Mayor James Fiorentini called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

- Attorney Richard Rosa
- Ms. Gail Sullivan
- Mr. Scott Wood
- Ms. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent

Mr. Sven Amirian
Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardiello (7:03 pm)
Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Vice Chairperson

The members and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Haverhill High School Senior Jordan Rankin, who passed away tragically earlier this week in a car accident.

Public Comment.
Ms. Tracy Fuller, Executive Director of the Haverhill YMCA announced the 10th Annual Educator of the Year Award Ceremony and Recognition Event. Ms. Fuller asked for nominations for Educator of the Year along with announcing that Principal Bonnie Antkowiak would be honored for Commitment to Community.

Communication and Reports.
Student Advisory Council Report – Katherine Hubbard was not present to give a report.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

School and District MCAS and Accountability Results.

Superintendent Marotta introduced Dr. Darshan Thakkar, Chief Academic Officer, Elementary Schools. Dr. Thakkar gave an Overview of the Accountability System.

Ms. Marotta presented a presentation to the School Committee on the MCAS Results as detailed in the following slides MCAS 18 final.pdf

Mrs. Bonnie Antkowiak, Tilton School Principal and Mrs. Beth Kitsos, former High School Principal (currently Chief Academic Officer – Secondary) outlined how their schools had achieved such dramatic improvement.

The Superintendent noted that schools who had not shown improvement will be receiving the proper supports to begin altering their path. She noted that one of the biggest challenges was chronic absenteeism throughout the district and the “Attendance Matters” Campaign which, began this month was one of the many efforts being incorporated into this school year.
Comments/Questions from the School Committee:

Attorney Rosa hoped all schools could replicate the successes of Tilton and the High School so improvement can be transferred across all schools.

Ms. Sullivan thanked the superintendent for the comprehensive report and outlining the action plans for schools. She related that Haverhill Promise (Campaign for Grade Level Reading) among other community partners/initiatives was hoping to assist the school district in combating chronic absenteeism and providing supports to our schools.

Attorney Magliocchetti commended Principal Antkowiak and former High School Principal Beth Kitsos for their significant improvements.

Mr. Amirian reiterated the comments of several of his colleagues that the gains achieved by many schools was promising and encouraging. He commented that interventions were being put into place to support the schools that needed assistance.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello praised the administrators, teachers and staff for the promising test results.

The Mayor requested that item 3 C be moved up in the agenda order.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to move up item 3 C in the agenda order - Mayor Fiorentini introduced Mr. Orlando Pacheco, Haverhill’s Energy Consultant, to discuss solar canopies at Haverhill High School. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:

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

Motion passes

Mayor Fiorentini introduced Mr. Orlando Pacheco, Haverhill’s Energy Consultant, to discuss solar canopies at Haverhill High School.

Mr. Pacheco briefly outlined a solar canopy project for Haverhill High School’s student parking lot as part of Haverhill’s strategic energy initiatives [Haverhill High Solar.pdf](Haverhill High Solar.pdf).

Some key points that were outlined are the following:

- Canopies are pitched
- Third party responsible for maintenance and cleaning
- Entire parking lot is not feasible
- Small projects getting attention
- Life span approximately 20 years
- City is in a good position for these types of projects
- Integration of project into the STEM curriculum

Attorney Magliocchetti made a motion that the RFP for the solar canopies at Haverhill High School be brought back to the School Committee before it is issued. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

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Springboard Education Afterschool Contract.

Superintendent Marotta indicated that the Springboard Contract had been put on the agenda at the request of Attorney Magliocchetti. She noted that it was a large institution that operated across the country and the world. Ms. Marotta first learned about the program through a parent who was disappointed that the program was not scheduled to begin in time for the opening of school and additionally through the Haverhill Education Association who expressed concerns. The superintendent commented that former Assistant Superintendent Fulgoni had signed the contract a few days before leaving the district for another position.

Attorney Magliocchetti wanted a follow-up opinion from Attorney Cox regarding how this happened and processes that might need to be implemented to prevent this happening in the future. He was especially concerned that this was not mentioned to the School Committee nor was the Committee’s approval requested.

Mr. Wood questioned Mr. Fulgoni’s legal authority to sign the contract.

Mr. Amirian asked if the services provided were fulfilling a need for students.

Distribution of Brief Budget Status Report from Business Manager Brian O’Connell.

Mr. O’Connell’s one-page report HPS Expenditures as of 9-24-2018.pdf was distributed and received by the committee members. He noted that a first quarter report along with more detailed financial information will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports.

Attorney Magliocchetti noted that the Policy Subcommittee had met recently and within the next four to six weeks, several policies will be submitted for review to the full Committee.

New Business.

Mayor Fiorentini asked Mr. Pacheco to comment on the Green Communities Energy Reduction Plan Program.

Mr. Pacheco related that the grant was part of the energy efficient plan that the City of Haverhill was adopting. He related that Neal Duffy from Green Communities was planning on attending a future meeting to go over the approved plan with the School Committee.

Attorney Magliocchetti made a motion to grant approval to Superintendent Marotta to approve Green Communities Energy Reduction Plan (once it is completed). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

The chair called for a vote of the members:
Mayor Fiorentini relinquished chairing the meeting to Vice Chair Paul Magliocchetti.

The Mayor left the meeting at 8:52 pm.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following Warrants [SCAgenda092718Warrants.pdf] as indicated in the agenda material:

1) Warrant Number EV20180928 totaling $382,058.55;
2) Warrant Number EV20180928A totaling $168,264.11;
3) Warrant Number EV20180928B totaling $762,551.12

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180928 totaling $382,058.55 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180928A totaling $168,264.11 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Wood made a motion to approve Warrant Number EV20180928B totaling $762,551.12 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

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0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the Items by Consensus - use of facilities [SCUseOfFacilities9.27.18.pdf] and the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2018 [SchoolCommitteeRegularMeetingMinutes09.13.18.pdf] as indicated in the agenda material.

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Items by Consensus (use of facilities and minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2018) as indicated in the agenda material. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion.
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Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Ms. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting (9:10 pm). Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion.

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