



Haverhill School Committee – Regular Meeting of November 12, 2015

Mr. Scott Wood, President called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), Mr. Joseph Bevilacqua, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mrs. Susan Danehy (arrived at 7:11 p.m.), Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello, Vice President (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Mrs. Julie R. Kukenberger, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Participation

None at this time.

Communication and Reports

Student Advisory Council Report

Madeline Coady reported that the first term grades are closing this week, fall sports are winding down, the elections for freshman class officers and freshman student council members, and five seniors have signed national letters of intent to Division I athletic programs this past week.

Superintendent Comments/Reports

School System Updates

Superintendent Scully informed members of several liabilities one of which is the repairing of two boilers at an approximate cost of \$60-65,000. One boiler needs to be addressed immediately due to the combustion chamber being broken at a cost of \$35,000.

A financial plan is being analyzed relative to the number of bussing failures. There is also a seat belt issue which they are obligated to have them installed in all buses. The current contract has language addressing this matter.

The state has released preliminary information on the PARCC testing. The Superintendent will be meeting with the state tomorrow on the results. A meeting will be held Tuesday on the new MCAS 2.0 which is a blending of the two tests.

The Superintendent introduced Brian O'Connell, Business Manager, who discussed the financial forecast for the short term and winter months. He reviewed the expenditures, encumbrances and the uncommitted expenditures for the remainder of the year. Currently, he is anticipating a \$500,000 deficit in the budget not including any unexpected sped costs for out of district placements. They are being very cautious looking at all expenditures for the next few months. He will be reporting frequently to the committee as to the status of the budget.

Members questioned and commented on:

- *The need for seat belts in busses and the aging fleet; looking into hybrids or electric vehicles to save money*
- *Adding a GPS and cameras inside new vehicles*
- *Issue of outside vendors providing transportation to sped students*
- *Anticipated costs in sped*
- *Encumbrances for utilities*
- *Hiring of teachers, hiring from outside agencies*
- *Scaling back on expenses*
- *Costs of collective bargaining factored into budget and pending negotiations funding, cost of legal issues*
- *Hiring and purchasing freeze; procurement cards used for emergencies*
- *Request for Purchasing Agent to attend a meeting to discuss the procurement card process/procedure*
- *Tracking students attending in district living out of state; develop a policy for said students*
- *Keeping students in house and providing services verses out of district placement*
- *Looking in the area to collaboratively purchase supplies or to use for other significant savings*

Subcommittee Reports

None at this time.

New Business

Mr. Wood asked to take the third Warrant separately.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve Warrant Number EV20151113 totaling \$785,009.98 and Warrant Number EV20151113B totaling \$669,398.17. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve Warrant Number JE20151113 totaling \$32,356.95. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey for the School Committee vote to accept donations to the Haverhill Public Schools. A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

Motion passes.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of October 22, 2015 (regular meeting)

approval of the field trip request(s):

- Brenda Simblaris, HHS, Grades 9-12, German Students, June 15 – July 2, 2016, \$1,600 student, \$1858 additional funds support trip
- Jennifer Fielding, Consentino School, Grade 6, June 7 – June 10, 2016, Ferry Beach Ecology School, Saco Maine, \$310.00 and fundraising
- Robert Estes, J. G. Whittier Middle School, Grade 6, May 2 – May 6, 2016, Ecology School at Ferry Beach, Saco Maine, \$350 plus fundraiser
- Michelle Joubert, Nettle, Grade 6, June 7 – June 10, 2016 The Ecology School, Saco Maine, \$325.00

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

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 and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation, salary negotiations, legal matters, and a settlement. A verbal vote indicated all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

List of Documents included as part of packet: School Committee Agenda; Warrants; Donations; Minutes; Field Trip Requests