



Haverhill School Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor James J. Fiorentini opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Present were: Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Scott Wood, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua was recorded as absent (arrived at 7:51 p.m.).

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Zuber

Ms. Zuber was not in attendance.

Superintendent Comments/Reports

Informational Comments

The Superintendent informed members of the flyer sent to schools relative to the tragic loss of the two Boston fire fighters and the danger in those engaged in public safety. It was to enlighten students of the risk of all branches of service including all first responders, fire fighters and police. A moment of silence was held.

The Superintendent informed members of Dr. Malone's recent appointment as a Superintendent. The scope of this position was discussed and a posting for this position is forthcoming. Next week they are posting for the positions of Middle School Principal, Elementary Assistant Principal, possibly one or two positions, High School Principal, High School Associate Principal and any other vacancies. Members shall receive a list for review once finalized.

Members discussed the salary range for the Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Scully indicated the range of \$120-\$130,000, which is on the low side. A similar process to the previous one of the President appointing two members who will work with the Superintendent and come back to the full committee for final approval will be utilized. The Superintendent indicated he will post the position with salary to be determined. It was asked to contact Solicitor Cox on the role of the process. He would like a consensus of members of what range they are comfortable with. Members shall be polled with a number by Monday. The Superintendent shall compile a list of three to five findings and present them to the full committee for review.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to have the President establish a subcommittee of two members to meet with the Superintendent, review the applications that come in, and that the salary to be determined until they receive proper information from the Superintendent and an opinion from Solicitor Cox on the role of the School Committee in that process. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Mr. Toohey appointed Mr. Wood and Attorney Magliocchetti as the subcommittee members.

Parent Portal Presentation

Tim DeFalco gave an overview to members on the Parent Portal. His PowerPoint presentation highlighted:

- Two presentations - parents and technology: an uneasy alliance
- Open the door student information
- Help is a click or two away – email link
- Logging in
- Parent portal home page
- Family view navigation
- Family view navigation drilling down
- Attendance

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- Tardy
- Exploring the academics tab
 - Classes
 - Courses
 - Teachers
 - Attendance in class
- Navigating the academics tab: drilling down
- Assignments and performance of students
- The academics tab: drilling down
- Academics tab: Down another level
- Grade class statistics
- Automatic alerts available
- Give parents to set up alerts what grade level
- Parent portal FAQ's

Update on MCAS & PARCC Testing.

The Superintendent stated they have moved through most of segments of the MCAS testing with some remaining and also most of the major PARCC testing. They have had mixed reviews with the PARCC testing. They are a pilot site with selected grades and schools.

School Maintenance

Tom Geary gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Maintenance Department including:

- Custodial services
- Maintenance
- Department recrafted about three years ago
- Whose responsibilities worked out kinks and delineated jobs and under facilities department
- Standardized procedures and products
- Qualified, licensed technicians – HVAC
- In house services = money saved
- Projects past few years New work request system teachers parents students enter work requests
- Gaining perspective
- HHS cosmetology studio
- Cafeteria upgrades
- HHS campus – exterior improvements
- We converted storage space to the I-school
- Weight room
- Hunking

Members requested the Superintendent to look at opening the facility to members of the community and the costs that may be incurred.

Approval of Mathematics Program Adoption for Grades 6-9.

The Superintendent referenced the agenda material with an overview of surrounding communities using the new program. This shall be \$19,000 less than option two for the full year. This is a multi-faced program with students utilizing books and technology. He asked to review the requested data which indicates why this program had merits over other programs they have seen, examined and reviewed. Members discussed the data and feedback received on this new program. The program is a solid comprehensive common core aligned and the recommendation to purchase this program for the middle schools including Algebra for Grade 9. Discussion was held as to full payment being in a three year timeframe with free financing and the full contract being for six years. They asked for continued support and updates through the entire period of the contract.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to authorize the administration to purchase the Hought and Mifflin textbook series and related software. Attorney Magliocchetti offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the agreement reflect that Hought and Mifflin and Big Ideas both agree to fulfill to support this program for the full six year term. Seconded by Mr. Toohey. Mrs. Danehy accepted the friendly amendment. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

School Choice

Motion to accept School Choice Students for the 2014-2015 school years:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to accept School Choice Students for the 2014-2015 school year. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Motion to accept out of district students in our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs provided they pay tuition and that there are available seats

Mr. Bevilacqua asked to include a condition to give priority to Haverhill residents, then Massachusetts residents and then out of state residents. Members discussed in length the acceptance of out of state students. Students would pay the full tuition of \$2,000 for all day kindergarten with an average class size of 21 students. The Superintendent stated they have to treat all children and there is no impact on the class size or tax dollars.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept tuition students from out of district in our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs if there is available space priority first to Haverhill residents, next Massachusetts residents and out of state students not permitted or not accepted.

The Superintendent stated this was not legally recommended and may be challenged. Mayor Fiorentini recommended out of state students pay in advance. The Superintendent indicated they may set the rate higher for out of state students. He suggested say the costs would be the same as the cost of our students going out of district but could be challengeable. They could have an in state and out of state tuition. Revenue could more than double and keep the integrity of servicing Haverhill students first.

Mr. Wood moved to amend the motion if there are open seats that we accept out of state students at the rate of school choice with no waivers on that rate.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table this item further clarification on the tuition and what we are to do legally from the school attorney. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Presentation and Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report including Budget Amendments (ending March 31, 2014):

Motion to accept and approve the Monthly Financial Report ending March 31, 2014

Mr. O'Connor explained the new format of requested information to members. He indicated there will be no more amendments for the remainder of the fiscal year. All variances will be in the balance column. Mr. Sullivan, Melanson, Consultant from Heath and Company, reviewed their process and indicated that they should end up balanced at the end of the fiscal year. Halt and Teach are still at risk for this year. Substitute costs have been cut in half. It is still too early to make any definite predictions. Fuel costs are one of the issues. Mayor Fiorentini indicated if there is a surplus to move it to stabilization for any future unknown special education expenses.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the Monthly Financial Report ending March 31, 2014. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the Budget Amendments

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Budget Amendments. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

School Committee Communications

PTO Recognition – Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello asked to recognize and commend the schools' PTO's for their amazing job in raising funds. Recently Walnut Square and Whittier had an iPad raffle with parents getting engaged to raise funds for field trips. Pentucket Lake recently held a fundraiser for new playground equipment and Bradford Elementary held a Gala.

Subcommittee Reports

Attorney Magliocchetti informed members of the performance of Fiddler on the Roof at the high school this weekend.

Mr. Toohey has appointed Mr. Wood and Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello as the subcommittee to meet with the Superintendent for negotiations.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20140404A totaling \$293,920.83; Warrant Number EV20140404 totaling \$912.47 and Warrant Number JE201400404 totaling \$6,225.21

A roll call vote was held with the following results:

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Abstained	Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the renewal of the School Physician Contract.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the renewal of the School Physician Contract. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2014

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Kim Ocasio of the Ocasio's True Martial Arts for the use of the Haverhill High School Gym on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m. for Black Belt Extravaganza.

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

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

Yes
Yes

Mr. Wood

Yes

Mr. Toohey

Yes

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations and legal matters. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Financial Report and Budget Amendments; Warrants; School Physician Information; Minutes of March 27, 2014; Use of Facilities