



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2018**

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Attorney Richard Rosa, Mr. Sven Amirian, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardiello, Ms. Gail Sullivan, Mr. Scott Wood, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chair, Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools.

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The committee and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment.**

Dr. Thomas Grannemann, 51 Leroy Avenue offered the following thoughts and suggestions to the School Committee on the budget process:

- transparent budget process
- budget posted and available to the public
- up to date expenditures
- impact per pupil expenditures
- timelines for dates and workshops etc.
- Overall adequate level of funding
- Signed teachers' contract
- adequate to fund schools
- best estimate of the schools needs
- addresses grade level reading
- fill the ELA Curriculum Supervisor vacancy
- consistent progress across the district which would include literacy coaches and job coaches, functioning libraries
- a budget that will support the new superintendent's initiatives

Dr. John Maddox, School Physician, 122 Lakeview Avenue commented:

- very confusing to look at this budget;
- trying to determine how the budget works together to provide the whole picture of the school district's priorities such as, grade level reading; library and book room access; full day kindergarten; professional development and Literacy Collaborative;

**Communication and Reports.**

**Student Advisory Council Report – Isabela Yepes.**

Ms. Yepes gave her report which included the following:

- Haverhill High School was randomly selected to participate in ELA 2.0 Field Test;
- MCAS Testing is starting;
- Spirit Week is in full swing with the Brown & Gold Powder Puff Game, a Movie Night, the Academic Awards Event;
- Prom Tickets on sale \$85 and will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at Castleton in Windham, NH;
- The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill recently announced their "Youth of the Year" this year's honoree was Hillie Nation's very own Iliyah Rivera. This is the club's biggest award and

the recipient must excel in academics, community service and service to the club. She will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members for the Massachusetts Youth of the Year title in a few short weeks and we wish her the very best;

- Congratulations to Meredith Budds for being named the Eagle-Tribune's Student Athlete of the Year! Meredith was selected over a tremendous group that included numerous scholarship athletes, three sport captains, class officers and 1400 plus SAT scores.

#### Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Mr. Scully also acknowledged the contributions of both Meredith and Coach Lawler.

In reference to the budget discussion, Superintendent Scully indicated that the administration would present its needs to School Committee during May followed by a Public Hearing at either the end of May or beginning of June as had been the practice the past several years.

Mayor Fiorentini commented that the House Ways & Means Budget had been passed.

Mr. Scully related that the FY19 budget included level services and step increases 6.11% increase

Ms. Sullivan noted that School Committee goals should be included as part of the budget process.

Mayor Fiorentini indicated his interested in Early Childhood Programs such as the Marigold Montessori – Charter School.

Mr. Scully noted that there many solid proposals, including the YMCA Summer Reading Program, that could be considered for funding and/or implementation.

Mr. Wood related that the Boys & Girls Club is also interested in partnering with the Haverhill Public Schools and he would be inviting them to the next meeting.

Attorney Rosa noted that Partnering with YMCA would require only \$10,000 and it would be matching grant eligible through the JF Maddox Foundation and he did not want to lose the opportunity for extended learning.

Mr. Scully was not opposed to the program but believed there was another mechanism that could achieve the same results.

Mayor Fiorentini asked that a meeting be set up with Ms. Fuller and the Superintendent.

Attorney Rosa stated the item would be added to the next agenda.

Mr. Wood cautioned against being fundamentally fair to other organizations in both implementation and selection.

In reference to the recent Finance Subcommittee meeting, Attorney Magliocchetti along with the subcommittee members Ms. Sullivan and Attorney Rosa had reviewed positions that were unfilled for possible buffers at the end of the year.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if any positions were being filled.

Mr. Scully noted that several positions that need to be filled such as ELL Supervisor that could not wait until new superintendent was on board. He

Attorney Magliocchetti related that a collaborative process with new superintendent was what he had hoped would happen during the transition.

Ms. Sullivan reported that the Finance Subcommittee had a few recommendations such as a hiring freeze unless the position was deemed necessary by the Superintendent; reading and math coaches in each school and the filling of the position of ELA Supervisor.

Mr. Scully was concerned with the words and intention of "hiring freeze".

Mr. Wood did not want to handicap principals in hiring teachers for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Scully noted that the Supervisor of Nursing and Health Services was filled this week to ensure that grant monies would continue to flow to Haverhill.

Attorney Magliocchetti questioned why positions had been unfilled for so long.

Mr. Scully related that Haverhill has the leanest administrative system.

Mayor Fiorentini asked for a priority list.

There was a discussion about possible budget workshop dates.

School Committee Communications.

Attorney Magliocchetti introduced Thomas Lyons, 99 Cross Road (representing his wife Ruby and the Lyons Fund), 9 South Cross Street to speak about Steve Lyons Fund to discuss the organization's work within our schools which including a self-sufficient band program for middle school students in our district.

Mr. Scully related that the band would be properly outfitted for the upcoming school year.

Attorney Rosa introduced Diane Knight, RN, director of the Northeast Tobacco Free Community Partnership, will give a presentation on "vaping" and "juuling," a serious issue among middle and high school students because these e-cigarettes contain nicotine and other harmful chemicals.

Ms. Knight explained the prevalent use of these products and the targeting of young people by the tobacco companies for use of these "kid friendly" products.

It was the consensus of the members that this topic was very important and that the offering of parent workshops be provided in the district during the upcoming school year.

Subcommittee Reports.

Mayor Fiorentini announced that the subcommittee on the new superintendent contract has met three times and successfully negotiated a contract with Ms. Margaret Marotta.

Attorney Magliocchetti announced that the minutes had been approved at an earlier subcommittee meeting.

The minutes were distributed for review.

New Business.

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar [Approved HPS School Calendar 2018-2019 Final 04.26.18.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

The Superintendent recommends approval of Warrant Number EV20180427 totaling \$413,434.82; Warrant Number EV20180427A totaling \$162,908.72; Warrant Number EV20180427B totaling \$681,171.31; Warrant Number JE20180427A totaling \$4,895.90 and Warrant Number JE20180427A totaling \$2,517.78 as indicated in the agenda material [Warrants Only 04.26.18.pdf](#).

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180427 totaling \$413,434.82 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180427A totaling \$162,908.72 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180427B totaling \$681,171.31 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Attorney Magliocchetti made a motion to approve Warrant Number JE20180427 totaling \$4,895.90 as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion.

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	Yes		

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180427A totaling \$2,517.78 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

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	Abstain
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the field trip request form(s) [SC Agenda Packet 04.26.18 FT Sabella.pdf](#), the use of facilities [SC - Use Of Facilities 04.26.18.pdf](#) the executive session minutes April 10, 2018 [HSC ISS Negotiating Subcommittee Executive Session Minutes 04.10.18.pdf](#) of the New Superintendent of Schools Negotiating Subcommittee as indicated in the agenda material.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve Items by Consensus as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of March 30, 2018 and April 5, 2018 [HSC ISS Negotiating Subcommittee Executive Session 033018.pdf](#) and [HSC ISS Negotiating Subcommittee Executive Session 04.05.18.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

Mr. Wood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		