

**HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.**



***This meeting was recorded.***

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

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation:**

None at this time.

**Communication and Reports:**

*Student Advisory Council Report – Jill Zuber*

The annual Brook Street cleanup was held last Monday; the picnic tables have been installed by the cafeteria and one by the tennis courts; the Key Club is holding a lip sync contest on May 22 to help lower athletic user fees; the spring cabaret will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> with the chorus singing various numbers, and on May 9<sup>th</sup> the high school is holding a Mr. HHS contest.

Mr. Toohey requested to suspend the rules to hold a moment of silence for the passing of teacher Judy Riley's husband.

*Superintendent Comments/Reports.*

Update on Budget Calendar

The Superintendent informed members he does not have the latest update and when he receives the figures he will forward them. Members requested scheduling a workshop or special meeting in order to discuss/debate their priorities which can be incorporated into the budget, disagree, or come to a resolution. Mr. Scully will include this session during the next meeting.

*School Committee Communications*

Mr. Sierpina

Update on Whittier VoTech – Haverhill students for next year – any other updates

Dr. Malone reviewed the hand out citing 309 eighth grade students have applied to Whittier VoTech. Of the 49% of students applying, 210 have been accepted resulting in an overall 68% acceptance rate. Discussion was held as to the criteria for acceptance and how to address the issues resulting in a student not being accepted into their program and to put a plan into place to address the issues.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to request from the Principal at Whittier Middle School a report relative to her feedback as to why students are not getting accepted and the issues as to how is she addressing them.

The Superintendent will acquire the latest information from Whittier VoTech before speaking with the Principal.

Mr. Wood amended his motion to wait for the report but would like to find out how they are addressing the issues.

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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade World Languages Program - #'s for this year

Dr. Malone referenced the updated handout indicating sixteen middle school 8<sup>th</sup> graders are taking Spanish I and eight middle school students are participating in the Italian I CP class. Overall, students are doing very well and all are passing. They are looking to expanding this opportunity next year to students interested in taking Latin.

Gateway Cities Extended Learning Time Grant – anything for Haverhill students?

Mr. Sierpina indicated a “Globe” article on Gateway cities receiving grant funding. Mr. Scully stated he is working on the criteria with other cities to participate in this grant.

*Subcommittee Reports*

Attorney Magliocchetti met with the Stadium commission noting the income received in turn is sufficiently running the entire stadium and includes improvements. Mr. O’Brien will be presenting a full report on this and what plans are for the future in the upcoming weeks.

**New Business:**

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20130426A totaling \$209,390.91; Warrant Number EV201300426B totaling \$279,564.63 and Warrant Number JE20130426 totaling \$17,379.64. 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for item(s) to be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances. 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

**Items by Consensus**

Legal bills for Attorney Grunebaum totaling \$1,445.00

Field trip request(s)

- Genevieve Torrisi, J. G. Whittier, Grade 8, June 3 – 7, 2013, Washington DC, \$700.00

Mr. Wood asked to remove Item A.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Item B, Field Trips request. 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

Mr. Wood questioned the billing amounts for email. He requested an explanation from Attorney Grunebaum to see what the line items entailed.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Wood to table this to the next meeting for an explanation. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

**Executive Session/Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

*List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Email from Mr. Sierpina; Warrants; Memo from Head Teacher Donna Mears (surplus item); legal bills from Attorney Grunebaum; field trip request*

*Handouts at meeting: 2012-2013 Parent Teacher Conference Attendance Rates Terms 1, 2, and 3; Whittier Vo-Tech Applicant Report; Update on Middle School Foreign Language Program; Superintendent's Evaluation Document*