



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee
Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wood, Vice Chair Pro Tem called the meeting to order (7:00 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	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Present in person @ 7:08 pm
Mayor Fiorentini	Present remotely @ 7:06 pm		

Superintendent Margaret Marotta, Superintendent was in attendance. Assistant Superintendent Michael Pfifferling was absent.

Communications/Reports.

Public Comment (In-person & Remote).

Ms. Alicia Smolar, Edwin Street, Haverhill, MA spoke in solidarity for the educational support personnel.

Mrs. Trish Shaw, 114 Chestnut Street, Haverhill, MA provided data on Gateway ESP salaries with the lowest step amounts. She noted that the employees were not making a living wage.

Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello assumed chairing the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Ms. Stephanie Gillen, 9 Cogswell Avenue, Bradford MA, Bradford Elementary ESP spoke in support of a living wage.

Mr. Barry Davis, HEA President disagreed with the assumption regarding living wage definitions and that there was not enough money in the budget to fund the wages. He related that the attorney fees doubled and reported that the school committee's law firm had been fired by Belmont Public Schools for its anti-teacher sentiments. Mr. Davis commented on the "threats" to go to mediation at the last bargaining session. He related that the citizens of Haverhill should know that the school committee hired an anti-school and anti-labor attorney with taxpayer funds.

Student Advisory Council Report ~ Melanie Palacios. Ms. Palacios was not in attendance.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Dr. Marotta reported that 2,000 students in summer school enrichment with a program that included STEM academics in the morning followed by camp attendance in the afternoon. Additionally, she noted that the Freight Farm project was providing the learning experience of growing lettuce, there were hands-on activities and afternoon enrichment. The superintendent outlined the several school moves/relocations occurring in the district: Tilton Upper Grade 4 to Consentino Middle for Grade 5; Tilton Lower Grade 3 stays at Tilton Lower for Grade 4; Silver Hill Grade 4 moves to Consentino Middle for Grade 5; Walnut Square Grade 2 stays at Walnut Square for Grade 3; Gateway Academy moves to St. James (Tilton Upper); and Moody School on Main (Preschool Extension) moves to Crowell School (formerly Gateway Academy). Dr. Marotta related that at Moody on the River a new handicap-accessible playground funded by the special education grant would be completed by late August.

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Attorney Rosa: Approval of School Nurses MOA. It was noted that Attorney Connelly was still working on the language for this agreement.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to table the School Nurses' MOA. Mrs. Sapienza Donais seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair pro tem 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

5 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Attorney Rosa: Approval of Cafeteria MOA 2023 7 19 Haverhill Cafeteria Workers Tentative MOA (2).pdf. Attorney Rosa provided an overview remarking that the four-year agreement included a \$2.00 and in years 2-4 there would be a \$1.00 increase. He related that the cafeteria unit had a revolving account which did not directly impact the school budget. In conclusion, Attorney Rosa stated that the cost over the next four-years would be \$169,000 (year 1); \$84,000 (year 2); \$84,000 (year 3) and \$84,000 (year 4).

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the Cafeteria MOA as presented. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Attorney Magliocchetti: City/School Agreement regarding new indoor tennis courts at Haverhill High School COHHPSErnest DiBurro Pickleball Agreement v1 rev paul and margaret.pdf.

Attorney Magliocchetti reported that Mr. Ernie DiBurro had donated another \$1M to the city and was a great citizen of Haverhill. He indicated that an agreement needed to be finalized since it will be a community facility. Attorney Magliocchetti asked for direction from the committee.

Mayor Fiorentini stated it was a phenomenal opportunity for the city and that the city would pay the additional \$3M. He added that it would be a community facility operated by the Recreation Department.

Attorney Rosa thanked Mr. DiBurro and Mayor Fiorentini and was pleased that the facility will be located at the high school.

The mayor related that as long as there was agreement in principle it could be voted at the next meeting. He noted that Attorney Cox would represent the city.

Attorney Rosa and Attorney Magliocchetti appointed to subcommittee to finalize the agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Wood to appoint Attorneys Rosa and Magliocchetti to work on finalizing

the agreement. Mrs. Sapienza Donais seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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

Subcommittee Reports.

Maintenance Subcommittee Update: Attorney Magliocchetti & Mrs. Sapienza Donais.

Attorney Magliocchetti commented that there were no new reports at this time due to vacation schedules.

New Business.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20230707 totaling \$493,321.51 [Combined Warrant EV20230707.pdf](#) [Detailed Warrant EV20230707.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20230707 totaling \$493,321.51. Mrs. Sapienza Donais seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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 EV20230707A totaling \$3,054.44 [Combined Warrant EV20230707A.pdf](#) [Detail Warrant EV20230707A.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sapienza Donais to approve Warrant Number EV20230707A totaling \$3,054.44. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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			

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20230714 totaling \$1,257,043.10 [Combined Warrant EV20230714.pdf](#) [Detail Warrant EV20230714.pdf](#)

as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20230714 totaling \$1,257,043.10. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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 EV20230721 totaling \$991,467.50 [Combined Warrant EV20230721.pdf](#) [Detailed Warrant EV20230721.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sapienza Donais to approve Warrant Number EV20230721 totaling \$991,467.50. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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 JE20230628 April 2023 P-Card totaling \$505.00 [April P-Card 2023 .pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number JE20230628 April 2023 P-Card totaling \$505.00. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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 JE20230629 May 2023 P-Card totaling \$556.76 [May P-Card 2023.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number JE20230629 May 2023 P-Card totaling \$556.76. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello, Vice Chair 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-Ciardiello	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20230630 June 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,174.31 [June P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number JE20230630 June 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,174.31. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello, Vice Chair 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-Ciardiello	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Superintendent's Recommendation to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances [Surplus 07.20.23](#) [Surplus Items 07.20.23](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello, Vice Chair 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-Ciardiello	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		

7 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2023, [Final Edit for Approval Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 06.22.23.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2023. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello, Vice Chair 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 Attorney Magliocchetti to adjourn the meeting (7:30 pm). Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello, Vice Chair 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

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained