



**Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee**  
**Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023**

**Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.**

Attorney Magliocchetti, Chairperson Pro Tem called the meeting to order (7:02 pm) and requested a roll call vote:

|                      |                             |                        |                   |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Present in person           | Attorney Rosa          | Present in person |
| Ms. Sullivan         | Present in person           | Attorney Magliocchetti | Present in person |
| Mr. Wood             | Present in person @ 7:03 pm | Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello   | Present remotely  |
| Mayor Fiorentini     | Present in person @ 7:04 pm |                        |                   |

Mr. Michael Pfifferling, Assistant Superintendent of Schools was in attendance at the meeting.  
Superintendent Margaret Marotta was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Communications/Reports.

Public Comment (In-person & Remote). There was no public comment.

Student Advisory Council Report ~ Sean Wynn. Sean presented an update on activities at the high school:

- Junior Social tickets are currently on sale for \$70;
- Student/Faculty Basketball game is next Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – all are welcome;
- ELA MCAS for sophomores will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday with a delayed start for everyone with the exception of AP students.

Mayor Fiorentini assumed chairing the meeting.

**Superintendent Comments/Reports.**

Moody on Main (Temple Emanu-el) Lease Discussion: Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling.  
The assistant superintendent provided an overview regarding the ending of the lease.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented on the many changes within the district and questioned if the classrooms were not needed over the next few years.

Mr. Pfifferling answered that the size of the classroom impacted the type of instruction that was held at this location.

Mr. Wood was concerned with giving up any classroom space in the district.

In relation to the Burnham School, Mr. Wood recommended moving office staff from Burnham School to the Temple Emanu-El location and using Burnham for instruction purposes.

Ms. Sullivan suggested a clear graphic regarding the upcoming moves on our website to clarify the movements.

The assistant superintendent stated that the district adjustment information would be on the website tomorrow.

Attorney Rosa asked if the staff were supportive of moving back to a school.

Assistant Superintendent Pfifferling answered that the staff were very happy to be going back to a school setting.

Attorney Rosa noted that the expenditure of \$110,000 for space that may not be needed did not seem a prudent option.

Mrs. Sapienza Donais received staff feedback asking for a return to a school setting. She indicated support for the recommendation.

Mr. Wood stated that terminating the lease would forfeit the option for additional classroom space.

Attorney Magliocchetti recommended communicating with the Temple to ask for a time extension to allow for a review of options.

Attorney Rosa noted that the Learning for Life Program would not be moving from the Burnham School.

Mayor Fiorentini supported Attorney Magliocchetti's suggestion.

#### **School Committee Reports/Communications.**

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Reappointment of Haverhill Representative Scott Wood: Mrs. Sapienza Donais.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sapienza Donais to approve the reappointment of Scott Wood to Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Consentino School Building Project Funding Options: Mrs. Angel Perkins, City of Haverhill's Chief Financial Officer (requested by Attorney Magliocchetti).

Mrs. Perkins reviewed a brief PowerPoint [Consentino Debt Exclusion vs Non Debt Exclusion SC 3.23.23.pdf](#).

Mrs. Perkins explained that if the citizen was taxed to the levy limit it would cost the average taxpayer \$200.

Attorney Magliocchetti inquired about the difference within or outside the levy.

Mrs. Perkins replied that having more money (excess levy) allows for more flexibility.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that additional money for capital projects gave the city more options for improvements within the city.

Attorney Rosa noted that flexibility for funding of projects that were important to the citizens.

#### **Subcommittee Reports.**

Maintenance Subcommittee Update: Attorney Magliocchetti & Mrs. Sapienza Donais. Attorney Magliocchetti reported that they would be visiting Golden Hill and

#### **Finance Subcommittee Update: Mr. Wood.**

Mr. Wood reported that he had secured a scholarship High School Senior Liam Robertson and WRVTHS Senior Arturo Zuniga both scholarships are over \$5,000 and will be awarded later this month. Additionally, he asked if anyone interested in adding to the scholarship funds, please contact him.

The mayor asked to attend an upcoming finance subcommittee meeting.

#### **New Business.**

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20230323 and EV20230323B totaling \$1,179,311.17 [Combined Warrants EV20230324 and EV20230324B.pdf](#) [Detail Warrant EV20230324 and EV20230324B.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20230323 and EV20230323B totaling \$1,179,311.17. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

|                      |     |                        |     |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Yes | Attorney Rosa          | Yes |
| Ms. Sullivan         | Yes | Attorney Magliocchetti | Yes |
| Mr. Wood             | Yes | Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello    | 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 approve Warrant Number EV20230323A totaling \$2,724.28 [Warrant EV20230324A.pdf](#) and [Detail Warrant EV20230324A.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20230323A totaling \$2,724.28. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

1 member voted in the negative

0 members abstained

#### **Items by Consensus.**

Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023, [Final Edit for Approval Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 03.09.23.pdf](#) and out-of-state field trip(s)

[FT Request 03.23.23.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

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

|                      |     |                        |     |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Mrs. Sapienza Donais | Yes | Attorney Rosa          | Yes |
| Ms. Sullivan         | Yes | Attorney Magliocchetti | Yes |
| Mr. Wood             | Yes | Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello    | 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 go into executive session (City Hall, Suite 206) to discuss strategies regarding school nurses and custodian negotiations along with negotiations regarding a non-unit position and to reconvene in open session to ratify any actions taken in executive session. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

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

7 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained