



Haverhill School Committee Meeting - Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Scott Wood, Mrs. Susan Danehy. Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello. Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Julie R. Kukenberger, Assistant Superintendent. Mayor Fiorentini arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports

Student Advisory Council Report – Benjamin Roy

Ben indicated students have had no complaints and things are going well at the high school. There were some abnormalities with scheduling and applauded the Guidance Department for handling it.

Superintendent Comments/Reports

Energy Services Contract with AMERESCO, Inc

Mayor Fiorentini stated they have been negotiating for the last three to four years to do energy servicing improvements to the schools. The contract energy savings will exceed costs of repairs. The Superintendent expressed his appreciation in his efforts working with the Purchasing Director and Tom Geary and AMERESCO and the benefits that will come from these improvements.

Edmund Lepore and Harold Meyer, AMERESCO representative, gave an overview of the pending contract. Through the efforts of the MVPC an RFQ was generated. Eight responses were received, with three companies were interviewed and they were selected as the vendor servicing 14 of the area communities. They reviewed the matrix indicating the improvements being made to the schools minus Greenleaf and Hunking. The improvements are being paid by energy savings dollars. The project is \$2.5 million in capital including rebates. The school department will pay the loan principal and the city the interest charges on the bond. The Project Pro-forma shows the energy savings paying back the principal and interest on the loan with a positive cash flow of approximately \$35,000 annually.. They project a 12 month construction cycle with a 15 year monitoring of the systems. Most work will be done after school hours. Mr. Geary will be able to monitor the systems by the use of a laptop.

Orlando Pacheco, Purchasing Director/Energy Manager reviewed the financing for the project. Discussion has been made as to what to do with the funds from the positive cash flow; i.e., repairs to the Consentino roof and High School Pool. Mr. Pacheco asked members to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding which lays out the terms of how the debt service will be paid.

Mr. Wood discussed the guaranteed savings and how they were determined. He questioned the Clerk of the Works position that would be paid for by the energy savings and was not supportive of adding this position at this time. The Clerk would support the school department and Mr. Geary. He expressed concern of the operation of the system to have Mr. Geary monitoring it and the time it would consume above his daily duties. Mr. Wood referenced Mr. Pacheco's cover letter indicating where the positive cash flow would go. This is to be determined by the school committee.

Moved by Mr. Wood to amend and change the next to last paragraph in the MOU to read "The savings generated from the implementation of the energy services contracts would be budgeted as determined by the Haverhill School Committee." Seconded by Mr. Toohey.

Mrs. Danehy stated she does not like school maintenance taken out of the Memorandum and to keep it as is. She stated we do not designate enough to maintenance and it would be monies to turn to. Attorney Magliocchetti questioned the law requirements from Mr. Pacheco who clarified the language. Mayor Fiorentini was concerned

on the language of the amendment. Attorney Magliocchetti agreed with the Mayor and indicated it should read “and the approval of the School Committee” at the end of the original resolution. Mr. Wood asked to add “over and above the debt service”. The Superintendent asked members to consider the Clerk of the Works position.

Mr. Wood withdrew his motion to rephrase the amendment.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy to approve the agreement. Seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti.

Moved by Mr. Wood to amend the MOU to read “The savings generated from the implementation of the energy services contract above and beyond the debt services would be budgeted as determined by the Haverhill School Committee.” Mr. Toohey seconded. Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to amend the memorandum. A roll call vote was held on the amendment with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

A roll call vote was held on the amended agreement for AMERESCO. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Mayor asked to pull up the next item

Mr. Bevilacqua: Haverhill Boys and Girls Club – Ms. Debra DeVenne & Mr. Brian Theirrien

Representatives from the Boys and Girls Club gave an overview of the programs they have implemented which are in correlation with the programs within the district. They stressed the importance for students to have support to do their arts and crafts and homework after school and off school days. Mr. Scully stated the interaction with the principals is tremendous. They stressed the need to expand the childcare/daycare program.

Mr. Wood asked to bring up the donation of music item.

Donation of Music and Performance Clinics for Students (tabled 09.16.15) – Mr. Wood.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to remove this item from the table. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Letriah Masters gave an overview of the music program she would like to offer to students who normally could not participate due to a financial deficiency. This eight week clinic will help with anti-bullying and conflict resolution. This program is a spinoff from her summer camp clinic. She hopes to offer this to 12-14 students one or two days a week at Consentino School. This also will benefit those students who are artistically talented in dance choreography and artwork. Mr. Fulgoni is working with Mrs. Masters in setting up this program.

Mr. Bevilacqua asked to pull up the item on the YMCA

Mr. Bevilacqua: Tracy Fuller, Executive Director of YMCA regarding Educator of the Year

Ms. Fuller informed members of the seventh annual Educator of the Year award on October 16th at DiBurro's and welcomed nominations to recognize our great educators in Haverhill. Ms. Fuller also indicated the recently before and after school program at Bartlett School. She stressed the importance of these programs which focuses on achievement and aids students from falling behind in their studies. They are continually seeking grants to fund said

programs. These programs are currently at Tilton, Pentucket Lake, Silver Hill, Hillview Montessori, Nettle and Bartlett schools and begin at 6:30 a.m. until school starts and the end of school until 6:00 p.m.

Educational Information

The Superintendent discussed the recent MCAS results released by DESE. Mrs. Kukenberger will give a summary at a subsequent meeting to go over the data. The overall participation rate is up including more taking the SAT's. Math remains challenged as well as Science. Gains have been made in ELA. Mrs. Kukenberger is looking at data over time in order to drill down to the student level. Mr. Scully stated they are having a PARC briefing next week to discuss those results.

The Superintendent referenced the document from MIAA indicating our school has earned a place on the 2014-2015 Sportsmanship Honor Roll. Mr. O'Brien has been invited to attend the Sportsmanship Summit on November 20, 2015 at Gillette Stadium. The Superintendent recognized all Mr. O'Brien's efforts within the district.

School Committee Communications

Subcommittee Reports

None at this time.

New Business

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20150925 totaling \$983,222.57. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of September 16, 2015 (regular meeting)

that items be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Items by Consensus. A roll call vote was held with the results as follows:

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

Motion passes.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents included as part of packet: School Committee Agenda; AMERESCO Contract Information; Agenda Request from Mr. Wood; Warrants; Minutes; Surplus Item Request