



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2022**

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wood, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and requested a roll call of the members:

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

Dr. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent were present in person.

Mr. Wood, Chairperson Pro Tem 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 July 15, 2022. This meeting will be available via live streaming over HCTV and WHAV. The full meeting recording will be posted on the HCTV website.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the attendees.

Communications/Reports.

Student Advisory Council Report ~ Ms. Hailey Prunier.

Ms. Prunier provided a report on high school activities:

- Past few weeks and the coming weeks will be very busy at HHS;
- This week will be the last opportunity for seniors to declare an academy;
- Model UN bake sale is being held tomorrow before and after school in the mall area to raise funds for the NYC trip;
- Next Wednesday @ 7:00 pm there will be a Coffee House run by Student Council (Hailey is an MC);
- Scholarships are available on the portal for seniors, with many deadlines on March 18th;
- Next Thursday there will be a Volleyball Tournament hosted by the Class of 2024 at a cost of \$60,00/team (\$6.00/person)
- New options in the cafeteria (March 29th acai bowl);
- Maintain your grades.

Public Comment (In-person).

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, 185 Millvale Road, Haverhill, MA spoke about racist ideology (evolution) being taught to students and anti-Christian teachings in our schools. There was an exchange between Mr. Wood and Mr. Yannakoreaus. Mr. Wood explained to him that the school committee did not agree with Mr. Yannakoreaus' opinions and would not be changing the curriculum.

Mr. Timothy Briggs, HEA President spoke about the new reality. He referenced the learning loss and students who were struggling with social and emotional issues. Mr. Briggs felt there was a loss of culture which resulted in this learning crisis. He noted that several teachers were exploring retirement options due to the student behaviors in the classroom. Mr. Briggs gave an example of bad behaviors at the high school. He quoted "reaping what you sow" and its devastating

implications for the present day.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

COVID Update: Field Trips and Visitor Restrictions.

Dr. Marotta related those cases were decreasing and home testing rates were increasing in the district.. She asked if the school committee was interested in returning field trips to the curriculum and allowing visitors back into the schools. She commented that there were limited buses.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to allow field trips in our schools. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to allow visitors in our schools prior to the pandemic. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked for clarification on visitors in our schools and urged a phased in approach.

Mr. Wood stated that there was no acceptance of the friendly amendment.

Attorney Rosa noted that there was principal discretion in these matters.

Dr. Marotta agreed with that assumption.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello did not agree to the friendly amendment to allow for a phased in approach to visitors in the schools.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Wood	Yes

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

FY22 Budget Report (“red/green report”) from Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling [Red Green Exp as of 3-2-2022 \(1\).pdf](#). Mr. Pfifferling noted that all but 1% of the budget had been unexpended in the FY22 budget.

There were no comments or questions on the report.

Food Service Update from Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling.

Ms. Anna Perracchio, Food Service Director and Mr. Joe Armenti, Whitsons New England were present for a food service update [March School Lunch Update Final.pdf](#). Mr. Armenti began by referencing the impact of the pandemic such as, supply and staffing shortages.

Attorney Rosa requested that the presentation be shared with the superintendent (for publication on the website) and members of the school committee.

Attorney Magliocchetti was pleased with the fruits and vegetables in the offerings. He asked if the students were actually choosing healthy options and noted as a parent of a teenager it was challenging to get them to incorporate wholesome foods into their diets. Attorney Magliocchetti asked if the students were actually choosing the fruits and vegetables for their meals.

Ms. Perracchio responded that the lunch program was an offer rather than a serve program and reduced food waste.

Mr. Armenti indicated that some options were veggie bowls and placing fruits in several areas along the food delivery line. He noted that students were encouraged to take fruit bowls for later in the day and were also allowed to take additional fruit.

Attorney Magliocchetti thanked them both for their presentation.

Ms. Prunier thanked Ms. Perracchio and Mr. Armenti for meeting with the student council regarding food options at HHS.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Perracchio, Mr. Armenti and the entire food service staff especially during the challenging times of the pandemic.

Pre-AP Presentation from High School Administration and Staff.

Principal Meland and members of his staff Mrs. Grace McIntyre, Dean of Science (program rigor) along with Ms. Melissa Hamilton Dauphin and Ms. Nelly Garcia-Santana provided data on the program [Pre-AP School Committee Presentation, 3.10.22.pdf](#)

Attorney Magliocchetti thanked the educators for the detailed presentation and integration with the middle school program. He asked about the students who were enrolled in these programs.

Ms. Garcia-Santana responded that all students had access to the program (i.e., equity).

Attorney Magliocchetti was interested in how successful the program was in terms of equity, inclusion and diversity.

Attorney Magliocchetti noted that many students did not learn in a traditional manner. He was pleased with the collaboration among staff. Attorney Magliocchetti looked forward to future accomplishments in the program.

Attorney Rosa thanked the educators for the presentation.

Dr. Marotta was excited about the program's progress.

School Committee Reports/Communications.

[Attorney Rosa: Discussion regarding a Statement of Interest submission to the MSBA's Core Program for a new JG Whittier School.](#)

Attorney Rosa asked the administration to prepare a submission for MSBA. He stated that MSBA may not act favorably on the application, however, it was important to convey Haverhill's intention

for a new Whittier School.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to request that the administration draft a statement of interest (Core Program) for the JG Whittier School. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes

4 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 member voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Subcommittee Reports.

[Finance Subcommittee Report](#) ~ Mr. Wood. No report or actions for this meeting.

[Maintenance Subcommittee Report](#) ~ Attorney Magliocchetti. Mr. Dorrance and Dr. Marotta attended a City Council meeting on the Consentino School Building Project along with a facilities update. He noted that there was a commitment (including the City Council) to invest in our school buildings and the development of a five-year plan. Attorney Magliocchetti related that the maintenance subcommittee (Mrs. Sapienza Donais) would continue to meet regularly and stay updated on facilities issues.

New Business.

Superintendent's Recommendation for an approval of the St. James Lease Extension.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the lease extension. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Superintendent Marotta related that there were two (2) two-year extensions with the same terms.

Attorney Rosa commented on the cost of the lease (\$355,000 per year) which emphasizes the need for a new larger Consentino School.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mr. Wood	Yes

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

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20220311 & EV20220311B, totaling \$1,827,892.29 [Combined Warrant EV20220311 & EV20220311B.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the warrants. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Wood	Yes

4 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent’s Recommendation for Approval of the following items as indicated in the agenda material: Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2022 [Hybrid School Committee Regular Meeting Minutes 02.10.22.pdf](#); and Field Trip Request(s) [Field Trip Requests 03.10.22](#).

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the items by consensus. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Wood	Yes

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

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to go into executive session (8:21 pm) for a discussion of non-unit/principal salaries and to not reconvene in open session. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion.

Mr. Wood requested a roll call vote and the results were the following:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	No	Mr. Wood	Yes

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