



**APPROVED**

**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2019  
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. City Council Chambers – 7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Sven Amirian, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

The following members were present:

Attorney Richard Rosa

Ms. Gail Sullivan

Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello

Attorney Paul Magliocchetti

Mr. Scott Wood

Dr. Margaret Marotta Superintendent of Schools was also present.

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chairperson was recorded absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Michelle Paquette, a Hunking School teacher, who passed away this past week.

Public Comment.

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 185 Millvale Road, objected to a picture of a Muslim girl on display at a school and wanted to post a Christian response. He also reiterated opposition to some educational teachings. Mr. Yannakoreaus stated the Committee had disrespected him at a previous meeting. He spoke for 5 minutes.

Mr. Anthony Parolisi, 169 Summer Street, HEA member spoke in advocacy for a proper school budget, “funding our future” and helping the “Heart of Haverhill” be more successful.

Communication and Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report – Katherine Hubbard.

Ms. Hubbard thanked her teacher, Tom Jordan, her fellow Student Advisory Council members and Haverhill School Committee members. She announced the newly elected members of the Student Advisory Council for 2019-2020L Molly Caren, Heather Reed, Molly Bresnahan and Leah Pearse. Ms. Hubbard announced that Ms. Pearse would be attending the school committee meetings.

Ms. Pearse offered a brief biography:

- An incoming Senior
- Classical Academy Member
- Member of Mayor’s Youth Council
- Crew Team member

She offered a report on recent activities at Haverhill High School:

- Night of Stars 146 students received 278 scholarships totaling approximately \$280,000
- Tomorrow is Senior Breakfast (final walk through at school) and Senior Chapel
- Prom will be held at the Seaglass in Salisbury on Tuesday with photos being taken at the Common

- HHS Graduation will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019
- The stadium stands have been refurbished and now will be used for family/friends and has seating for 5,000
- Track Team received 4 titles
- Grand Opening of New Field was held last Friday afternoon
- Girls final softball game will be held this Friday
- Extended congratulations to superintendent Dr. Margaret Marotta on receiving her doctorate last Saturday

#### Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Attorney Magliocchetti's item on Early College Program and NECC Services Agreement was moved up in the order of the agenda.

Dr. Lane Glenn, President of Northern Essex Community College was introduced. He noted that 24 high school students had graduated from NECC and had a full year college credit Dr. Glenn related a key goal was to assist students with the cost of college and a pathway to an Associate's Degree (Haverhill's cost \$4,500).

Attorney Magliocchetti made a motion to allocate \$100,000 to fund an Early College Foundation with Northern Essex Community College. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked for the legal opinion regarding setting up the account.

Attorney Cox was on the Board of Trustees at NECC and had a conflict so he referred the matter to Attorney Randazzo. He noted the recommendation from Attorney Randazzo was positive.

After some further discussion, Mr. Wood withdrew his second and the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to table the EC Foundation Proposal to the next meeting. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

The vice 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 suspend the rules to approve the Hunking School Principal Contract with Ms. Shannon Gilligan. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The vice 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

Dr. Marotta announced that the new Hunking Principal had signed her contract yesterday and brought a varied range of expertise to this position and the district.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Hunking School Principal's (Shannon Gilligan) contract. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The vice 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Dr. Marotta was hoping to finalize the Silver Hill Principal position very soon.

The committee requested the new principals attend the next meeting.

FY19 Budget Update.

School Business Manager Brian O'Connell stated the school district would end the fiscal year in a solid position.

Superintendent Marotta commented that the State recommended the district budget for two-year's worth of Circuit Breaker monies to act as a cushion.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Food Service Contract with Whitsons New England, Inc. as outlined in agenda packet.

Attorney Cox, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Joseph Armenti (Whitsons New England, Inc.) answered questions from the School Committee concerning the contract and the Community Eligibility Provision.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the Food Service Contract with Whitsons New England, Inc. as outlined [SC Agenda Packet Item 5 B School Food Service .pdf](#). Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

The vice 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Facilities Update from Ms. Heather Forgione, Supervisor of Facilities.

Ms. Forgione provided estimates on roofing and HVAC systems.

Attorney Magliocchetti requested an estimate on a whole new system at Whittier School by next meeting.

Superintendent Marotta thought this might be part of RFP Structural Engineering.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented it would not hurt to get our own quotes.

Ms. Forgione outlined the following projects:

- Underground Storage Tank at Tilton
- Fire Alarm Upgrades
- Lighting at HHS
- Alarm System Problems – Evaluation Ongoing

Attorney Magliocchetti noted that \$60,000 in repairs that were not budgeted.

Dr. Marotta stated the Urgent Need Costs totaled \$1.6m.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked what was budgeted for Urgent Need in FY20 Budget.

Ms. Smith, Accountant would have to do further research.

Superintendent Marotta stated that it was uncertain what issues could occur in our buildings.

Attorney Rosa asked about the monies in stabilization.

Ms. Forgione stated that there were several expenses included:

- \$40,000 moving
- \$28,000 St. James
- Greenleaf and Bartlett kitchen areas \$10,000
- Handicap Accessibility \$25,000 (ramp)
- Fire and Building Inspectors meeting today – requirements from departments
- Issues to Bathrooms – Modifications –\$30,000 or less
- Kitchen Work
- Most of the cost of electrical work would be in labor

Dr. Marotta noted that the Kitchen Design Team from Whitsons equipment estimate was \$25,000-\$30,000 and it was the cost of doing business during in the summer and moving expenses will be incorporated into this year's budget.

Ms. Smith indicated that there would be a walk-through of the three buildings, with moving company representatives who had responded to the RFP on the morning of May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Wood questioned the amount of parking at Bartlett School.

The Superintendent related that there was presently there was sufficient parking at that school location.

Attorney Rosa asked about Greenleaf and next year's use all of the building.

Dr. Marotta commented that the HALT Program would be using the first floor and part of second floor.

Mayor Fiorentini indicated that the next item on the agenda was the Superintendent's Recommendation to approve St. James Lease with Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Sole Corporation as outlined in agenda packet.

Attorney Cox outlined conditions of the lease. He noted that the City Council needed to approve this agreement.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the St. James Lease with Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Sole Corporation as outlined in agenda packet

[St.JamesHaverhill\\_CityofHaverhill\\_Lease\\_19.0513final.pdf](#). Ms. Sullivan 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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Review and Approval of FY20 Budget Document.

Superintendent Marotta outlined FY2020 Superintendent's Recommended Budget – School Committee May 23, 2019 [FY2020 PROPOSED BUDGET Readable Format.pdf](#).

Mr. Wood indicated that the detailed budget which included all line items in the FY2020 budget was just received and he was not prepared to vote tonight.

Superintendent Marotta commented that it was her responsibility to ensure the proposed budget document was received by the members to allow for sufficient review time and offered her apologies.

Attorney Rosa stated the Committee would need to change its meeting back to June 13, 2019.

Ms. Sullivan had requested that the budget document be received earlier and allow for time to review.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that the budget amount could be approved.

Attorney Rosa stated that Wednesday (5.29.19) he was available for a meeting.

Mr. Wood did not recommend amending the budget extensively on June 13, 2019.

Mr. Amirian polled the members about a Wednesday meeting to review the budget document. He was concerned about the amount of the budget.

Vice Chair Amirian related that the Mayor was quoted as saying “this is the best budget in 10 years or the best budget he has seen”. He commented it was refreshing.

After brief discussion among the members regarding next week's schedule, a consensus was reached on how to proceed with the approval and public hearing on the FY2020 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to table approval of the FY2020 budget. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
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Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	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

Date of Public Hearing on FY20 Budget.

After a dialogue among the members and the Superintendent regarding the upcoming week's schedule and availability, it was agreed to poll members for a budget working session next Wednesday, May 29, 2019 to thoroughly review the FY2020 budget document and to hold the working session at 7:00 p.m. It was also established that the Public Hearing would be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to change the Public Hearing Date from June 6, 2019 to June 13, 2019.

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
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

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

New Business.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Warrants [SC Agenda Item Warrants 05.23.19 6 A.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material:

- 1) Warrant Number EV201900524 totaling \$341,770.71
- 2) Warrant Number EV201900524A totaling \$57,097.77
- 3) Warrant Number EV20190524B totaling \$861,033.99

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrants (1) Warrant Number EV201900524 totaling \$341,770.71 and Warrant (3) Warrant Number EV20190524B totaling \$861,033.99. Ms. Sullivan 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
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 Warrant (2) Warrant Number EV201900524A totaling \$57,097.77. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
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