



Haverhill School Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 16, 2015

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

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Benjamin Roy

Ben was not in attendance.

Superintendent Comments/Reports

Acceptance of donation from Wal-Mart on behalf of Moody School for equipment for the gymnasium.

Mr. Scully informed members of a donation from Wal-Mart that will purchase equipment for the Moody School gymnasium that is not usually purchased. Wal-Mart was thanked for their time and effort they have put into this donation. The School Committee requested that the Superintendent write a thank you letter on its behalf.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to accept the Wal-Mart donation. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

Attorney Magliocchetti left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

School Committee Communications

Mr. Wood: Residency Enforcement Proposal (updated documents required for student registration).

Mr. Wood referenced a residency enforcement policy that other cities have implemented. He indicated there are a number of vehicles dropping off students with out of state license plates. The current registration process only requires a student to have a notarized document stating they live in the city, which may not be accurate. Some registered students have a post office box for an address and some use a number on a street which is non-existent. He referenced Pentucket District, Methuen and Boston having such a policy in place. The Superintendent stated they are being proactive and have alerted the principals to be cognizant of this situation. This could be a significant savings to our district with students being properly placed in their own district. Mr. Wood requested this be sent to the policy subcommittee for review.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to forward this to the policy subcommittee. A roll call vote was held with the results as follows:

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

Motion passes.

Attorney Magliocchetti returned to the meeting at 7:16.p.m.

New Business

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua to approve Warrant Number EV20150911 totaling \$2,322,110.46. A roll call vote was held with the results as follows:

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

Motion passes.

Mr. Wood requested that the individual accounts for each warrant be sent to members ahead of time.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the contract extension for Whitton's New England. A roll call vote was held with the results as follows:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of August 20, 2015 (regular meeting)

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Angel L. Burgos III of AAU Basketball for use of Pentucket Lake School Gym on Thursdays from September 10, 2015 to June 9, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for basketball.
Process Fee: \$ 10.00
Utility Fee: \$*Waived
Custodial Fee: \$ 30.00 rate per hour
Rental Fee: \$*Waived
*Fee Waived 100% Haverhill Students
- Requested by Lauren Barbieri of Walnut Square PTO for use of Walnut Square classrooms and playground on September 12, 2015 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. for Beautification Day.
Process Fee: \$*Waived
Utility Fee: \$*Waived
Custodial Fee: \$*Waived
Rental Fee: \$*Waived
*Fee Waived Due To Nature Of Event
- Requested by Harold Wood Jr. of Haverhill Thursday Evening Basketball for use of Consentino School Gym from September 17, 2015 to May 26, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for basketball.
Process Fee: \$ 10.00
Utility Fee: \$*Waived
Custodial Fee: \$*Waived
Rental Fee: \$*Waived
*Fee Waived 100% Haverhill Employees
- Requested by Matthew Geary of JGW Staff Basketball for use of the JG Whittier Gym every Thursday evening from September 11, 2015 to June 16, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for basketball.
Process Fee: \$ 10.00
Utility Fee: \$*Waived
Custodial Fee: \$*Waived
Rental Fee: \$*Waived
*Fee Waived 100% Haverhill Employees

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua 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	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Bevilacqua	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

Motion passes.

Mr. Wood: Donation of Music and Performance Clinics for Students.

An individual would like to donate to at risk students at Consentino. This item was tabled by the Mayor to the next meeting.

Mr. Wood: Budget Planning for Future Employment Contract Negotiations.

Mr. Wood indicated he would like to focus on ways not to spend all the monies appropriated in the budget in order to build a reserve for future emergency costs. He would like to have the finance subcommittee meet with the new business manager to start looking at ways to save. He indicated this is not just a target for unknown sped expenditures.

Subcommittee Reports

No reports given at this time.

Old Business

Discussion of School Committee Policies (tabled 8.20.15) – Attorney Magliocchetti

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

Attorney Magliocchetti stated after reviewing the past four years' minutes a member has missed several meetings each year. He indicated they request staff members to be accountable and felt members should set the example. He was recommending to develop a policy that reflects a decrease in the member's stipend when he/she is absent from a meeting and then recommended sending it to the policy subcommittee.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti to send this to the policy subcommittee. Due to a lack of a second motion fails.

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced a letter that had been sent to students with grammatical errors. He requested that members should be reviewing said letters prior to their being mailed since they were on school committee letterhead and reflected on the committee. Under the current policy, the President has no authority than any other member and felt such an action should not take place without approval of others. Discussion ensued with members having no objection or felt this was not an issue for such a letter to be sent by any elected committee member. They felt there are more challenges for them to focus on than this as a policy and it was a moot point. Mr. Wood stated he sent the letters to over 2,000 students at no cost to the district. All costs were privately paid for by Mr. Wood.

Executive Session (Requested by Attorney Cox – Contract Negotiations)/Adjournment.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiation. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

List of Documents included as part of packet: School Committee Agenda; Letter from Maureen Gray regarding donation; Agenda Request from Mr. Wood; Agenda Request from Attorney Magliocchetti; Warrants; Whitsons New England Contract Extension; Minutes; Use of Facilities