



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021**

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm 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 @ 7:05 pm
Attorney Magliocchetti	Present in person	Mr. Wood, Vice Chair	Present in person
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Present in person		

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Fiorentini read an act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency was signed by Governor Baker and allows for remote meetings and hearings by public bodies through April 1, 2022. This meeting will be available via live streaming over HCTV and WHAV. The full meeting recording will be posted on the HCTV website.

Communications/Reports ~ Public Comment.

- Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 185 Millvale Road, Haverhill, MA, spoke against the teaching of evolution.
- Mr. Daniel Hickey, 133 Eighth Avenue, Haverhill, MA requested that the woodworking teacher position be reconsidered at Haverhill High School.

Response to Public Comment:

Dr. Marotta responded to Mr. Hickey's comments, that the position was transitioning to an engineering teacher.

Mayor Fiorentini asked why there were no German language courses at HHS.

The Superintendent related that no students had signed up for this language course.

Both the Mayor and Mrs. Sapienza Donais asked Dr. Marotta to review the woodworking course offering.

Mr. Hickey stated that the course was taught based on vocational standards.

Attorney Magliocchetti indicated his strong advocacy for the trades and noted that woodworking did fit into the trades along with the huge demand in the job market. He asked for the Superintendent to review the matter.

Mayor Fiorentini asked that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Communications/Reports.

Recognition of Retirees and Presentation of Certificates ~ Mr. Wood.

Vice Chair Wood recognized the following retirees (4 in person attendees):

- **Judith Collins, 37 years***
- **F. Daniel Hickey 18 years***
- **Beverly McGillicuddy 39 years***
- **Alberto Rosso, 25 years***
- **Theodore Becker, 21 years***
- **Suzanne Coffin, 20 years (remote)**
- Lisa Lynch, 28 years
- Debra Buccini, 18 years
- Timothy Carven 35 years
- Kate DiBurro 35 years
- Susanna Morgan Klempa 22 years
- Barbara McCarthy 24 years
- Jodi Pallaria 14 years
- Mary Scali 6 years
- Nancy Koorapaty 12 years
- Mary Beth Soterion 21 years

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Dr. Marotta reported on Summer Programs & Summer Professional Development. She related the following:

- 1700 students participating in summer programming
- HHS next week
- After July 4th, the special education programs
- Other programs for a wide variety of students
- Full-time programs offering with an academic portion in the morning followed by Camp Tricklin Falls as a result of grant funding and YMCA partnership.

Superintendent Marotta reported that there were numerous summer professional development offerings.

Dr. Marotta noted that the School Committee had voted to have masks worn according to DESE guidelines.

Mayor Fiorentini asked for input from the Director of Health and Nursing Services.

Ms. Vozeolas is still recommending indoor masking. She outlined students were not vaccinated and that COVID was still in the community. Ms. Vozeolas noted buildings would be air conditioned and make it a more comfortable educational setting.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello asked if it was a recommendation or requirement.

Mayor Fiorentini clarified it was a determination of the School Committee.

Attorney Magliocchetti supported mask wearing for summer programs and referenced OSHA Guidelines. He indicated that the district had an obligation to mitigate the exposure of unvaccinated individuals.

Mr. Wood indicated that the vote was to follow DESE guidelines which was not a mandate but a recommendation.

Ms. Vozeolas commented that the district had been conservative in its protocols. She related there was a slowdown in pediatric vaccinations due to health concerns among children. Ms. Vozeolas indicated that mitigation methods were being enforced in the district to prevent exposure (the recommendation was to have unvaccinated individuals masked indoors).

Dr. Marotta indicated that there were a few positive cases at the end of the school year. The Superintendent clarified that masks needed to be worn indoors only and that it would be at staff members' discretion to wear indoors without children in attendance.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to mandate masks in the classrooms during the summer programs. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais & Mr. Wood: Executive Director Position.

Mr. Wood noted that the School Committee was the appointing authority for the Director of Special Education and the members would have to vote to authorize the change in title and responsibilities for this position. He wanted to maintain School Committee authority over the position.

Dr. Marotta explained that the title was changed to better reflect the job responsibilities. She also noted that the appointing authority would be still under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais asked if there were two positions. Dr. Marotta noted it was a title change for the Director of Special Education.

Attorney Magliocchetti agreed with Mr. Wood that this position should still be under the School Committee's jurisdiction.

Subcommittee Reports ~ None.

New Business.

Superintendent's Request for Approval of Financial Transfer(s) ~ if needed. Mr. Pfifferling related that there were no financial transfers this evening.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number JE20210610 P-Card (March 2021) March 2021 P Card.pdf totaling \$12,188.34 as indicated in the agenda material. 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number JE20210616 P-Card (April, 2021) April 2021 P Card.pdf totaling \$5,699.88 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number JE20210709 P-Card (May, 2021) May PCard 2021.pdf totaling \$6,559.23 as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

0 members absent

Vice Chair Wood requested a listing of the p-card holders and noted that he would be scrutinizing these bills, especially for food.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling responded that most of the bills were for breakfast and lunch for corrections staff who provided free services for a variety of jobs within the school district.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number EV20210625 & EV20210625B Complete Vendor Warrant EV20210625 EV20210625B.pdf in the amount of \$1,585,869.65 as indicated in the agenda material. 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

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

Items by Consensus.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2021 School Committee Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 05.27.21.pdf. Attorney Magliocchetti 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting (7:48 pm). Attorney Magliocchetti 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
Mayor Fiorentini, Chair	Yes		

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