



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

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson 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	Attorney Paul Magliocchetti
Mr. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair	Mr. Scott Wood
Ms. Margaret Marotta Superintendent	

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

Public Comment.

No public comment was offered at this meeting.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Katherine Hubbard.

Ms. Katherine Hubbard provided an update from Haverhill High School:

- A thank you to Chief DeNaro and Superintendent Marotta for bringing the Vaping Presentation to the high school campus. Katherine also thanked Mr. Wood for attending the session and for HCTV for filming the presentation to be broadcast at a later date.
- Term 4 begins on April 4, 2019 which signals the final 45 days for grades 9-11 and the final 28 days for seniors.
- April 10, 2019 report cards will be issued.
- College and Post-Grad Opportunity Fair will be held on April 3, 2019
- Fine Arts Academy Production of Footloose will be held on April 4-6, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. with the matinee on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (Katherine announced her participation in the production and hoped people would come out to support the show).
- Spirit Week begins the week of April 8 Monday is Pajama Day; Tuesday is Twin Day with extra points for triplets; Wednesday is Decade Day; Thursday is Hillie Day and Friday is Color Wars Grade 12 = blue, Grade 11 = pink/red, Grade 10 = yellow and Grade 9 = green.
- Supper Club will be held on April 11th – the English, Special Education, ELL and Wellness Departments are hosting and it is open to all Hillie families.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Superintendent Marotta provided a brief outline of her entry report which included three (3) key points:

- Looking at excellence – spots where children are excelling at high levels but there is a lack of systems and structures to universally move all children forward;
- Examining equity in the district; we have not reached a point it is a great place for all students;
- Access for all – the district is holding children and staff to high expectations;
- Examining how to spend funds differently;
- Overcrowding in the schools is not universal in all parts of the district, it is mainly focused at the middle school level and that is why she is recommending the School Right Sizing Proposal
 - Occurs at natural transition breaks in education

- A lasting change for students to keep in schools for a number of years;
- Reasonable class sizes by “digging deep into the data”
- Fairly cost effective
- No major capital costs
- Least disruptive to families and students;
- Vet buildings by DESE should not be an issue since they are currently
- Right-sizing Proposal is a 3-5-year interim solution to middle school overcrowding and either the renovation/construction of Consentino School.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if proposals for Whittier School had been submitted and wanted to see a few companies.

Ms. Marotta and the Mayor concurred that bids were not needed because the companies were on the state bid list and that the district would be meeting with a company next week.

Ms. Sullivan thanked the Superintendent for clarity and specificity to the issue.

Superintendent Marotta commented that these were approximately the class sizes per grade range:

- K-5 (30 classrooms for each grade)
- 6-8 (22 classrooms for each grade)

Ms. Marotta shared a few key points from her entry plan to the committee namely the meetings attended with staff, parents, students and community members and groups.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that both he and Ms. Sullivan had discussions with City Solicitor Cox regarding the development of an agreement. He noted that maintenance is the duty of the school committee and wanted to ensure that the proposal was not too narrow in scope for Whittier School. Attorney Magliocchetti wanted the totality of the building’s systems examined.

Superintendent Marotta answered that documents would be shared with the committee. She stated that the proposals involved the structures of the building and addressed issues relative to asbestos separately.

Attorney Magliocchetti stipulated that the plumbing systems specially the water should be included to ensure that the drinking water was safe for the children.

School Committee Communications.

Boys and Girls Club Allocation – Mr. Wood.

Mr. Wood wanted to reaffirm the action taken at last year’s budget to allocate \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to allocate \$15,000 to the Boys and Girls Club. 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. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Subcommittee Reports.

None.

New Business.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Warrants as indicated in the agenda material:

- 1) Warrant Number EV20190329 totaling \$316,488.55
- 2) Warrant Number EV201900329B totaling \$605,505.01
- 3) Warrant Number JE20190329 totaling \$3,371.59

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the Warrants [Warrants 03.28.19 4A.pdf](#) as indicated. 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. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following items by consensus [SC Minutes 03.14.19 bac Agenda 032819 5A.pdf](#); [PEC WF 03.28.19 SS IT.pdf](#); [file:///PEC/WF SC Agenda 03.28.19 5 B.pdf](#); and [SC Agenda 03.28.19 5C UOF.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material:

- A. minutes of the budget working session of March 6, 2019 and the regular meeting of March 14, 2019;
- B. the professional educational conference/workshop form;
- C. the use of facilities

Mr. Wood requested that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2019 be withdrawn.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the professional educational conference/workshop forms and the use of facilities as indicated.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Mr. Wood stated that the March 14, 2019 minutes did not reflect a vote on the SRO.

Mr. Wood made motion to table the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2019. 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. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the minutes of the budget working session of March 6, 2019. 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. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting (7:36 pm). 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. Wood	Yes	Mr. Amirian	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained