

Haverhill School Committee – Regular Meeting of January 24, 2013

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the Regular Meeting of the Haverhill School Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mrs. Susan Danehy; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua; Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Vice President; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, President; Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Shaun Toohey and Mr. Scott Wood arrived shortly after the roll call.

Ms. Haley Peabody, High School Student Advisory Council Representative provided a report to the Committee. She noted that second term report cards would be issued on Monday, January 28th and the third term had already begun. Ms. Peabody noted that the Annual Talent Show was being held tonight and tomorrow at HHS starting at 7:00 pm and tickets are \$5. Haley announced that the High School Drama Club would be holding a Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, February 9, 2013; she provided coupons to the members and the administrative team.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent announced the FY14 Proposed Budget Calendar

- 14 March 2013 – School Committee Review of Preliminary Numbers
- 28 March 2013 – School Committee Review of Budget
- 25 April 2013 – Final Numbers pending City & State Submittals
- 2 May 2013 – Public Hearing
- 23 May 2013 – Final Numbers

Mayor Fiorentini stated that it would be difficult to adhere to this schedule because the state numbers will not be received until May.

Mr. Wood suggested a two-week delay to give a more accurate representation of the budget timeline. The committee and the superintendent concurred and the budget calendar was adjusted by two weeks. The revised schedule is:

- 28 March 2013 – School Committee Review of Preliminary Numbers
- 11 April 2013 – School Committee Review of Budget
- 25 April 2013 – Final Numbers pending City & State Submittals
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School Committee Communications.

Mr. Bevilacqua reported on the positive MCAS Workshop held on January 12, 2013 at Haverhill High School. He was impressed with meeting's outcomes and hoped it would be an annual event. Mayor Fiorentini agreed with the positive efforts the district was putting forth to improve MCAS. He recommended a citywide MCAS workshop for parents due to the lack of turnout by parents at Saturday's meeting.

Mr. Scully noted that there had been an earlier MCAS Workshop for parents that was attended by 85 parents.

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Mayor Fiorentini suggested expanding the MCAS merit system for principals.

Attorney Magliocchetti (who did not attend due to illness) recommended a multi-media campaign for parents to stress the importance of MCAS testing. Additionally, he proposed pairing high school students with middle school students for tutoring.

Mrs. Danehy commented that one-on-one outreach to parents and students might be of great assistance in improving scores.

Mr. Scully stated that these types of issues would drive the budget. He noted that the outreach component was being researched by using existing staff.

Mr. Toohey stated after-school tutoring was a primary reason why Haverhill students did well on MCAS who were attending Whittier Regional; he related they were aggressive in their tutoring approach.

The Superintendent noted that parent outreach would be difficult but the district will continue its efforts to improve parent engagement in their children's academic success.

Mr. Sierpina commented that the school district had received positive press reporting on the Window Replacement Project; he wanted to highlight the amount of maintenance efforts that were being put forth in our buildings.

Mr. Scully indicated that as part of this project it would allow for air conditioning units if needed.

Subcommittee Reports.

Attorney Magliocchetti announced his preliminary subcommittee assignments and had his colleagues review so that the assignments are finalized. He noted that he along with Mr. Sierpina was touring the schools on Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

New Business.

Mayor Fiorentini introduced the following warrants for approval: Warrant Number EV201301125A totaling \$297,075.57 and Warrant Number EV201301125B totaling \$607,640.55.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the warrants as presented.

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

<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>Mr. Sierpina</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Motion passes: 6-0

Moved by Mr. Wood and Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the items by consensus:

- Minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2012 and January 10, 2013*

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- *Use of facilities:*

Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Consentino School on Monday January 28, 2013 and Wednesday January 30, 2013 thru Monday April 8, 2013 and Wednesday April 10, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Floor Hockey.

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

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

<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Sierpina</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Motion passes: 7-0

Mr. Scully introduced another use of facilities from Colin LePage.

Requested by Colin LePage of the Riverside-Bradford Baseball for the use of the Consentino School on February 24, 2013, March 3, 2013 and March 9, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for evaluations for Baseball.

Process Fee: \$ 10.00
Utility Fee: \$ *Waived
Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 per hour
Rental Fee: \$ *Waived
*Fee waived Haverhill Students 100%

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to suspend the rules.

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

<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Sierpina</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Motion passes: 7-0

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the additional use of facilities request.

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

<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Sierpina</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Motion passes: 7-0

Executive Session/Adjournment.

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Mr. Scully indicated there was a need for executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Mayor Fiorentini specified that the committee would only revert to open session for the purposes of adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to go into executive session for the purposes of contractual matter.

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

<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Sierpina</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

Motion passes: 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.