



Haverhill School Committee – Special Meeting of June 5, 2014

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Present were: Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti; Mrs. Susan Danehy; Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua; Mr. Scott Wood, Vice President; Shaun Toohey, President; Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent.

Mayor Fiorentini indicated that this meeting would be an **informal** session.

FY15 Budget Review by School Committee

Mr. O'Connor distributed a four-page document that outlined revisions to the FY15 budget.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey that non-unit personnel hired after 2012 **do not** receive the 1.5% salary increases.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	No	Attorney Magliocchetti	No
Mrs. Danehy	No	Mr. Wood	No
Mr. Bevilacqua	No	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	No

A 2-5 vote; motion fails

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to remove the facilitator position from the FY15 budget.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mrs. Danehy	No	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

A 6-1 vote; motion passes

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to return the facilitator salary monies to the general reserve account.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	No	Attorney Magliocchetti	No
Mrs. Danehy	No	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

A 4-3 vote; motion passes

Comments & Observations on Budget:

- Posting errors have been corrected (Mr. O'Connor);
- School Choice impacting the bottom line (Attorney Magliocchetti);
- Change Litigation and Negotiation to General Reserve
- Budget & Grant Analyst going to .5 (Jane Johnson occupies position)
- Copier at the high school has been changed (Mr. Scully)



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- Administration is pleased with the accounting firm that has been consulting with the district (Question: Mayor & Response: Mr. Scully)
- The FY15 budget is a baseline for future budgets – totally accurate – all accounting/budget issues have been addressed (Question: Mr. Bevilacqua & Response: Mr. O'Connor)
- Mr. O'Connor can continue to be employed as the part-time business manager – there are no issues with his retirement (Question: Mayor & Response: Mr. O'Connor)
- Health care numbers should be verified with Mr. Benevento (Mayor)
- In-house plumber, carpenter and tradesmen have provided a more economical way to address plumbing issues within the schools and city (Mr. Scully)
- Transportation costs have increased and the district has looked at staggering busses to reduce costs district (Question: Mayor & Response: Mr. Scully)
- All resources are being focused on student learning including lowering class sizes (Mr. Scully)
- There has not been proven research to indicate that lower class size impacts student achievement (Mayor)
- Tutoring and/or extended learning still being utilized to address the gaps in learning (Mr. Scully)
- Endorsement of mandatory tutoring (Mayor)
- Coaches are being used in specific content areas (Mr. Scully)
- Class size has impact at the lower grade levels but not as much in the upper grades (Mr. Wood)
- Lower class size has not been proven conclusively to impact student achievement (Mrs. Danehy)
- Develop a list of priority items if additional funding becomes available (Mr. Bevilacqua)
- Relationships with colleges has allowed HHS students to enter college with college credits reducing the cost of their college education (Attorney Magliocchetti)

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the FY15 budget as amended and send the budget to a public hearing on June 12, 2014.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

<i>Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>

A 7-0 vote; motion passes

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

<i>Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mrs. Danehy</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Bevilacqua</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>

A 7-0 vote; motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.