

Haverhill School Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.



Mayor James J. Fiorentini opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Scott Wood, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello was recorded as absent (arrived at 7:04 p.m.).

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for former Mayor James Waldron who is in critical condition.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Zuber

Jillian informed members of the third coffee house to be held at the high school on Thursday May 15; April vacation commences tomorrow and Tuesday students will be cleaning Brook Street.

Superintendent Comments/Reports

Informational Comments

The Superintendent indicated the budget will be finalized for the second meeting in May and will be forwarded to members prior to that meeting.

A link on the webpage called the Parent and Resources tab listing summer program opportunities for students.

A program was held this morning for the high school students remembering the Boston Marathon tragedy. The moving ceremony included poems, readings, singing and heartfelt speeches which honored those groups who were adversely affected that day. Dale Rogers has displayed a piece of sculpture memorializing the event and is located in front of the gymnasium

FY15 Proposed Revenue

Mr. O'Connor reviewed the information provided indicating the significant differences in revenue in certain line items. He indicated the issue in accounts receivable in collecting tuition payments on time for all day kindergarten students. Assistance has been received from Solicitor Cox in encouraging payments. Medicaid offsets have also dropped from last year.

Discussion ensued as to how to collect the outstanding monies such as using a collection agency, collecting as a private school does, and the advantages and disadvantages of these options. Members discussed and requested to explore more options for families to respond and pay for this service. The Superintendent indicated the forthcoming change in receiving payment prior to attendance for next year and the alternative if monies are not received. The Superintendent indicated the full service of on line payment shall be available to families next year.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Danehy that we allow Solicitor Cox to send out the letter to all of the families that owe a past due balance and only the families that ask for some type of payment plan or have a change of circumstances and apply for a waiver will be exempt from going to the collection agency but all others would be sent. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

School Committee Communication

None at this time.

Subcommittee Reports

None at this time.

New Business:

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Danehy to approve Warrant Number EV20140418A totaling \$271,319.58 and Warrant Number EV20140418B totaling \$565,150.47. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2014

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Tracy Fuller of the Haverhill YMCA for the use of Haverhill High School Auditorium on Monday, May 5, 2014 thru Friday, May 8, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. thru 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m. for Theatre Production of the Little Mermaid.

Process Fee:	\$ 10.00
Utility Fee:	\$ 20.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 30.00 per hour
Custodial Fee	\$ 45.00 weekend rate per hour
Rental Fee:	\$ 100.00 per event

approval of the field trip request(s):

- A. Dskin, HHS, Grades 10-12, June 18-27, 2015, Italy

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Items A, B, and C. 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	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes				

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; School Business Manager Contract; FY15 Proposed Revenue; Warrants; Minutes of April 3, 2014; Use of Facilities; field trip request

Approved 05.01.14