



Haverhill School Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.

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

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports:

Student Advisory Council Report – Jillian Zuber

The student representative notified members of next week's performance of Fiddler on the Roof; April 22 during Earth Day students will clean Brook Street; the Student Council is scheduling a third coffee house; and spring sports have started.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Informational Comments

The Superintendent had no comments or reports tonight.

Presentation on Mathematics Program Grades 6-9

Dr. Malone gave the history of the Big Ideas Math pilot program in grades 6-9. The program is in line with the common core standards and has a strong technology base. Dr. Malone is calling it a hybrid program where it blends the book with technology into the curriculum. A hands on presentation for members to see the activities the students engage in while accessing it through the web was held. Dr. Malone feels confident this program will allow students to progress in student achievement. This pilot program appears to be the leader for teachers and students.

Professional Development Evaluation Results

The Superintendent reviewed the results and feedback responses including:

- Percentage of responses by school
- Percentage of responses by content area
- How satisfied were the staff with the session
- Survey questions regarding workshop and facilitator/presenter
- Question requesting to identify one instruction strategy or assessment practice that they will implement to improve student learning
- To provide additional comments and/or suggestions they related to in the workshop
- Future professional development topics

Parent Teacher Conferences Report – Term 2

Teacher conference attendance rates for Term 2 were reviewed per grade. Data indicates what the draw is and numbers are not significant but are given to the principals for improved parent involvement. The parent portal may also have an impact on the numbers.

Superintendent's Contract

The Superintendent read his letter in the packet stating his contract ends June 30, 2014 and indicated his wish to continue as Superintendent.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to open up negotiations with the Superintendent and the President handle the appointment of whoever will sit down with the Superintendent for negotiation purposes and guidelines to be set in an executive session by the full school committee. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

School Committee Communications

Whittier Regional Vocational School District School Committee Member – Mr. Toohey

Mr. Toohey indicated his term is expiring on March 31, 2014 and wishes to continue as the Representative.

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to reappoint School Committee President Shaun Toohey as the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Representative.

Mr. Wood reviewed the correlation of a three year term and the term of members which may end during said term. Discussion was held as to Attorney Cox's clarification.

Mrs. Danehy amended the motion to include "a three year term". Seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti. A roll call vote was held on the amended motion 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.

PARC Grant Project for renovations to Trinity Stadium – Mayor Fiorentini

The Mayor gave a brief overview of receiving a grant through the assistance of Representative Dempsey in the amount of \$400,000 with the city's match of \$188,000. He is requesting tonight a vote to accept the grant and the repairs as outlined by the Stadium Commission.

Mr. O'Brien, Athletic Director, indicated they are working on improving the lighting with a cost up to \$250,000. They wish to continue also in repairing the concrete stairs and see what funds remain to determine what would be repaired next. Mr. O'Brien discussed the revolving fund with a balance of \$90,000. Fifty thousand dollars from this account will be put towards the \$188,000 with \$38,000 coming from city in-kind donations and the remaining \$100,000 will be bonded over a ten year period. Payments will be paid annually with half through the city and half from the Stadium Commission.

Mayor Fiorentini has appointed Mrs. Danehy as the liaison and a non-voting member to the Stadium Commission. Attorney Magliocchetti asked to recognize Align Credit Union, Pentucket Bank and Trinity for their donations and sponsoring to the Stadium. A letter will be sent to Representative Dempsey thanking him for the grant.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the PARC Grant and to authorize the renovations as per the grant. 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.

Hunking School Update – Attorney Magliocchetti

Attorney Magliocchetti referenced this past week's meeting regarding the tax override. The Superintendent stated they are going through a preliminary design weekly including the traffic patterns and affect in the neighborhood. All pieces of the project are for functional reasons. The layout reflects the academic demands of the state. Monday the pricing comes in then Tuesday a school building meeting and then the process will begin. They hope to continue within the recommended budget number. Attorney Magliocchetti addressed the use of the Hunking School and the Greenleaf School with the new Hunking replacing both schools. It is assured the proposed school that the Hunking site is suitable to build the school which will house students throughout the city. It is clear all have acted in a responsible manner and asked for members to support the project

High School Program of Studies – Attorney Magliocchetti

Attorney Magliocchetti was allowed to review the drafts and offer recommendations. He would like to have a full presentation by the principal of the high school to review the programs. Mr. Scully indicated freshmen are selecting courses this week and the program booklets are due in from the printer. He shall ask Ms. Kitsos to discuss where the students are selecting for their studies and have that presentation. There are seven different programs that attract and retain students from different backgrounds.

Subcommittee Reports

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated the high school volleyball team is raising funds to enter a volleyball tournament in Disney world this summer. The fundraiser is Saturday, April 12 at the AMVETS with doors opening at 4:00 p.m.

Approved 04.03.14

Mayor Fiorentini stated the Pentucket Lake School was having a fundraiser for playground equipment this Saturday.

New Business:

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20140328A totaling \$649,920.17 and Warrant Number JE20140328B totaling \$76,770.77. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2014

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-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mrs. Danehy	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 8:50 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes.

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Email from Mary Malone regarding Big Ideas Math Consultant; Professional Development Evaluation Results; Parent Teacher Conference Attendance Rates Term 2; Letter from Superintendent William DeRosa regarding Haverhill Representative to WRVTHS School Committee Term Expiration; Memo from Mayor Fiorentini regarding PARC grant; Warrants; Minutes of March 13, 2014