



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee

Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025

Governor Healey has extended pandemic-related authorizations thereby allowing remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025.

Mayor Barrett read the following statement published for the record: those attending tonight's meeting should be aware that the meeting is being audio and video recorded by HCTV, Eagle Tribune and WHAV. Any audience members who wish to record any part of the meeting must inform the Chairperson who will announce the recording. This is to comply with the MA wiretap statute.

Roll Call.

Mayor Barrett, Chairperson called the meeting to order (7:01 pm) and requested a roll call vote:

Ms. Collins	Present in person	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Present remotely
Ms. Diaz	Present in person	Dr. Story	Present in person
Ms. Ferguson	Absent	Ms. Sullivan	Present in person
Dr. Grannemann	Present in person	Attorney Rosa	Present in person
Mrs. Lalumiere	Present in person	Mayor Barrett	Present in person
Attorney Magliocchetti	Present in person		

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Public Comment (in-person and remote).

There was no one present (in-person or remote) for public comment at this meeting.

Student Advisory Council Report.

Mr. Martinez announced an event on March 26, 2025 at Consentino School entitled, "Meet Your Rep" night. He commented that the event would be a platform for building relationships, connections along with the development of leadership capabilities. Mr. Martinez explained that at the high school, there was ongoing Research into developing AI uses in education critical thinking skills and benefits. He outlined that there were discussions with teachers and administrators on this initiative effort and was looking forward to sharing progress with the school committee.

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Ms. Collins: VIP Haverhill and HHS GEMS present regarding the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference on March 21, 2025.

Mrs. Eridania Nieves, HHS Gems and Ms. X spoke about the upcoming "Calling All Girls – Young Women's Leadership Conference" on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Northern Essex Community College (Haverhill Campus – Tech Building).

Haverhill High School Testing Calendar.

High School Principal Michael Downs and High School Associate Principal Tori Lu outlined the plan for a change in the testing calendar and the rationale behind the decision.

Ms. Liu outlined the current process: 7:30 am testers with the testing period from 7:45 am to 10:15 am followed by locating students who needed additional testing time and relocating them to other classrooms.

She noted there would be a grab and go lunch. The associate principal proposed a normal school day (for all students) with two 90-minute blocks followed by dismissal for non-testing students and with testing resuming from 10:45 am -2:15 pm.

Dr. Story was concerned with the equity issue and the missing instructional time for non-testing students (8 days). She acknowledged it was a complex issue.

Ms. Collins asked about testing students' arrival time.

Ms. Liu related that there would be two (2) classes followed by testing.

Ms. Collins questioned the impact on students, i.e., student focus and test fatigue.

Ms. Liu believed it was important to discuss with students.

Ms. Collins wondered about student attendance.

Mr. Downs responded that there would be increased attendance based on the static blocks (E & F).

Superintendent's Recommendation to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA regarding the Golden Hill Elementary School Roof (vote required according to language contained in the agenda material.)

Dr. Marotta introduced Mr. Stephen Dorrance, Facilities Director to speak on the roof projects and other buildings.

Mr. Dorrance provided an overview of projects.

Attorney Rosa asked how likely it was that there would be a deck replacement and if it would be covered by MSBA.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked about the timeline.

Mr. Dorrance replied in the fall of 2026.

Attorney Magliocchetti asked if there were other sources of funding for these types of projects.

Mr. Dorrance was not aware of other funding options and noted that all roof replacements were done through the MSBA.

Superintendent's Recommendation to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA regarding the Nettle Middle School Roof (vote required according to the language contained in the agenda material.)

Superintendent Marotta read the following:

Having convened in an open meeting on March 13, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 11, 2025 for the Nettle Middle School located at 150 Boardman Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be

submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Priority 5 – Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Haverhill to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA regarding the Nettle Middle School Roof stating having convened in an open meeting on March 13, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 11, 2025 for the Nettle Middle School located at 150 Boardman Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Priority 5 – Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Haverhill to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

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

Motion passes

Dr. Marotta had been hopeful that multiple projects could be submitted this cycle, however, the MSBA discouraged us from submitting an application, therefore, there was no action on the submission of a Statement of Interest to the MSBA regarding the Golden Hill Elementary School Roof.

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Attorney Rosa: Update on School Committee Meeting Schedule.

- March 27th remote meeting to vote on warrants.
- Special Remote Meeting on 3.18.25 @ 6:30 pm
- FY26 Budget Workshop has been postponed from March 20, 2025 to April 17, 2025.

Subcommittee Reports.

Dr. Grannemann: Budget and Finance Subcommittee Update.

Dr. Grannemann began his presentation with a few lines of poetry (Longfellow) in commemoration of the

250th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride (April 18). He encouraged staff and teachers to remember this event and noted that in 2076 (350th anniversary) today's students would be in their 50's or 60's. Dr. Grannemann was hopeful that although school would not be in session on Patriots' Day to share memories of this historical moment.

Dr. Grannemann continued by noting the upcoming 250th anniversary of our country and possible budgeting for curriculum activities in the upcoming fiscal year.

Mrs. Lalumiere announced that she and her children had recently visited Buttonwoods Museum and an upcoming Revolutionary War event during April school recess.

Mayor Barrett reported that the original Saltonstall House had burned down because its owners were Tories.

The superintendent noted that social studies teachers are planning activities to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride.

Dr. Grannemann reviewed a presentation entitled, "The Flaw in the Foundation Inflation Index (A School District Perspective)" by Dr. Grannemann and Attorney Magliocchetti.

Attorney Magliocchetti spoke about the high percentage of high needs students which should indicate a higher per pupil cost. He commended Dr. Grannemann, Senator Payano and Representative Vargas. He noted the importance of the school committee including the mayor's leadership in trying to remedy the situation at the state level. Attorney Magliocchetti thanked Dr. Grannemann.

Mayor Barrett was hopeful this work would make a difference for Haverhill.

Ms. Collins asked about any actionable items since the price for not doing education well in Haverhill would be an incredible detriment.

Dr. Grannemann was seeking protection from inflation.

In reference to Ms. Collins' inquiry about this information, Dr. Grannemann recommended it would be under the purview of our state legislators.

Attorney Magliocchetti proposed reaching out to the governor (visit by students to the State House). He believed Ms. Collins would be a great person.

Mayor Barrett stated that other gateway communities' involvement in this effort could be beneficial for all.

Dr. Grannemann noted that other communities had similar needs.

Attorney Magliocchetti reported that there was significant work regarding transportation at the state level that would be a significant benefit for our district.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve the School Physician Contract 2025-2028.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the school physician contract (Dr. Maddox) for 2025-2028. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

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

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20250314 and EV20250313B totaling \$9,839,458.69, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve Warrant Number EV20250314 and EV20250313B totaling \$9,839,458.69. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain	Mayor Barrett	Yes

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

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent's Recommendation for approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

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

Superintendent's Recommendation for approval of use of facilities, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Ms. Sullivan to approve the use of facilities as indicated in the agenda material. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

10 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa (7:55 pm) for the School Committee will go into executive session, pursuant to (M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(2) and (3), to discuss matters related to the teachers' contract, security contract, and/or ESP contract, discussion of potential school business manager candidate, along with a consideration of the lease of real property, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. After concluding the closed session, the public body will **not** return to an open session. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardiello	Yes
Ms. Diaz	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Ms. Sullivan	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

Documents referenced in the meeting:

[Golden Hill Roof SOI vote for MSBA \(2\).pdf](#)

[Flaw in the Foundation Inflation Index 3-11.pdf](#)

[Dr. Maddox Contract 2022-2025.pdf](#)

[Dr. Maddox Contract 2025-2028.pdf](#)

[Warrant EV20250314 and EV20250314B.pdf](#)

[Warrant EV20250314A.pdf](#)

[Revised 03.13.25 FINAL FOR APPROVAL Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 02.27.25.pdf](#)

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