

Haverhill School Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.



This meeting was recorded.

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mr. Shaun Toohey (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Mr. Scott Wood, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kara Kosmes (arrived at 8:23 p.m.), Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mayor James J. Fiorentini was recorded as absent.

Attorney Magliocchetti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation:

None at this time.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Haley Peabody.

Ms. Peabody was not in attendance for an update.

Attorney Magliocchetti requested to move up his Student Presentation.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to move Attorney Magliocchetti's Student Presentation up on the agenda. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Attorney Magliocchetti

Student Presentation

Brianna McDermott gave a presentation on proposed renovations to the high school auditorium. She referenced pictures in members' packets and made recommendations that would benefit all involved in using the auditorium from students to rental purposes. This was part of a school project she was assigned. Mr. Scully indicated some repairs have been addressed. Mr. Wood recommended sending a letter to the Mayor to acquire funding to fix some of the issues and Mrs. Danehy suggested reaching out to Whittier VoTech also for assisting with repairs. Mr. Toohey will contact Whittier for their assistance.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports.

Aldebaran Robotics Presentation

Dr. Olivier Joubert demonstrated the initiative to deal with working to assist children suffering from autism. The instrument is designed to be a teaching tool for students with autism. Moody School has been selected as a test site. Dr. Joubert also demonstrated NAO, a humanoid robot, as the tool for helping the teachers and children with autism. Training of staff will begin tomorrow and the pilot program will be ongoing.

Starbase Academy – Consentino's Team Alpha Booklet

Superintendent Scully detailed the Starbase program launched this past year with nearly 500 student participants. Starbase is a premier education program sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and is held at Hanscom Air Force Base. The fifth grade students participate in challenging hands on, mind on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Professional Development Update

Superintendent Scully referenced the data in the members' booklet containing schools responses by school, grade level taught, and content area.

School Calendar Update

An adjustment was made to the proposed calendar to add one full day of professional development. The Superintendent indicated this upcoming year grades Kindergarten to 4 will go to a tri-semester. He will report to members as to its success.

Update on Tutoring

The Superintendent referenced the Increase from fall to winter in reading and math and from passing to proficient for the Title I Extended Day Tutoring program.

Superintendent's Evaluation

The Evaluation Document set for the state's school superintendents was discussed. Mr. Scully presented to members what was approved by the state with specific goals that need to be achieved. Attorney Magliocchetti would like to complete this by the end of the school year. He will be contacting members for input as to other areas to be evaluated on which will be consistent with the state. He asked to have this information by the first meeting in May, to compile the grades and then give the Superintendent his evaluation. Mr. Bevilacqua asked to focus on stability in the system and continue to move forward while focusing on the state guidelines. Members commented on minor tweaks and to follow the state guidelines.

K-4 Marking Period

This was previously discussed.

School Committee Communications:

Mr. Sierpina

General Maintenance Issues at Haverhill High School after the renovation

Mr. Scully reviewed the letter from Mr. Geary highlighting the facility security, pool roof, HVAC controls, irrigation, common area ceilings, and routine and preventative maintenance. Over one million dollars has been spent through a bond which will come out of the school department to address problem areas. A majority of the needed repair work is being in-house. The Superintendent also noted the need to do the Hunking School correctly referencing the issues with the Bradford, Golden and Nettle Schools driveway and playground areas. The repair cost of \$100,000 to the fitness center was offset by 50% through private donations.

Kindergarten Student Readiness for Grade 1 {what they need to know}

The Superintendent indicated the full day program is working according to the teachers. Dr. Malone reviewed the skills the students should acquire at the end of kindergarten and first grade indicating the benchmarks. Progress reports are identifying what student's strengths and weakness are and can be addressed. The gains will not be known for 1.5 years overall.

Number of new students as of 7/1/12 and what subgroups do they reflect

The Superintendent indicated the middle schools are full to capacity with the student/teacher ration increasing and at a critical point. There are 389 more students this year.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports at this time.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20130315A totaling \$385,259.75 and Warrant Number EV20130215B totaling \$695,152.24.

Mr. Wood questioned the payment to Merrimack College which was an offset per graduate student to work in the schools. Attorney Magliocchetti question the gasoline charge. Ms. Kosmes indicated this is billed back from the Purchasing Agent four times per year for using the fuel depot at the Highway

Department which results in a significant savings. Mr. Wood asked for a list of vehicles that use this service.

A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

Use of Facilities:

- Requested by Clint Clay of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of the Consentino School on Tuesday, March 3, 2013 thru Tuesday, April 16, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 %
- Requested by Erin Buswell of the American International College for the use of the Haverhill High School on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for Information session regarding off-campus Masters and CAGS programs.
 - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
 - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour
 - Rental Fee: \$30.00 per event
- Requested by Scott Helmers of the Spotlight Players for the use of the Haverhill High School Auditorium on April 15, 2013 thru April 27, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and April 14, 2013 and April 28, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a play.
 - Process Fee: \$ 10.00
 - Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour
 - Custodial Fee \$ 30.00 per hour
 - Rental Fee: \$100.00 per event

Legal bills for Attorney Grunebaum totaling \$5,915.54

Field Trip request(s):

- M. Joubert, Nettle, Grade 6, April 10-12, Ferry Beach Ecology School, \$230.00
- Mr. Hickey, HHS, Key club, April 5-7, New England District Key Club Training Conference, Springfield, MA, \$90.00
- J. Baker, HHS, Grade 9 & 11, April 10, PETER AND THE Starcatcher, New York, New York, \$195.00

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Items A, B, C. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations and contracts. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Information on Nao Initiative; Starbase Academy material; Professional Development Information; Updated School Calendar; Tutoring Information; Superintendent's Evaluation Material; Email from Mr. Sierpina; Memo from Thomas Geary regarding HHS Post-Renovation Maintenance Issues; Warrants; Use of Facilities; Legal Bills from Attorney Grunebaum; field trip requests