



HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, April 11, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua,, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mayor James J. Fiorentini and Mr. Scott Wood were 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

Haley stated April 15th the student council will hold its annual cleanup of Brook Street; they are installing the picnic tables outside the cafeteria; the Key Club is holding a lip sync competition on May 22nd to lower athletic fees; a rededication of the high school ceremony is scheduled for May 11 with a community all day event. Mr. Scully indicated Mr. Nangle is dealing with the third term report cards that were not sent home.

Mr. Scully referenced the packet booklet which shows the department's accomplishments this past 2 ½ years. He asked members to be mindful of these accomplishments when setting their goals.

School Committee Communications

Attorney Magliocchetti

This student presentation was held later in the meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation Forms

Attorney Magliocchetti has not heard back from anyone on changes on the form and if received will add his changes as an addendum. Evaluation forms with the addendum will be sent to members and asked for comments to be back by the first meeting in May which will let them be ready for the public by the second meeting in May or first of June for final evaluation.

Exterior Lighting at Haverhill High School

Attorney Magliocchetti has noticed dark areas surrounding the high school building and in the tennis court area. Mr. Scully indicated they have received numerous comments on the lighting. They have added a number of bollard lighting systems in several areas, are looking at costs for additional lighting and will be continuing to working on this. Mr. Geary is meeting with National Grid regarding the lighting.

Mr. Scully also informed members of the donations received to fix the weight room area. Insurance monies in addition to significant private donations and the Touchdown Club will help offset the approximate cost of \$150,000 to fix the area.

Carpeting at Hunking

Mr. Scully indicated within the next ten days they are ripping up the Library carpet, repairing the floor surface and installing a low grade carpet which has a four to five year life expectancy.

Mr. Scully requested the May 9th meeting be changed to May 2nd due to the first meeting with the School Building Committee with the architect.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to change the May 9th meeting to May 2nd. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Mr. Sierpina

Explanation of the technology component of the middle school math program DIGITS

Mr. Sierpina questioned the middle school math program DIGITS. Dr. Malone indicated this is a pilot program as well as Math and Focus. Mr. Scully stated they are moving from the textbook to a digital age and by the end of the summer all middle schools will be wireless network capable. This program is entirely technology based. Dr. Malone stated all four middle schools teachers are piloting both programs. Students do have access to online books; have been assigned ID numbers with names and logins. Dr. Malone will follow up on this to make sure all students have access.

AP Courses offered at Haverhill High School and the number of students in each

Mr. Sierpina questioned the cost of the AP tests and the concern that students don't sign up for them. Dr. Malone indicated the RTTT funds of \$7,500 helps offset the cost for students who are juniors and seniors who take this exam. The range for the test is \$50-\$80 and should be reduced by \$15 per test.

K-12 Progress Reports

Dr. Malone reviewed the different progress reports including the grading system for reading and math. She reviewed how they pinpoint reading levels which is being used through grade 4 which should be extended to grade 5 for next year. Dr. Malone also explained the benchmark assessment which gives them a student's level of functioning.

Student Presentation

Postponed to later in meeting

Philip Sasso-Flanagan presented his vision of a field house track facility to be located at the rear of the high school track. His focus was on why a field house is needed, surrounding communities with such a facility, how to get started, costs, funding, design, and equipment. The facility can be a revenue generator for the department.

Subcommittee Reports:

None at this time.

New Business:

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20130412A totaling \$126,308.90; Warrant Number EV201300412B totaling \$625,708.07 and Warrant Number JE20130412 totaling \$36,714.96.

A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus:

Use of facilities:

Requested by Kim Ocasio's of the Ocasio's True Martial Arts for the use of the Haverhill High School on Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Black Belt Extravaganza.

Process Fee: \$ 10.00

Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00 weekend rate per hour
Rental Fee:	\$100.00 per event

Requested by Vinny Ouellette of the Haverhill Recreation Department for the use of the Haverhill High School on Monday thru Friday from June 24, 2013 thru August 9, 2013 for Haverhill Recreation Summer Day.

Process Fee:	\$ *Waived
Utility Fee:	\$ *Waived
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00 per hour
Rental Fee:	\$**Waived

Conference request(s):

Jacqueline Duane, Consentino, Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Institute, June 12-15, 2013, Washington, DC, \$1,626

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Items A and B. A verbal vote was held indicating all in favor.

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigations and negotiations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Email from Mr. Sierpina; Warrants; Use of Facilities; conference requests