



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Budget Workshop Minutes of May 21, 2018**

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson	Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chair
Attorney Richard Rosa	Mr. Sven Amirian
Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello	Mr. Scott Wood
Mr. Brian O'Connell, Business Manager	Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Margaret Marotta, Incoming Superintendent	

Brief Discussion on passing of FY19 Budget and Public Hearing being held. The recommendation was June 6 (first choice) and June 4 (second choice).

Mayor Fiorentini stated no additional increase besides the 6.33%.

Ms. Sullivan interconnectedness with public safety and public education.

Mayor states crisis in public safety and any additional monies will be allocated to that area.

Discussion.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to add the position of ELA Supervisor to the FY19 budget (\$100,000). Mr. Amirian seconded the motion.

Mr. Fulgoni offered a change in model to teacher-centered administration.

Ms. Sullivan indicated there was not enough time for teachers to implement.

Attorney Magliocchetti supported the administrative position.

Mr. O'Connell stated the minimum salary was \$100,000.

Mr. Wood asked that another model be explored because of the significant cost.

Mr. Fulgoni supported the teacher-model instead of top-down.

Ms. Sullivan indicated that collegial working relationships could be implemented.

Attorney Rosa asked why this model was not examined for all positions in the curriculum area. He noted that the ELA Supervisor was the key to implementing curriculum transformation and change.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

5 members having voted in the affirmative
2 members having voted in the negative
0 member having abstained

Attorney Rosa indicated that the position was a Compliance Officer that had been changed to Assistant Director of Special Education.

Attorney Magliocchetti requested the addition of a high school supervisor of special education.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to add the position of high school supervisor of special education to the FY19 Budget. Mr. Amirian seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood asked if in Ms. Marotta's district there was had a special education director at high school.

Ms. Marotta noted the high school supervisor in Salem had broader responsibilities than just high school duties, they included therapeutic and alternative programs obligations.

Ms. Sullivan commented on the school committee's responsibility to align budget decisions with the goals that had been established by them as a body.

Mayor Fiorentini noted that if you see yourself as a lobbyist than you had more power.

Ms. Sullivan stated that the committee's roll was in trying to do the best for children. She was offended with the classification of herself as a lobbyist.

Mr. Amirian asked if the Bryt Program was budgeted.

Mr. Fulgoni noted that turnover savings could exist.

Attorney Rosa underscored the \$500,000 non-residential day services savings and \$700,000 residential tuition costs.

Mr. O'Connell highlighted a 25% ahead in savings in special education.

Public Comment.

Ms. Kathy Kazor offered the following comments and observations:

- last page of legal page web design – expenses are reimbursable to the city;
- reimbursement the school system works diligently to receive as part of Medicaid Program has to be "begged for" because it is deposited in a city account;
- Greenleaf School was supposed to be closed in order to provide a healthy accessible building
- Ms. Kaczor offered an example of her daughter's success at Haverhill High School – she had never written non-fiction writing during her school career and was now a junior - however the teacher demands it and in order to support the student so that she does not fail all of her writing assignments – the teacher provide before and after school assistance and was working with her to figure out how she can to improve;
- Lack of full-time nursing services at Crowell has resulted in dismissals due to minor injuries and loss of learning time;
- Reasoning behind School Committee salaries.

Budget Discussion will continue at the regular meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.