



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2022**

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor James Fiorentini, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and requested a roll call of the members:

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

Dr. Margaret Marotta, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent of Schools were also in attendance at the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Mayor Fiorentini read the following statement: The Haverhill School Committee encourages the district community to attend its meeting to learn about public school operations and programs. In addition, the committee wants to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. The following points are a summary of the committee's public comment policy: speakers must provide their full name and address and will be allowed three minutes to present their material, the presiding chairperson may permit an extension of the time limit. Individuals may address topics on the agenda item, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of the responsibility of the school committee. Improper, defamatory or abusive remarks are not allowed and are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or abusive comments, the chairperson may terminate an individual's permission to address the committee. The committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any members of the school committee. All citizens shall speak to the full committee through the chair and should not address individual members or administrators.

Public Comment.

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, spoke against evolution and racist, anti-Christian posters in the schools from 4 years ago in the schools.

Mr. Jim Rubera, spoke on behalf of his wife Walnut Square Administrator Jennifer Rubera, to publicly thank the Haverhill Elks for their contributions to the Walnut Square School including 50 backpacks for needy students. Mr. Joe Michaud, Haverhill Elks announced the baskets of cheer to the schools (80 baskets) before vacation recess along with Christmas with Santa breakfast. He announced that future support of the schools by the Haverhill Elks organization.

The mayor thanked the Elks on behalf of the full school committee for the various community donations.

Student Advisory Council Report ~ Sean Wynn.

Sean provided an update from the high school outlining the following events:

- December 19-23th - Spirit Week
- December 20 - Christmas Night
- Today was an Alice Drill Training with the only comment from students going to a rallying point seemed impractical and was not well received by students; additionally an Incident Report will be distributed via QR code to allow for an easier submittal of reports.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Dr Marotta indicated that there would be a reopening of the high school principal's search for the 2023-2024 with the start of the search beginning in January 2023, she noted it was a competitive salary and inclusive process with the goal of obtaining an excellent long-term principal. The superintendent related that Mr. Soraghan and Mr. Boucher would continue leading the school through the end of the school year.

The superintendent expressed gratitude to the high school counselors along with the Samaritans of the Merrimack Valley who currently were holding a mental health awareness event at a Haverhill High School focusing on mental health, emotional well-being and suicide prevention. She reported on the extensive planning for this event and was hopeful that there was a good turnout. Dr. Marotta acknowledged the counseling department hard work this year in the creation of a new newsletter with the release of its second edition which could currently be found on the school's website. Superintendent Marotta highlighted the resources available on the district's website through the generosity of the community's many organizations and individuals especially for the holiday season.

HVAC Funding: Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling provided information on a federal grant award recently received by the district in the amount of \$1.7M. which would improve air quality and ventilation.

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Ms. Sullivan: Budget Goals.

Ms. Sullivan asked the budget development in terms of the goals and timeline.

Dr. Marotta reported that initial meetings had been held with the leadership team in the months November and December, with the hopes of more detailed information including goals by mid-January.

Mr. Pfifferling offered a preliminary budget schedule.

Ms. Sullivan requested that this item be placed on the January 2023 agenda for further discussion.

Subcommittee Reports.

Maintenance Subcommittee Update: Attorney Magliocchetti & Mrs. Sapienza Donais. The subcommittee members related that there was no report at this time.

Athletic Subcommittee Report: Attorney Rosa.

Attorney Rosa attended Monday's presentation at HHS by Dr. Jeff Lopes, Northeastern University Study of Sports in Society. He informed his colleagues that it was a good presentation and the presenter did an excellent job of connecting with students. Attorney Rosa noted it was a very effective by detailing an example of a Mitchell Miller Boston Bruin's contract that was rescinded by the team based on his grievous actions as a freshman in high school. He enforced with the audience those actions (i.e., hazing, bullying) can have lasting impacts in your adult life.

New Business.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20221209 & EV20221209B totaling \$1,124,894.30 [Warrants 12.08.22.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve to approve Warrant Number EV20230113, EV20230113B, EV20230113C & EV20230113D totaling \$2,470,851.84 as indicated in the agenda material. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve September P-Card totaling \$1,156.34 and October P-Card totaling \$4,335.99 [Sept p card.pdf](#) and [October P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the September P-Card totaling \$1,156.34 and October P-Card totaling \$4,335.99 [Sept p card.pdf](#) and [October P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the

agenda material. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	No	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	No
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

4 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

3 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to declare items surplus [Curriculum Surplus 12.08.22.pdf](#) and [Technology Surplus 12.08.22.pdf](#) (included in the agenda material) and disposed of in accordance with city ordinances.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to accept donation of a piano (from high school alumni Robin Gorski-Routhier) [Donation 12.12.22.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material. SW GS

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to accept the donation of a piano. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 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:

- A. Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022, [Final Edit for Approval Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 11.17.22.pdf](#)
- B. the Use of Facilities [UOF 12.08.22.pdf](#)
- C. Field Trip Request(s) [Field Trip Request 12.08.22.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the items by consensus (A-C). Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood for a suspension of rules to address a matter voted upon in executive session i.e., security specialists' contract. Mrs. Sapienza Donais seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to conditionally approve (with the incorporation of changes agreed upon in executive session) the security specialists' contract. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting (7:30 pm). Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Attorney Rosa	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		