

HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 23, 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, Attorney Magliocchetti, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Ms Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent.

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation**

None at this time.

**Communication and Reports:**

*Student Advisory Council Report – Haley Peabody*

Haley stated tomorrow is the start of senior week activities beginning with the annual Poetry Reading Contest. The senior prom will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> and student council elections this upcoming Tuesday.

*Superintendent Comments/Reports.*

*Introduction of Representative from Uno Chicago Grill to present check as part of Get Smart Haverhill Event*

The Superintendent introduced Sarah Colletti representing UNO Chicago Grill and their GET SMART HAVERHILL program. This program focuses on the schools raising funds through receipts of purchases at UNO's. Tilton School raised the overall highest receipts and received a smart board/white board worth approximately \$2,000. Over \$7,000 was raised district wide. Mr. Woody Cammett, grandparent of Tilton students, purchased two additional smart boards from CCS New England for Tilton School.

Mr. Scully informed members that Mr. Ernie DiBurro will cover the complete cost of new equipment, worth over \$80,000, for the newly renovated weight room.

Ms. Keighley Credit of Nettle School has raised over 3k for her favorite teacher who has a serious illness.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the donations as accepted. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

*Update on School Budget*

Mr. Scully provided an updated budget with preliminary numbers as of May 2. He asked members to review this, ask questions and if satisfied to approve the proposed budget with adjustments. He will bring back amendments of numbers for approval. He is meeting with the city auditor to reconcile some issues on the bussing. This is a time sensitive document and would like to hold the Public Hearing June 6<sup>th</sup> and asked to move the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to that date to also accommodate the License Commission.

The main focus of questions related to the higher percentage line item increases. A lengthy discussion was held on the principal's salaries and the budget and grants salary. Members questioned the breakdown in each line item for principal salaries and its relation to their individual contracts. Ms. Kosmes defined each line item in question. Mr. Scully will review the contracts for clarifications requested and forward the information to members. Discussion was also held on the payout of accrued vacation days.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to cut from page 1, budget and grants by \$7,000 to \$60,000. A roll call vote was held with the following results

Mrs. Danehy	No	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	No	Mr. Sierpina	No	Attorney Magliocchetti	No
Mayor Fiorentini	No				

Motion fails.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to approve the preliminary budget as presented subject to or approval of the principal contracts and a final determination of the line items value of the principals subject to other line item changes and subject to any other amendments. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

Mrs. Danehy	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	No
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Sierpina	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Abstained				

Motion passes.

#### June School Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to move the June 13 meeting to June 6 with the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

### **School Committee Communications**

#### Mr. Bevilacqua

#### Teacher Recognition

Mr. Bevilacqua indicated May is the month to recognize teachers. He requested a formal recognition and to inform the community of the excellent role they play with the students.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced the Superintendent's evaluation forms which have been given to central office where they will be put on record for public review. It was the consensus of the committee that Mr. Scully is doing an excellent job and views him as a strong leader; he handles himself well and has brought pride back to the district. There are a few areas to work on and to improve himself.

### **New Business**

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV20130524A totaling \$17,439.39; Warrant Number EV20130524B totaling \$1,092,420.33; Warrant Number EV20130524C totaling \$324,214.41 and Warrant Number JE20130524 totaling \$17,195.03. 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 Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the contract renewal for Whitsons. 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.

### **Items by Consensus**

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

- Liz Briggs, Hunking Middle, Grade 8, June 3-7, Washington, DC, \$739.00
- D. Muller, J. Sirois, P. O'Brien, C. Valaskatgis, K. Cleary, Nettle Middle, Grade 8, June 4-7, Washington DC, \$632.00
- Bernie McCann, Consentino, Grade 8, June 4-7, Washington DC, \$610.00

#### Approval of the use of facilities:

Requested by Phil Brown of the Classical Academy Parents Association for the use of the Haverhill High School Cafeteria on September 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Local Book Authors Expo.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ *Waived

Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00 per hour
Rental Fee:	\$ *Waived
*100 % Haverhill residents	

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve the Items A and B. 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.

### **Executive Session/Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

*List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Flyer on Get Smart Haverhill Event; Memo from Mr. Scully on FY14 Budget; Agenda Item from Mr. Bevilacqua; Warrants; Memo from Ms. Kosmes regarding Whitsons' Contract Renewal; field trip requests; use of facilities*

*Distributed at meeting: Keighley Credit – Nettle School; Letter from Cammett Engineering; Get Smart Haverhill School breakdown of monies raised*