the opportunity to showcase the schools and to inform him of what is needed for additional support.

Mr. Wood

Use of Facilities

Mr. Wood expressed concerns relative to the inconsistency of charging and/or waiving fees to different organizations with Haverhill student participation. He indicated a recent incident when a custodian is on duty during basketball season weekday evenings which could be charged or waived for custodial services but not on weekends and questioned who receives the money for said service, what services are being provided, if there is a paper trail, and why is there a charge if a custodian is on duty. He indicated parents are providing the clean up of particular schools while the organization is being charged for said simple services. The Superintendent stated they have a paper trail for all revenues and will check into this concern and will comment back to the committee. There is no current policy written relative to fees. Mr. Wood asked for this to go to the Policy Subcommittee for a written policy to be developed to have consistency across the board.

Mr. Sierpina

Status of School Crisis Plan

This item was discussed previously in the meeting.

Professional Development Schedule

Dr. Malone referenced the schedule, which was included in members' packet and the strategies and text used for writing and mathematics. The Superintendent indicated successful strategies are broadcast weekly on Channel 99.

Map Testing Schedule

The schedule was included in members' packets. MAP testing is scheduled for September and January with kindergarten assessment in August and December. They are looking in doing a transcript for each child to get an accurate picture of each student. All students are tested prior to entering the high school.

Middle School Foreign Language at HHS [How is it doing]?

This report was included in the packet. Additional costs include bussing, which is budgeted to benefit the eight graders. They are looking at expanding the program with the state to offer more courses in the middle schools.

Role of "Race to the top project manager

The Superintendent referenced the nine pages of material and asked members to look at the DOE website to see the data submitted for all students.

Subcommittee Reports

Mayor Fiorentini and Mrs. Danehy updated members on the OPM selection committee's review of proposals for the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for Hunking School. Presentations have been made the past two days with 16 applicants and have been narrowed down to five for further review. Once an OPM is selected, the study will start, the study considers all possibilities as determination to renovate or demo p art of the build, to build on a new site or a new one, then a design selected and finally a vote from the citizens possibly the spring of 2014 with the earliest this November 2013. The Department of Revenue will not approve funding without debt exclusion. Once passed reimbursement starts at 67-68% with additional bonus points up to 72% and an opening date of the new building for the fall of 2017.

New Business

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV201301114A totaling \$253,553.25 and Warrant Number EV201301114B totaling \$636,517.58 A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

The Superintendent recommends the following items be declared surplus (as indicated in the agenda material) and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti that the items indicated be declared surplus. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

Field trip request(s):

- Joseph Gori, HHS, Grade 9-12, April 13, 2013, New York City, \$305.00

Use of facilities:

- Rose Flynn of the American Cancer Society/Move for the Movement for the use of the Haverhill High School on Saturday, January 12, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a Dance Fundraiser.
 - Process Fee: \$10.00
 - Utility Fee \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 per hour
 - Rental Fee: \$100.00
- Haverhill Police Superior and Executive Officers Union/Eastern Advertising for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Friday, April 12, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the Celebrity Basketball Game.
 - Process Fee: \$10.00
 - Utility Fee \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 per hour
 - Rental Fee: \$100.00

Moved by Mr. Wood 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
Mr. Wood	Yes	Bevilacqua	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Motion passes.

Executive Session {Personnel, Litigation & Negotiations}/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining/contractual issues. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Access21 Haverhill Robotics Team Information; MCAS Workshop Flyer; Superintendent's Checklist; First Draft of School Calendar 2013-2014; Haverhill School Committee Goals 2010-2011; Email from Mr. Wood regarding Agenda Item; Email from Mr. Sierpina regarding Agenda Items; Assessment Calendar; Warrants; Memo from Pamela Carr regarding surplus items; field trip request; use of facilities, Professional Development Evaluations – December 5, 2012 In-Service