



HAVERHILL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 12, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.

Mayor James J. Fiorentini opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Present were:, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mrs. Susan Danehy, Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Mary Malone, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Mr. Scott Wood, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello (arrived at 7:07 p.m.) were recorded as absent.

Mayor Fiorentini led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Public Hearing on FY15 Budget – Opportunity for public to comment on the FY15 budget

Dr. John Maddox 122 Lakeview Avenue, School Physician, asked to exercise his right as a citizen to comment on the budget. He indicated the insufficient notice of meetings and the posting of a schedule, the budget not being available in sufficient time for public review, and that he would like to see the budget in a conducive format. He referenced other school districts and their approach to this. Members stated the format was what they requested and they are looking for a better format to present to the public in a timelier manner.

Communication and Reports:

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

The Superintendent asked to add two items to the agenda: one - communication from the Solicitor relative to the Electron devices and changing the wording.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to suspend the rules to discuss the Appropriate Use of Electron Devices. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to amend the High School Appropriate Use of Electronic Device policy to include:

*"Students shall not be allowed without the express permission of the teacher, to turn on or use any cell phone or electronic device when taking any test or quiz. Violations of this policy **may** be considered cheating and the student **may** be suspended."*

A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

No motion was required for the following changes:

"Audio or video taping of teachers without their expressed permission shall never be allowed and the audio or videotape shall never be used in any disciplinary proceedings of teacher".

"Students cannot audio or video tape teachers and students without their expressed permission".

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to amend the High School Appropriate Use of Electronic Device policy to include:

*"Students shall not turn on any electronic device in locker rooms and bathrooms, any violation of this policy **may** result in suspension **or other disciplinary proceedings**".*

A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Approved 06.26.14

No motion was required for the following changes:

“Delete” and during passing time (in between class bells)”.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the policy as amended. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Second - The Superintendent asked to introduce a letter referencing PARCC testing.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to suspend the rules to allow discussion on PARCC testing. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

The Superintendent indicated the need for approval by June 26th and requested of the School Committee to approve his recommendations to administer PARCC testing during the 2014-2015 as follows:

- *MCAS will no longer be an assessment for Massachusetts students after 2015; even if PARCC is not adopted a new assessment will be developed by DESE that will align with the Common Core*
- *Districts that choose PARCC will remain “harmless” for the 2015 accountability levels which means the test will not have an impact on our accountability status; however if scores increase we will be able to move up*
- *There will be no double testing – PARCC or MCAS*
- *Our students will have an advantage y experiencing a next generation assessment – a type of assessment that will be administered beginning in 2015-2016*
- *Students can take the assessment online or by paper*
- *PARCC testing will not cause any disruption in a district’s ability to use growth percentiles.*

Discussion ensued by members as to the grades taking the test. Dr. Malone indicated Grades 3-8 and Grades 9 and 11 shall be taking the test which will give them a more accurate picture than common core. It provides calibration for standards and will give feedback on how we are teaching the common core standards.

Mayor Fiorentini turned over the Chair to Mr. Toohey at 7:54 p.m. to attend City Budget Hearings and returned at 7:56 p.m.

The Superintendent stated this will give them the best opportunity to collect data to show student achievement. The Superintendent indicated that it may be difficult to gather all the information to be submitted if not voted tonight. Mr. Toohey asked to not make a decision tonight since Mr. Wood was not in attendance who asked to postpone the vote to the next meeting. Mr. Bevilacqua stated he would not at the next meeting. Members discussed the best program for the students. Members concerns and comments included: technology in place, school districts declining the test, decision of on line or by paper, change in common core, achievement portion, teachers’ opinion, funding for technology from state, raising bar for high stakes testing, content, testing only for next year, and switching back to MCAS.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the PARCC testing.

Members discussed having a special meeting with the full committee. Mr. Bevilacqua withdrew his original motion.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to table this item and to hold a special meeting Tuesday night at 5 p.m. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

The Superintendent asked members to review the information distributed on Life threatening allergies.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua to recess the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:31 p.m. Mayor Fiorentini was not in attendance. Mr. Toohey took over as Chair.

Strategic Plan - Recap

Dr. Malone presented the strategic plan that has been completed. All actions and goals in the document demonstrate goals and mission set forth in 2010 have been met in 2014. Check marks indicate ongoing or completed goals. She commended all who contributed. They have met every single action and goal recommended over the last four years they had a mission and vision and did achieve it through the efforts of all.

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the Strategic Plan. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Tutoring – Extended Learning Time (Informational).

The Superintendent asked members to review the informational numbers and graph provided.

Presentation by Mr. John Sullivan from Melanson Heath & Company PC and Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report ending May 31, 2014

Mr. Sullivan gave an overview of the financial report indicating as of the end of May there is approximately \$600,000 cushion for the remainder of the year. Some areas may be deficient in revenues which these will offset. Mr. O'Connor stated adjustments are still being made in line items to keep the budget balanced.

Mayor Fiorentini returned to Chair the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Bevilacqua and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the Monthly Financial Report ending May 31, 2014. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Motion to approve the budget adjustments in the amount of \$925,961

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the budget adjustments in the amount of \$925,961. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

School Committee Communications

None at this time.

New Business

Moved by Mrs. Danehy and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20140613A totaling \$37,268.47; Warrant Number EV20140613B totaling \$156,098.28 and Warrant Number EV20140613C totaling \$1,061,139.26. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Crest Collaborative Agreement which was the former GLEC. It is a group of area communities which is mandated by statute that the Superintendent or a member of School Committee is a member of the board.

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve the Crest Collaborative Agreement. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the special meeting of May 15, 2014

approval of the field trip request(s):

- Major Workman, HHS, Grades 9-11, June 23, 2014, Camp Edwards, N. Sandwich, MA

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

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

Motion passes.

Approval of the FY15 Budget

Mr. O'Connor indicated the two items requested to consolidate were made.

Moved by Ms. Danehy and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve the budget as presented with two amendments as discussed. A roll call vote was held with the following results:

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

Motion passes.

Dr. Malone thanked all for their steadfast support over the last four years. She wished them much success in moving the district forward.

Executive Session (anticipated)/Adjournment

.Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Motion passes

List of Documents: School Committee Agenda; Strategic Plan - Recap; Tutoring Document; Monthly Financial Report; Budget Adjustment; Warrants; CREST Agreement; Minutes; Field Trip Request(s)