

Haverhill School Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded

Mrs. Susan Danehy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Raymond Sierpina, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum. Mayor James J. Fiorentini and Ms Kara Kosmes, Assistant Superintendent of Finance (arrived at 8:08 p.m.) were recorded as absent.

Meaghan Wrenn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Mayor Pelosi who passed away this week.

Public Participation

Dina Papanicolou gave thanks for the website information and support for the proposal that will shore up the Hunking School. She asked to continue to partner with parents in building a new school and to take appropriate action to fix the middle school which will allow the children to have an equal opportunity for a healthy and safe environment in their neighborhood.

Communication and Reports

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Meserve

Meagan Wrenn reviewed the current events at the high school including putting picnic tables outside and planting trees by the café for students to eat lunch, the recent coffee house held on Tuesday, the upcoming spring battle of the bands, the postponing of the dodgeball tournament, spring sports beginning March 19th, and the cheerleaders making the state tournament.

Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards Recognition of HHS Students & Teachers - Mr. Scully

Beth Kitsos, Associate High School Principal and Supervisor of Fine Arts with the assistance of Jeff Paszko, Susan Blim and Mary Murphy introduced the students who were finalists from the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards and highlighted the art on display tonight.

Superintendent's Comments/Reports

Mr. Scully has received word from Representative Dempsey's Office that they will receive \$200,000 in additional funding to complete the technology project. Within the next few months, the high school will be outfitted with a wireless environment.

Hunking School Status Report

Mr. Scully explained the decision that was made and asked members to respectfully vote on his recommendation of requesting \$400,000 from City Council to shore up the building as opposed to relocating the students for \$1.3 million. The Superintendent reviewed the following: Cost of school choice with students leaving, portable classrooms, relocation of students 2012-2013, transportation, and other concerns. The approximate cost is \$375,000 to shore up the building. He indicated that all duct work has been patched for better circulation, vent work repaired by our workmen which should hold for four or five years, the electrical components embraced, and if approved move and support the electrical piece during April vacation. Members expressed concerns and commented on the air quality which is being addressed by bringing in equipment to create negative pressure and does not allow for mold to creep up; members urged the public for support in going to City Council for the funding; the issue of School Choice and asked parents not to give up on the staff and administration; the cost of bus fuel in addition to the cost of moving students to another facility; the moisture issue being part of a feasibility study; and the selection of a building committee.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to support the Superintendent's recommendation. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

The appointment of a member to the building committee will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Comprehensive Energy Program

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table this item to the next meeting. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

All Day Kindergarten

A grant has been received that will allow implementing all day kindergarten. The program will be tuition based capping at \$2,000 per family and any reductions in tuition will be assessed on a sliding scale based on family income. Minimal half day programs will remain. They are still working on the final plan relative to locations of the classrooms which may include two kindergarten centers at Bartlett and Crowell.

Social Networking Policy – First Reading

The policy will make sure Tweets are in line and consistent with the MASS and MASC policy.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports were given at this time.

School Committee Communications.

Mr. Sierpina

School Choice

The item was previously addressed.

ELE Communication from February 8

Mr. Sierpina questioned waivers for ELE staff members. Mr. Scully indicated that SPED, ELE or ELL have certain situations and disciplines which then the state may grant a waiver. They currently have one staff member at the high school.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20120224 totaling \$105,390.38; Warrant Number EV20120302 totaling \$114,224.25; Warrant Number EV20120309 totaling \$684,904.13; and Warrant Number JE20120309 totaling \$59,921.19. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus:

the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2011; January 12, 2012 and January 26, 2012

the field trip request(s)

conference request(s):

- Mrs. Begley HHS, Key Club, April 13-15, 012, Training Conference, Springfield MA, \$95.00
- Dan Hickey, HHS, Construction Supervisor, ConEd, March 27-31, \$295.00
- Thomas Geary, District, National Facilities Management & Tech Conference, March 13-15, Baltimore MD, \$899.38

Use of Facilities:

- Requested by Jenifer Murphy of the Human Resources Division for the use of the Consentino School on March 24, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Fire Chief Series/Correction Officer 1 Exams. Process Fee: \$ 10.00; Utility Fee: \$ 20.00 per hour; Custodial Fee \$ 45.00 weekend rate; Rental Fee:\$ 30.00 per day Classroom
- Requested by Jenifer Murphy of the Human Resources Division for the use of the Consentino School on October 27 and November 17, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Fire Promo Exam/Police and EPO promo. Process Fee:\$ 10.00; Utility Fee:\$ 20.00 per hour; Custodial Fee\$ 45.00 weekend rate; Rental Fee: \$ 30.00 per day Classroom
- Riverside Bradford Baseball, Colin LePage, Consentino smaller gym, March 18, 12noon – 5 p.m.

Legal Bills for Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$127.50

Mr. Sierpina asked to withdraw Item C.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the remaining items. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Mr. Sierpina questioned Mr. Geary's conference. The Superintendent indicated it was for professional development only due to Mr. Geary currently being certified.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Item C. A roll call vote was held with the following results.

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

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards; Hunking Documentation; All Day Kindergarten documents; Draft Social Networking Policy; Email from Ray Sierpina regarding agenda items; Letter from DESE regarding ELE Program; Warrant Number EV20120224 totaling \$105,390.38; Warrant Number EV20120302 totaling \$114,224.25; Warrant Number EV20120309 totaling

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\$684,904.13; and Warrant Number JE20120309 totaling \$59,921.19; minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2011; January 12, 2012 and January 26, 2012; field trip request; conference requests; legal bill from Attorney David Grunebaum; use of facilities