



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Public Hearing on FY22 Budget & Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021

Mr. Wood, Vice Chairperson read the following Opening Statement: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means." This meeting will be available via live streaming over HCTV and WHAV. The full meeting recording will be posted on the HCTV website.

There were technical difficulties with the transmission of this meeting to the community, the beginning portion was not able to be recorded and broadcast to the audience.

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wood, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm (due to technical issues with HCTV) and requested a roll call of the members.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Present In person	Attorney Rosa	Present In person
Ms. Sullivan	Present In person	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Present in person
Attorney Magliocchetti	Present in person	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Present In person
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Absent		

Dr. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent of Schools was present remotely. Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent was present in person.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Student Advisory Council Report ~ Ms. Hailey Prunier.

Ms. Prunier provided the following report:

- announced the two finalists had been identified for the principal's position along with applicants for the assistant principal's position;
- urged her fellow students to be proactive with enrichments;
- summer employment opportunities are available;
- MCAS Make-up is tomorrow;
- Student Council Vice President will be filling in over the summer at summer school committee meetings;
- diverse opinions have been solicited from the student body for the upcoming school year

Communications/Reports ~ Public Comment ~ non-budget related items.

Mr. Anthony Parolisi, 169 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA, HEA President spoke about the recent heat wave and its impact on student learning. Additionally, he related that his role would be changing, but he would still be an advocate for the Haverhill Public Schools.

Superintendent Comments/Reports ~ Attitudes and Behavior Survey, completed May 2021.

Ms. Jami Dion, Director of Guidance, Counseling and Student Support Services provided an overview of the report to the Committee ~ A & B Survey SC presentation 6-10-21(v2) (5).pdf. She noted that with this data there was baseline information and could assist in planning. Ms. Dion indicated that the goal was to develop consistent data.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello asked if this survey would be used in future years.

Ms. Dion responded that it would be valuable to use this tool over several years in order to assess its importance. She noted that efforts would be made to encourage increased participation.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that it was a very important topic. He agreed that it needed to be an ongoing process and the district needed to be committed to this endeavor. Attorney Magliocchetti acknowledged the difficulties and struggles facing the children in our community.

Attorney Rosa asked if there was comparison data to assist the district.

School Physician Dr. Maddox referenced the previous surveys that assessed negative behaviors. He noted that this survey had a more wholistic approach and discouraged comparisons among districts. Dr. Maddox stated that 21-30 assets would be beneficial and Haverhill High School had 18.5 assets which would reduce the incidences of risk taking such as depression and substance abuse.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais thanked Ms. Dion for the report.

Ms. Sullivan was impressed with the figures of equality and social justice but was shocked in the low “reading for pleasure” levels from the report. She recommended focusing on reading for pleasure.

Dr. Maddox highlighted that the connectiveness to the community was higher than other districts (56% compared to 26-30%). He related that reading for pleasure was similar to other districts in the country.

In regards to Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello’s question, Dr. Maddox noted that the surveys were anonymous and not able to be connected to a particular student.

COVID Update ~ Dr. Marotta related the community was in green and with a successful high school graduation, middle school celebrations had been changed to a more personal event.

FY21 Budget Update ~ Mr. Pfifferling referenced the “red/green” report along with potential fund transfers for School Committee consideration.

The following items were addressed collectively:

- Mrs. Sapienza Donais: HVAC Update for Silver Hill School.
- Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello: Expansion of Air Conditioning to Schools.
- Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello: New Water Fountain issues at several schools.

HVAC Update ~ Mr. Dorrance provided an update on facilities. He related that the HVAC issues had been addressed and that the solution would be very expensive for the district. Mr. Dorrance noted that MSBA had waived the review process for the HHS gym roof; the feasibility phase had been completed and now the project

was entering the design phase. He referenced water treatment improvements especially at Haverhill High School and the installation of filters that have resulted in significant corrections. In relation to AC, Haverhill High School units had been salvaged, however, the four 1990's elementary schools have significant issues and the units were not designed for classrooms. Mr. Dorrance advised replacement of these units since they were at the end of their useful life. He reported that the repairs would cost between \$700,000-\$800,000 per school.

Dr. Marotta clarified that the cost would be for interior sections with additional cost of \$3,000 per classroom unit.

Attorney Rosa asked about the gym roof material.

Attorney Rosa asked about the cost of mini-splits.

Mr. Dorrance related that it would probably cost \$1m per school and urged that a zero net energy building be pursued for new construction.

Attorney Magliocchetti was thankful to Mr. Dorrance for his expertise. He indicated that the four elementary schools air conditioning had been eliminated due to budget concerns at the time of construction. Attorney Magliocchetti asked that mini-splits be put on the third floor of the buildings as a beginning, with the implementation for September 2021.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais noted that her agenda item was due to the heat wave earlier in the week. She provided historical perspective on Pentucket Lake third floor classrooms when the school opened in the 1990's. Mrs. Sapienza Donais asked about the deteriorating condition of the units.

Mr. Dorrance noted preventive maintenance is a way to extend the end of their useful life. He commented on planned useful life for facilities (planned obsolesces) in other districts. Mr. Dorrance related that the maintenance budget did not have the funds to provide district-wide preventative maintenance, but had accomplished limited instances to extend the life of equipment.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais encouraged the installation of air conditioning in our schools especially the new Consentino School.

Ms. Sullivan noted that there had not been a determination on Consentino School Proposal and cautioned against the assumption of a new school.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello thanked Mr. Dorrance for his report and related that it addressed her agenda items.

Mr. Wood asked if all the maintenance items had been addressed while Mr. Dorrance was in attendance.

In relation to water fountains, Mr. Dorrance commented that bottom fillers were different and there was no crossover with the systems. He indicated that the filters would be changed in the buildings.

Mr. Pfifferling commented that the district did not purchase a filtered system.

Dr. Marotta stated that the systems were purchased in September and it would need to be tested. She noted that many of these projects could be addressed with the financial transfers.

Superintendent Marotta suggested air conditioners for Tilton School third floor. She reviewed the potential fund transfers for consideration that totaled \$1,052,278 and that purchase orders were being shut down therefore, they were comfortable with the recommendation.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the financial transfers [Financial Transfers 06.10.21.pdf](#) totaling \$1,052,278 as recommended by the Superintendent. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling outlined the specifics:

\$395,000	Technology
\$77,322	Technology
\$44,000	Supplies
\$160,000	Facilities Vehicles
\$25,000	Student Transportation
\$200,000	HVAC
\$150,000	Facade

Superintendent Marotta noted that there a close monitoring of the district's financial state.

A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Dr. Marotta requested approval of the School Year Calendar 2021-2022 [HPS2021-2022-Student-Calendar-APPROVED-BY-SC-2.pdf](#)

In regards to Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello's comment on the conflict between School Committee meetings and parent teacher conferences, there was a brief discussion among the members who indicated the matter could be addressed at a later date.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Public Hearing on FY22 Budget ~ Community; followed by School Committee vote to approve the FY22 Budget.

Vice Chair Wood announced that City Solicitor Cox had advised that only public comment be heard at tonight's meeting and that the vote on the budget be postponed until Tuesday before the City Council Meeting (June 15, 2021). He noted that the meeting would be posted for Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais was not available on Tuesday.

Mr. Wood related that this was the only option. He indicated there would be another opportunity to speak on Tuesday.

Public Comment on Proposed FY22 Budget.

Mr. Anthony Parolisi, 169 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA, HEA President recommended support for the Superintendent's budget.

Dr. Thomas Grannemann, 51 Leroy Avenue, Haverhill MA offered the following remarks:

- recovery for COVID learning disruptions;
- Supports for a diverse student population to address equity issues by funding the Diversity Officer position at a high level;
- Addressing competition for top quality teaching/administrative candidates by analyzing contract provisions in order to get the best;
- FY22 budget did not demonstrate a strong commitment of city dollars; it relies on state and federal funding.

Vice Chair Wood ruled that the FY22 Budget could be approved this evening based on the information received that no one wished to speak on the budget via hybrid means.

Mr. Parolisi resumed his comments and related that new city dollars/investment equaled 1/3 investment over 18 years. He related that the city contribution had declined and the district would lose power if we don't hold the power of the purse. HEA President Parolisi emphasized the budget should reflect the values of Haverhill and the greater community.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to close public comment on the FY22 Budget. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the FY22 Budget. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Attorney Rosa asked Superintendent Marotta needed the Committee's action or any particular item contained in the budget.

Dr. Marotta noted that the Diversity Position had not be defined as either a senior level or a human resources position. She noted that funds were contained in the budget for either position.

Vice Chair Wood commented that as long as the funding was in the budget, a decision on the scope and level of the position could be addressed at a later time.

Attorney Magliocchetti updated his motion to include the amount of \$96,209,032. Attorney Rosa seconded the updated motion.

A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to reconsider the vote on the FY22 Budget (amendment). Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Giardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Attorney Magliocchetti clarified that due to a conflict (Mr. Wood) the School Resource Officers' line item needed to be voted separately with Mr. Wood abstaining from that vote.

Vice Chair Wood stated there would be two separate votes: one for the budget without the SRO's and the other for the SRO's line item.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling noted that the SRO funding line item was \$225,000 {three (3) positions}.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to remove the SRO funding line item in the amount of \$225,000.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardillo	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Abstain

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the FY22 Budget in the amount of \$98,458,213. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the funding for the SROs in the amount of \$225,000. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Abstain

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

0 members absent

Attorney Rosa: Discussion about the Interim Director of Special Education.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to table this item. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

<u>Mrs. Sapienza Donais</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Attorney Rosa</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Mrs. Sapienza Donais & Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello: Middle School Advanced Placement Math.

Ms. Cate Lally, Mathematics Supervisor provided a detailed report on the de-tracking issue highlighting the traditional pathway; compacted pathway and high school accelerated pathway with the emphasis on understanding the concepts.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais was surprised by the data, along with her own research which supported de-tracking. She thanked Ms. Lally for a very informative report.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello appreciated Ms. Lally's presentation.

Ms. Lally responded that iReady would provide interventions in enrichment for some students.

Subcommittee Reports ~ None.

Old Business ~ Superintendent's Recommendation to approve the Temple Emanu-El Lease.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Temple Emanu-El Lease Temple Emanu-El & Haverhill Public School Lease final.pdf. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

<u>Mrs. Sapienza Donais</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Attorney Rosa</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Mrs. Sapienza Donais & Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello: 8th Grade Promotion.

Superintendent Marotta briefly outlined the ceremonies that would be occurring within the district. In response to kindergarten and grade 4 events,

Dr. Marotta responded that there was no parent involved ceremonies at these grade levels. She noted that the ceremonies would be outside and open to all family members.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello thanked Dr. Marotta for the change and was pleased for both the parents, staff, and students.

New Business ~ Superintendent's Request for Approval to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA for a core project at the John Greenleaf Whittier School as indicated in the agenda material.

Assistant Superintendent Pflifferling read the following language for the vote: _Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on June 10, 2021, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated June 10, 2021 for the JG Whittier School located at 256 Concord Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Priority 1 - Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists; Priority 2 – Elimination of existing severe overcrowding; Priority 4 – Prevention of server overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; and Priority 7 – Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and local requirements, and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve the submission of the SOI to the MSBA for a core project at the John Greenleaf Whittier School.

Mr. Wood, Vice Chair requested a roll call vote:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Not present @ time of vote	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

1 member not present at time of vote

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20210527 P-Card (December, 2020) P-Card December 2020 JE20210527.pdf totaling \$2,273.11 as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti and seconded by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve the Warrant. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Not present @ time of vote	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	No

4 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

1 member not present at time of vote

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20210603 P-Card (January, 2021) P-Card JE20210603 January 2021.pdf totaling \$6,005.68 as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Warrant. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	No

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20210607 P-Card (February, 2021) Warrant JE20210607 February 2021 P-Card.pdf totaling \$3,714,70 as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Warrant. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	No

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20210611& EV20210611B in the amount of \$1,470,794.77 Detail Warrant EV20210611 EV20210611B.pdf as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Warrant. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes

Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes
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6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve the following items as indicated in the agenda material:

the field trip(s) requests [FT Requests 06.10.21 Revised.pdf](#);

the Use of Facilities [UOF 06.10.21.pdf](#);

Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2021 [Hybrid School Committ Regular Meeting Minutes 05.13.21.pdf](#)

and Hybrid Special Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021 [School Committee Special Meeting Minutes 05.20.21-1.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Items by Consensus. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting (9:25 pm). Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent