



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m.

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair	Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson
Ms. Margaret Marotta Superintendent	

The following member was absent:

Mr. Scott Wood

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

Public Comment.

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 85 Millvale Road, Haverhill MA spoke against evolution (a murderous, racist, religion) and asked that the students be completely informed. He believed the school committee members had disrespected and dismissed him at a previous meeting.

Mr. Timothy Walsh, Newton NH noted that a letter was provided to WHAV and he made a few corrections. He also commented that a school committee member had reached out to me to discuss his concerns. Mr. Walsh has been involved in Autism Speaks and also was appointed to a board by then Governor Patrick.

Ms. Carrie David, 39 Kernwood Avenue, stated that every student deserved the very best education as possible. She noted that her son Austin David was enrolled in the TEACH Program and had a very good relationship with Mr. Walsh. Ms. David noted that students on the autism spectrum responded well to positive reinforcements when achieving goals, for Austin it was getting a can of Mountain Dew and for another student it was a Target gift card (small amount). She believed her son was in a safe place and with the support of the TEACH staff had accepted the changes and was rocking it!

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Katherine Hubbard.

Ms. Gabriela Vargas provided the Student Advisory Council Report:

- Congratulations to the Hillies' Girls Basketball Team for a fantastic season & Thank you to Hillie Nation for traveling to Peabody High School
- All of the other winter sports doing well
- The Athletic Department is holding two meetings this month. On Monday March
- parents and students are invited to the annual Spring sports meeting. This is for our students interested in playing: *Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Lacrosse and Crew*. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium and on the following night on Tuesday, March 12th the Athletic department will be hosting a nutrition seminar for all athletes starting at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- Anyone who wants to learn more about Early College there will be an information session on Thursday, March 14th in the Auditorium starting at 6:00 p.m.

- There will be a baseball meeting on Friday, March 15th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the main entrance conference for anyone who would like to learn more.
- The Spring Sports Season opens on Monday, March 18
- Save the date Hillies: We are just a month away from opening night of our Spring Musical. The Fine Arts Academy and Haverhill High School Drama Club Present: FOOTLOOSE! There will be shows on April 4-6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee on the April 6th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 general admission. We hope to see you all there.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

TEACH Program.

Superintendent Marotta introduced Ms. Lyn Snow who provided a synopsis of the TEACH Program [TEACH Presentation 2 28 19.pdf](#).

Ms. Marotta announced a \$75,000 donation from the JF Maddox Foundation to promote early literacy efforts in the district.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to accept the \$75,000 donation from the JF Maddox Foundation to support early literacy efforts in the district. Mr. Amirian seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

The Superintendent announced the resignation of Supervisor of Transportation Timothy Rooney and the appointment of Lorraine Turell as Acting Supervisor of Transportation.

School Committee Communications.

Subcommittee Reports.

The Policy Subcommittee recommended approval of a revised policy JFABD - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services as indicated in the agenda material [Updated Homeless Policy 02.28.19.pdf](#). Attorney Magliocchetti noted that this revision had been recommended by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Policy JFABD - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services. Mr. Amirian seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

The Finance Subcommittee (Ms. Sullivan, Chair and members Attorney Magliocchetti and Attorney Rosa) announced the full committee would be holding a Budget Working Session on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Harbor Place – location to be confirmed shortly.

New Business.

The Superintendent recommended that the following equipment (as indicated in the agenda material) [SC Agenda 02.28.19 Surplus.pdf](#) be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with City Ordinances.

Mayor Fiorentini requested that this matter be postponed until a city official examined the vehicle.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Warrants [SC Agenda 02.28.19 Warrants.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material:

- 1) Warrant Number EV20190301 totaling \$223,388.44
- 2) Warrant Number EV201900301A totaling \$168,390.91
- 3) Warrant Number EV2019003015B totaling \$627,265.06

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number EV20190301 totaling \$223,388.44 and Warrant Number EV2019003015B totaling \$627,265.06 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-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Amirian to approve Warrant Number EV201900301A totaling \$168,390.91 as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mr. Amirian	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Items by Consensus as indicated in the agenda material:

- A. minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2019 [School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes 02.14.19.pdf](#)
- B. use of facilities [SC - Use of Facilities 02.28.19 5 B.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Items by Consensus. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The chair asked by a show of hands all those who approved of the items:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to go into executive session (7:54 p.m.) to discuss strategy relative to negotiations with the HEA Teachers Unit and the MNA Nurses Unit and will reconvene in open session only to approve any actions taken in executive session.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained