



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee  
Budget Workshop of May 31, 2017**

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson called the budget workshop to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Mr. Sven Amirian (5:20 pm), Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello (5:35 pm), Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Mr. Scott Wood, Vice President and Ms. Gail Sullivan, President Mr. Jared Fulgoni, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Brian O’Connell, School Business Manager and Mr. James Scully, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Scully commented that the administrative team had met on issues that had been brought up by the committee during last week’s budget deliberations. It was noted that the School Department Budget would be reviewed by the City Council on Monday, June 5, 2017. Mayor Fiorentini stated that the City Council could cut but not add to the budget.

**FY18 Budget Review**

**Testing Coordinator**

Ms. Sullivan asked if this individual be overseeing curriculum

Mr. Scully commented that the position was unique to the Consentino School because of the amount of standardized testing but additionally to provide support for the assistant principals

Ms. Sullivan questioned if the position was actively engaged in testing requirements and wanted to make decisions from a goals standpoint.

**HHS Stipends**

Mr. O’Connell stated this item was in a collective bargaining agreement

Mr. Wood replied provision does not equate with the intent and does not support its inclusion in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to cut the High School (Prof) – Admin in the amount of \$2,500. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members having voted in the affirmative

**OT/PT Services**

Attorney Magliocchetti support an OT/PT salary proposal.

Mr. Scully replied that negotiations should occur in executive session as part of strategy for non-unit compensation. He concurred that a remedy was needed since there had been unfairness with these individuals.

**Custodial Positions – High School and Hunking School**

Mr. Scully advocated for the positions to ensure buildings remained clean since this had been a critical issue when he became superintendent in 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to cut the senior custodian at Hunking School at half-year point in the amount of \$5,000 and reinstate as a building custodian. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members having voted in the affirmative

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to cut a High School custodial position. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	No
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	No
Mr. Wood	No	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

4 members having voted in the affirmative

3 members having voted in the negative

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to reallocate the High School custodian to the Hunking custodian position. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

5 members having voted in the affirmative

2 members having voted in the negative

#### Miscellaneous

Mr. Scully hoped to secure an Arabic teacher for the language program next year. Mayor Fiorentini noted that his ties with the Muslim community might be of assistance in this area.

Mr. Amirian wanted to fight for gap between the 7.1% and the 7.5%.

Mr. Scully stated that working with Mayor this afternoon money had been made available to provide free kindergarten in the Consentino quadrant where there is the greatest need.

The Mayor asked if the 7.1% was enough to run the schools.

Mr. Scully replied in the affirmative but additional money will help.

Ms. Sullivan reiterated the importance of aligning the budget with school committee goals and asked for clarification of the repurposing Greenleaf School.

Mr. Scully related it would be a reallocation of students and personnel.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented on the success of the new Life Skills Program and how it could draw income.

Mr. Riley stated that there is always the possibility of tuitioning people into district, i.e. such as the hard of hearing and deaf program.

Mr. Scully related that the projections for Medicaid were \$250,000.

Mr. Amirian noted that Medicaid partially reimbursed for services.

Mayor related that the schools did receive the Medicaid money.

Mr. Amirian indicated that 6.33% is level service budget. He supported asking for the additional \$335,000 to bring funding to the 7.56% level.

Ms. Sullivan was concerned with the possibility that \$261,000 from Title II A would be cut in the President's budget and wanted to ensure a buffer in case that situation did occur. Mayor Fiorentini believed the Trump budget to be "DOA".

Mr. Toohey related that since becoming a school committee member he had fought for the schools to receive the Medicaid funds.

Mayor Fiorentini was proud of the many Level 1 schools but reinforced his priority of extended learning time.

Ms. Sullivan asked about taxing to the levy.

In reference to Ms. Sullivan's taxation question, the Mayor noted that we were taxing to levy but not levy reserve and reiterated the schools would get Medicaid money. He commented that there was \$5m reserve and the need to save for a "rainy day". Mayor Fiorentini related that recently the reserve had been used for the school department deficit of \$1m and \$2.4m when the money was not received from the state.

A motion was made by Mr. Amirian to submit a request to the Mayor an additional \$335,000 budget allocation complete the needs in the Superintendent’s Group B listing. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	No
Mr. Wood	No	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

4 members having voted in the affirmative  
3 members having voted in the negative

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to submit a request to the Mayor a reserve \$261,000 if Title IIA grant funding is cut. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	No		

6 members having voted in the affirmative  
1 member having voted in the negative

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to reallocate \$7,500 to professional development. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members having voted in the affirmative  
0 members having voted in the negative

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the amended FY18 budget in the amount of \$79,057,003. Mr. Toohey seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Mr. Amirian	No	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Toohey	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members having voted in the affirmative  
1 member having voted in the negative