



Haverhill School Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 11, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor James J. Fiorentini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Julie R. Kukenberger, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Wood was recorded as absent.

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation**

Peter, Yannekouras, 85 Millvale Road, expressed his concerns regarding the teaching of evolution which is being tied with sex education that is being taught as part of the health education program in the classroom. Mayor Fiorentini indicated a parent has the option for the student to opt out of said class. Mr. Scully stated they will accommodate parents if they wish to opt out of this program.

**Communication and Reports:**

*Student Advisory Council Report – Emma Kaloostian*

Emma informed members that students are working jointly in developing a program for spirit week and the parking situation is working extremely well.

*Silver Hill Horace Mann Charter School Update – Mr. Gene Zylkuski, Chairperson of the SHHMCS Board of Trustees*

Mr. Zylkuski gave his quarterly update focusing on:

- Year at a glance
  - Kindergarten students on or above grade level when transitioning to first grade
  - Successful fundraisers
  - Continue to have press and misinformation challenges
- Some details
  - Workshops, professional development
  - Revised schedules to increase time on learning
  - Focus on alignment to frameworks
  - YMCA before/after school program
  - Strong commitment to community
- Demographic information
- School statistics
  - 580 students
  - Waitlists
  - Class breakdown
- Dissemination to HPS
  - Best attendance in HPS
  - Created standards-based report cards with accompanying grading rubrics at all grade levels
  - Developed restructuring plan to convert the current Language Cognitive Classrooms into a Language Based Learning Center
  - Piloted the use of an iPad in the classroom to replace teacher laptop or desktop computer
- Why are we different
  - Outstanding and committed staff
  - Excellent parental involvement
- Plans from here...focus for 2014-2015
  - Continue on grade level reading
  - Increase focus on data driven instruction to facilitate stronger percentage increases in MCAS scores
  - Continue fund free all-day kindergarten
  - Work with superintendent to ensure equitable per pupil expenditures
  - Expand board of trustees to 12 and strengthen the foundation

**Superintendent Comments/Reports.**

*Opening of School Update*

Mr. Scully reported a successful opening. Issues raised were down by 35-38% including larger classrooms larger which is down to four situations. An attempt is being made to reduce class sizes are up and they are also looking at ELL and the

middle school grades. There is a current trend of families trying to get into Bradford Elementary with hopes of continuing onto the new Hunking School once completed. Mr. Scully indicated several donations received the significant turnout for sporting events and progressively looking at the bussing patterns.

*Budget – Financial Analysis – Melanson & Heath*

A PowerPoint presentation was held by John Sullivan of MelansonHeath, Accountant to understand the complexity of the budget and to look at things as informational including trends. Mr. Sullivan reviewed:

- School Committee Budget indicating revenues up 2.5%
- 2014 Reconciliation including original appropriation, budget reduction, Chapter 70 aid, Medicaid receipts, city costs, health insurance expense, revenue offsets
- Revenue trends from FY2010 to present
- Chapter 70 and Local Contribution Trend from FY2010 to present
- Required Net School Spending from FY2010 to present
- Net School Spending Calculations
- Composition of the Total Budget
- City Costs and Health Insurance
- City Appropriation and Chapter 70 Trend
- Offsets
- Grants and Revolving Funds

Mr. Sullivan will present the next phase and look at cost components and what is driving costs increases.

Mr. Bevilacqua requested to move up on the agenda Tracy Fuller of the YMCA.

**School Committee Communications**

*YMCA Volunteer Expo (Tracy Fuller – Mr. Bevilacqua*

Mrs. Fuller informed members of the YMCA's two upcoming events:

- Haverhill Volunteer Expo, Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 3:00 p.m. This was generated from Team Haverhill Possible Dreams which includes 20 nonprofit and 4 profit organizations seeking volunteers. This is a way for the high school students to obtain their needed volunteering hours and any adults who would like to volunteer.
- The Sixth Annual Educator of the Year, Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. at DiBurro's. All proceeds go back to the students with the winning teacher and students receiving a six month YMCA membership. The winning teacher also receives a media package and recognition in the community.

*ELE Program Articulation and Approval of AMO*

Johnathan Letcher and Dr. Graciella Trill gave an overview of the English Learner Education Program. Dr. Trilla reviewed the Program articulation and protocols. These are tailored to legal standards and regulations in coordination with audits to have the student mainstreamed fully into the general population. The English learner population has significantly changed since 2008. THE AMO accountability plan is linked to Title III funds which follows specific ways of spending monies and the careful allocation of funds. They are required to justify how you use money and how to increase performance districtwide. Services are very specialized with intensive instruction. A breakdown of languages was requested including demographics within the city.

**Subcommittee Reports**

No reports were given at this time.

Mr. Bevilacqua commented on the program recognizing the 9 11 tragedy this morning at the high school. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello noted the respect shown by all in attendance.

**New Business:**

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the request of Team Haverhill for placement of public art work at Cogswell School.

It was noted that this property is for sale and there may be a need to move the shoe. Team Haverhill is aware of this.

A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV201400912 totaling \$60,613.25; Warrant Number EV20140912A totaling \$477,466.15 and Warrant Number EV20140912B totaling \$177,937.61. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

### Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 14, 2014 and the special meeting of August 28, 2014

approval of the legal bill from Attorney David Grunebaum totaling \$382.50

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Harold E. Wood of the Haverhill Thursday Evening Basketball for the use of the Consentino School Gym on Thursday from September 18, 2014 thru May 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Basketball Games.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00 per hour
Rental Fee:	\$ *Waived

- Requested by Michael Castano / Scott Guerin from Chikara for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on November 15, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. for A Professional Wrestling Event for all ages.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00 weekend rate per hour
Rental Fee:	\$ 100.00 per event

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Items by Consensus. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

Motion passes.

### Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and negotiations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents included as part of packet: School Committee Agenda; Warrants; Team Haverhill Correspondence on Cogswell Art Work; Minutes; Legal Bill; Use of Facilities