



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The following members were present:

Attorney Richard Rosa	Ms. Gail Sullivan
Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello (7:06 p.m.)	Attorney Paul Magliocchetti
Mr. Scott Wood	Mr. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair
Ms. Margaret Marotta Superintendent	

The following member was absent:

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

Public Comment.

Two parents (Ms. Mirca Meijas and Ms. Keisha Medeiro – no address given) expressed concerns regarding a walk-through alternative path near Consentino and Silver Hill Schools where students walk as a short cut and to prevent fighting/bullying.

Superintendent Marotta noted that a security guard was on school property ½ hour before school and ½ hour after school to prevent bullying and fighting.

Mr. Wood and Attorney Magliocchetti were concerned with liability and if the area is city property or private property.

Mr. Amirian stated that the Committee would work with the Mayor and city officials to determine jurisdiction.

Ms. Jazmine Casado, (46 Christian Circle), a parent asked the status of leaking roofs in the district. Ms. Marotta stated that there are roof issues throughout the district. She noted that of immediate concern are the Consentino and Haverhill High School.

Ms. Casado asked about mold situation at the schools. The Superintendent noted that professionals are treating the mold situation as it arises in the schools.

In response to a parent's question about deteriorating school facilities, Mr. Amirian commented that it was a complex situation.

Mr. Nicholas Golden (no address given) commented on walkability and transportation in the Mt. Washington Area. He asked for future resolution at another meeting.

Mrs. Joanna Dix, (12 Bartlett Avenue), reported on the pathway's importance in the neighborhood. She also was impressed with the new principal's Saturday School and announced Trivia Night on April 27, 2019 at Barking Dog for a Haverhill Education Coalition and Haverhill Foundation for Excellence in Education to raise funds.

Ms. Christine Soudarra (Mt. Washington Alliance) commented on audit done by Walk Boston in that area and she announced an event at Consentino in partnership with Superintendent Marotta.

Mr. Anthony Parolisi (169 Summer Street) commented on the walkability issue in winter is always difficult both in his neighborhood, work location Consentino School and in many other areas. Mr. Parolisi as a member of the HEA announced the annual HEA scholarship and Honors Banquet in May.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Katherine Hubbard.

Ms. Gabriela Vargas gave the following update from Hillie Nation:

- Report Cards will be issued next week
- Wednesday, January 30 will be an early release day for professional development
- Wrestling Team will compete against Dracut on January 31st
- Gymnastics Team is undefeated
- Thursday, January 31st is another Supper Club
- College Night will be held on February 13th
- Hillie Cheerleaders going to Dallas for Nationals

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Superintendent Marotta updated the Committee on FY20 Budget Status. She related that bi-weekly meetings of Finance Subcommittee started to meet the goals of Committee and priorities of the community.

Ms. Marotta stated that next year, some of the priorities would include:

- equity
- facilities improvement
- class size reduction
- proper staffing in EL and Sped
- embraced our family engagement
- leadership in our schools – good leaders make good schools
- what can we let go of - what do we actually need?

The Superintendent announced Kindergarten Information Sessions to be held at the Haverhill Public Library: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m./6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) and Thursday, March 7, 2019 (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m./6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.).

STEM Presentation.

Mr. Kevin Higginbottom and STEM staff members, Ms. Amanda Williams, Ms. Natalie Moore, and Ms. Cynthia McLaughlin, shared their experience with the K-8 Science STEMscopes Implementation and led the school committee members in an experiment/exercise with the curriculum [SC Presentation 1-24-19 K-8 Science.pdf](#).

Ms. Sullivan had asked for this item to be on the agenda.

Mr. Higginbottom announced a \$50,000 biomedical grant.

School Committee Communications.

Ms. Sullivan noted the absence of Ms. Jenn Ezell from Big Friends, Little Friends. She mentioned the organization paired students with mentors and they needed 30-40 mentors.

Subcommittee Reports.

Ms. Sullivan reported on a recent Finance Subcommittee meeting. She related that the priorities were equity, class size and professional development.

Attorney Magliocchetti thanked the Superintendent for including the School Committee in the process in the early stages.

New Business.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Warrants [Warrants 01.24.19 with Detail.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material:

Warrant Number EV20190125 totaling \$523,235.51
Warrant Number EV20190125A totaling \$197,641.27
Warrant Number EV20190125B totaling \$363,858.97
Warrant Number EV20190125C totaling \$803,253.02
Warrant Number JE20181214 totaling \$4,198.92

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV20190125 totaling \$523,235.51 as indicated in the agenda material. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190125A totaling \$197,641.27 as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve Warrant Number EV20190125B totaling \$363,858.97 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

After clarification of the reasoning behind the unemployment (health insurance) costs was explained by Mr. O'Connell, the Committee was ready to vote.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mr. Amirian	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
1 member voted in the negative
0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20190125C totaling \$803,253.02 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number JE20181214 totaling \$4,198.92 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following items as indicated in the agenda material:
minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2019 [HSC Regular Meeting Minutes 01.10.19 Final & Approved.pdf](#)
use of facilities [SC-Use of Facilities 1.24.19 5 B.pdf](#)
field trip request [SC Agenda 01.24.19 5C.pdf](#) professional educational conference/workshop form [PEC WF Lyn Snow 01.24.19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve all four agenda Items by Consensus. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

The Executive Session was not needed because the matter had been resolved.

(Executive Session/Adjournment (Superintendent's Conference Room, City Hall, Room 206) - The School Committee will go into executive session to approve the executive session minutes of December 13, 2018 and to discuss the non-unit contract of the School Business Manager. The School Committee will reconvene in open session to approve any actions taken in executive session.)

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting (8:50 p.m.). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes