



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2019**

Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers – 7:00 pm

Mayor Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and requested a roll call of members.

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

Dr. Margaret Marotta Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations were also present. Ms. Leah Pearse, Student Advisory Council Member was in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Brian O’Connell, former School Business Manager who passed away recently.

Public Comment – none.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report - Ms. Leah Pearse.

Ms. Pearse noted that Fall Sports was ending and many Senior Nights were being held. She also related that City Council and School Committee Debates were held in the auditorium.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Dr. Marotta offered an ALICE Update which included two nights of ALICE Training this week as part of School Safety and Anti-Violence efforts. She commented that staff viewed a video as part of an online learning experience. The Superintendent noted that 1200 staff participated, which was followed by a ½ day of professional development including drills and conversation. Dr. Marotta noted ALICE was introduced to families at Hunking School on Monday evening (60 total) and at Consentino School on Tuesday evening, where close to 100 people attended. The Superintendent related that the videotaped presentation would be on our website shortly. Dr. Marotta outlined that drills with students would begin in November and the drills/conversations continue over the school year with at least four drills per year; she was pleased with the rollout.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello asked about upcoming trainings for cafeteria workers

Dr. Marotta commented that pockets of staff still need to be trained including Central Office personnel.

Assistant Superintendent Michael Pfifferling provided a Facilities Update.

John Greenleaf Whittier School Facilities Work:

- replacement of boiler emergency replacement;
- rebated steam pipes;
- work in crawl space and fix pin hole leaks;
- repairs are done by the in-house plumber and contractor;

- sewer issues with disposal of improper products;
- roofs in boys' and girls' locker room implemented with repair of planks and beams which is a temporary fix;
- roof drains have been having ongoing issues which resulted in the replacement of four drains in the HHS lavatory sinks;
- Limestone replacement in Science Department along with two other areas with chemical traps;
- An RFP for pool replacement will be awarded in November and December;
- A card swipe system for access to the pool area along with Burnham testing out locations syncing off one card;
- Silver Hill and Nettle School had elevator repairs which resulted in the SH elevator off line for a few days for inspection;

Mayor Fiorentini disputed the perception that the schools were a “mess”. He was concerned with solving problems and implementing preventive maintenance measures.

Mr. Pfifferling offered that once critical issues were resolved, preventive maintenance would be undertaken.

Dr. Marotta noted that Hunking School’s sophisticated HVAC system had several glitches since the building opened with leaking pipes and condensation and the outside contractor have straightened out the issues.

Superintendent Marotta commented at the J.G. Whittier, it was the engineer’s suggestion to install individual thermostats in classrooms since hopefully the building will be replaced.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello commented that last year, the Mayor did not believe there were severe issues at Whittier and offered to have a tour of the school. She commented that the Mayor was not seeing the same things.

Superintendent Marotta announced Trick or Treat would occur on October 26, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Mayor Fiorentini stated that due to triple EEE concerns, the time was earlier and

School Committee Communications.

Attorney Magliocchetti introduced Mr. Dougan Sherwood of GHCC Arts and Education Foundation, Inc. Mr. Sherwood showed a video promoting Haverhill and the Haverhill Public Schools.

Ms. Sullivan: Consentino Sustained Success.

Mr. John Mele, Principal, Mr. Richard Poor, Assistant Principal, Ms. Diana DePaolis, Curriculum & Instruction Redesign Specialist and Ms. Ariana Dekeon, Student Success Coordinator gave a presentation on the efforts undertaken at Consentino School to reinforce school improvement efforts. [Copy of SchoolCommittee_10.24.19 \(1\).pdf](#)

Subcommittee Reports. – none.

Old Business.

Use of Facilities Request Updated Information on Haverhill Travel Basketball (deferred at the 10.10.19 meeting).

