



Haverhill School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2016

Mayor James Fiorentini called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were: Mr. Sven Amirian, Mr. Shaun Toohey, Attorney Paul Magliocchetti, Mr. Scott Wood, Mrs. Maura Ryan-Ciardello, Ms. Gail Sullivan, Mrs. Julie R. Kukenberger, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. James F. Scully, Superintendent of Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Participation

Mr. Peter Yannakoureas, 85 Millvale Road spoke about his concerns regarding the sexual nature of some of the curriculum. He asked members to withdraw it from the curriculum. Mayor Fiorentini took a survey of members as to changing the health curriculum. Members indicated no change is made.

Communication and Reports

Student Advisory Council Report – Madeline Coady

Ms. Coady provided the following update about Haverhill High School:

- Classical academy banquet will be held March 15th at Michal's Function Hall
- Annual dodge ball tournament will be held March 17th as an after school fundraiser for the senior class
- Second annual powderpuff game will be April 8th run by the student council
- March 26th is the beginning of the six week MCAS prep program
- Senior scholarship applications are now on line
- March 23rd a Junior parents' information session will be conducted by the guidance department
- Spring coffee house is being held tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

Superintendent Comments/Report

Mr. Scully introduced Mr. Brian O'Connell who gave a financial overview with supporting documents.

Finance Report – Mr. Brian O'Connell, Business Manager

Mr. O'Connell reflected on the status of the current year's budget with over 1200 accounts including overall projections. The bottom line is positive assuming the current trends continue being very modest. The anticipated ending positive balance is \$238,814.39. Barring unexpected costs they are monitoring every expense carefully. Most of the anticipated balance is expected to be absorbed by the end of the year. They are monitoring changes in sped placements which are currently stabilized. He asked members to look at the reports and to contact him with any concerns or questions.

Mr. Scully indicated a pending legal issue relative to a pending \$113,000 sped expenditure which they are challenging.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked for an analysis on the trends back to 2014 in special education. He would like to see where the fluctuations are and why. Mr. Scully referenced the history of the sped budget and informed members of the review of IEP's and to see if the student requires the services and not the request of the parent/guardian.

Ms. Sullivan requested an analysis of the past four to five years of the movement of students during the summer months and how this is built into the budget. Mr. Scully and Mr. O'Connell indicated there are usually three to four out of district placements they receive during the summer months.

Mr. Amirian questioned the projected surplus and the ability to hire a hiring third health teacher. Mr. Scully stated they should have one in place by the end of the month.

School Committee Communications

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Haverhill School Committee and the Haverhill Education Association (Education Support Personnel Unit) if ratified by the HEA ESP Unit.

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to **table** this item.

Mr. Wood indicated a conflict and would be abstaining.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

Mr. Amirian	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Toohey	Yes	Mr. Wood	Abstained
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

A 6-0 vote; motion was approved.

Teach for America – Mayor Fiorentini

Mayor Fiorentini stated they are struggling on what to do with the Tilton School. Teach for American brings in top students from top colleges in America to work with these students. Currently, they are in Massachusetts; Lawrence is participating in this program showing tremendous increases in test scores in many of their schools. He suggested submitting an application to have this group work with Tilton students. They would be filling vacancies, receive a teacher's salary and a stipend from their organization. Mr. Scully stated they have reached out to Teach for America already.

Introduction of District Parent Council representatives to announce the 25th Anniversary of the Write A Way Contest – Mr. Amirian

Mr. Herb Bergh gave an overview of the Write A Way Contest which is in its 25th year. Students from kindergarten through the 12th grade are encouraged to participate. The program began with over 500 participants and has grown to over 2,500. There is no cost to the budget and funding is mainly provided by donations from banks, the community, sponsors and the schools' PTO's. Mr. Bergh reviewed the judging process which Mr. Amirian has participated in for several years. Members were encouraged to attend the May 25th award ceremony.

Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Amirian

Mr. Amirian asked to have a discussion of the process under which the new plan is being created, the progress that has been made to date, the date of completion and what the committee's roles are in the development.

Mr. Scully stated in the past they have had two separate documents: (1) district improvement and (2) strategic plan, which they are incorporating and changing the name to what it is about. They are nearing a finished document of revisions over the past 1.5 years. He hopes to bring the completed document in April to members. Scully stated this will show what goals are met and not met but is done in an informal way. This is a more living document than in the past and are trying to get a balance with some areas not covered due to the demands on the budget.

Mr. Amirian stated they need to hold themselves accountable and make sure they are accomplishing things and support them.

Mayor the easy part of running city schools can't have everything having a balance what do you cut those are hard things not putting goals. They need to be careful on how to balance desires the guideline establishes and goals they strive to reach over time with a long range vision and strategy of how to develop it.

Subcommittee Reports

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello read the names of the subcommittees and members assigned to each:

Negotiating Teams	Chairperson	Member(s)
Administrators	Attorney Magliocchetti	Mr. Amirian
Cafeteria	Mr. Amirian	Attorney Magliocchetti
Custodians	Mr. Wood	Mr. Amirian
ESP's	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Mr. Toohey
School Bus Drivers & Monitors	Ms. Sullivan	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello
Secretaries	Attorney Magliocchetti	Mr. Toohey

Teachers	Mr. Wood	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello
Nurses	Attorney Magliocchetti	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello
Sub-Committees		
Athletic	Mr. Toohey	Mr. Wood
District Steering	Ms. Sullivan	Attorney Magliocchetti
Finance	Mr. Wood	Mr. Toohey
Joint Communications	Mr. Amirian	
Joint Maintenance/Facilities	Attorney Magliocchetti	Ms. Sullivan
Legislative Liaison	Mr. Toohey	
MASC	Ms. Sullivan	
Policy	Mr. Wood	Mr. Amirian
Strategic Planning	Mr. Wood	Ms. Sullivan
Transportation	Mr. Toohey	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello

Old Business:

Moved by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

<i>Mr. Amirian</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Sullivan</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

A 7-0 vote; motion was approved.

New Business

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve Warrant Number EV20160311 totaling \$448,760.59; Warrant Number EV20160311A totaling \$280,940.51 and Warrant Number EV20160311B totaling \$696,550.31.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked to take EV2010311A totaling \$280,940.51 separate.

With no objection, Mr. Wood amended his motion to reflect the withdrawal and be voted separately.

A roll call vote was held on the amended motion to approve Warrant EV20160311 totaling \$448,760.59 and EV20160311B totaling \$696,550.31 and the results were the following:

<i>Mr. Amirian</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Attorney Magliocchetti</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mr. Toohey</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mr. Wood</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Ms. Sullivan</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Mayor Fiorentini</i>	<i>Yes</i>		

A 7-0 vote; motion was approved.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve Warrant Number EV20160311A totaling \$280,940.51.

A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows:

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

A 6-0 vote; motion was approved.

Items by Consensus

approval of the minutes of the Regular Meetings of February 11 and February 25, 2016

approval of the conference day request(s):

- Sarah Emilio, HHS, May 2-4, 2016, Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing, Billerica, MA, \$924

approval of the field trip request(s):

- Brenda Simblaris, HH, Grade 9-12, German 1-4, 3/30-3/30/16, UMass Amherst, \$\$10-\$15

approval of the use of facilities:

- Requested by Derek Davoli from Riverside Bradford Baseball for the use of the Consentino School gym on March 30, 2016 and March 31, 2016 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm for Umpire Training.

Process Fee: *Waived
Utility Fee: * Waived
Custodial Fee: \$30.00 per hour
Rental Fee: *Waived
* Fee Waived 100% Haverhill Students

Mr. Wood asked to remove Item A Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11 and February 25, 2016

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Toohey to approve the remaining Items by Consensus.

A roll call vote was held and the results were the following:

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

A 7-0 vote; motion was approved.

Mr. Wood moved to remove under the February 11, 2016 minutes last sentence under Public Comment. He indicated it was quoted incorrectly and asked for the entire sentence is removed.

A roll call vote was held on the amendment of the minutes and the results were as follows:

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

A 7-0 vote; motion was approved.

Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve Item A minutes as amended.

A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows:

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

A 7-0 vote; motion was approved.

Executive Session/Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Toohey and seconded by Attorney Magliocchetti to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations.

A 7-0 verbal vote indicated all in favor; motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

List of Documents included as part of packet: School Committee Agenda; Agenda Request(s) – Mr. Amirian; Warrants; School Calendar; Minutes; Conference Request(s); Field Trip Request(s); Use of Facilities