



Haverhill School Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 15, 2012

*This meeting was recorded.*

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

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation**

None at this time.

**Presentations**

*Introduction & Recognition of Fall Coaching Staff and Student Athletes – Mr. Bevilacqua*

The Superintendent highlighted the fall sports season and introduced Athletic Director O'Brien who in turn recognized a representation of the over 400 student athletic participants. He touched upon a few of the key fall highlights including Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Swimming and Diving, and Girls' Volleyball. Other accolades went to the MVC Players of the Year, MVC Coaches of the Year, Massachusetts Referee Association Player of the Year, Merrimack Valley Student Athlete of the Month (September), and AVCA Massachusetts Player of the Week.

AD O'Brien informed members this year a middle school program is being launched this spring to coincide with the high school program.

*Presentation of Donation from Whitsons Food Service Corporation to the Haverhill High School Athletic Program*

Joseph Armenti and Gus Travassos of Whitsons Food Service made a donation of \$7,500 to be used towards the athletic program.

**Communication and Reports:**

*Student Advisory Council Report – Haley Peabody*

Ms. Peabody indicated that televisions have been installed in the cafeteria, the bonfire was successful, thanked the school committee for the laser show, and the dance was quite successful with nearly 500 students in attendance.

*Superintendent's Comments/Reports.*

Proposed MCAS Workshop for School Committee Members – Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Haverhill High School

Discuss ensued as to holding a separate day for the proposed MCAS Workshop. Agenda topics to discuss include how to involve the community and parents, attendance, nutrition on day of exam, special breakfast, special meeting to weave into it which are all part of success of MCAS program, and what they are doing in each building to discuss deficiencies. Members shall check their schedule to hold the workshop on Saturday January 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

*School Committee Communications:*

Mr. Sierpina

- *Whittier Vocational Update - % of freshmen from Haverhill and Careers planning to pursue*  
Mr. Sierpina questioned the percentages of students from Haverhill and what the popular careers are the students are taking. Haverhill's students represent 62% of ninth grade enrollment with students selecting their career focus of the 19 programs in the freshman fourth quarter. Mr. Toohey will send a PowerPoint presentation to members relative to this and the confirmed

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numbers of enrollment. The numbers of school choice students have reduced resulting in an approximate savings of \$70,000 to the City.

- *Our stadium: winter heat?*

As reported in the today's local newspaper, the City has shut off the heat in the stadium to economic savings.

- *Hunking: how is the feasibility going?*

Mr. Scully indicated the request for services has been approved, the Purchasing Agent has had a bidders meeting, it has been posted on the website, the next step the committee will review the owner's project manager's proposal and the mayor will select and recommend to the state the firm who will do the study. The feasibility study takes up to 18 months and could be put on the ballot in late 2013 or early 2014.

### Subcommittee Reports

None at this time

### New Business:

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV20121116A totaling \$202,646.77; Warrant Number EV20121116B totaling \$107,728.43 and Warrant Number EV20121116C totaling \$753,678.25. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to suspend the rules to vote on a separate warrant. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Warrant as indicated totaling \$153,976.32. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

### Items by Consensus

#### *Approval of field trip request(s)*

- Mr. Castonguay, Bradford Elementary/Hunking Middle, Grade 3-8 Cross Country Team, November 30-December 2, 2012, AAU National Cross Country Championships, South Carolina, approximately \$200

#### *Approval of the Use of Facilities:*

- Requested by Kim Ocasio of the Ocasio's True Martial Arts, for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Black Belt Extravaganza
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
  - Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 weekend rates
  - Rental Fee: \$100.00 per event
- Requested by Mike Quackenbush and Scott Guesin of the Chikara/Wrestling for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Professional Wrestling Entertainment.
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
  - Custodial Fee: \$ 45.00 weekend rates
  - Rental Fee: \$100.00 per event

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- Requested by John Muise of the Haverhill High Band Association for the use of the Haverhill High School Cafeteria and Library on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Bi-Annual Train Show.
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
  - Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 weekend rates
  - Rental Fee: \$100.00 per event
- Requested by Vinnie Ouellette of the Haverhill Recreation Department for the use of the Golden Hill School on Tuesday Feb 5, 2013 thru March 26, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for Boys and Girls Lacrosse Clinics.
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ \* Waived
  - Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour
  - Rental Fee: \$ \*Waived

\* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%
- Requested by Vinnie Ouellette of the Haverhill Recreation Department for the use of the Nettle School Gym on Tuesday November 20, 2012 thru Feb 26, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Girls Travel Basketball.
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ \* Waived
  - Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour
  - Rental Fee: \$ \*Waived

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- Requested by Aristides Benitez of the community Soccer League for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday November 17, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Soccer Matches/Tournaments
  - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
  - Utility Fee: \$ \* Waived
  - Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 per hour
  - Rental Fee: \$ \*Waived

\* Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

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

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the field trips. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Fiorentini to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

*List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Agenda request from Mr. Sierpina; Warrant Number EV20121116A totaling \$202,646.77; Warrant Number EV20121116B totaling \$107,728.43 and Warrant Number EV20121116C totaling \$753,678.25; Field Trip Requests; use of facilities*