



GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 19, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Chairman Bahou stated in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10 (remote participation) adopted by the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee April 17, 2014, Committeeman O'Hare will be participating at tonight's meeting remotely.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Morin, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Bahou

Members Absent: Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay (not present at the time of roll call, arrived @ 7:20 p.m.)

Also

Present: Jill Davis, Superintendent-Director
Michael Barton, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Tracy Encarnacao, Director of School Counseling Services
David Bradley, District Treasurer (remote)
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Thomas Sperounis provided an update of recently held clubs and sporting events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve expenditures for the sum of \$9,411,394.74 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2105B	dated 03/25/2022	Payroll # 843	1,190,959.22
Warrant 2106A	dated 04/08/2022	Payroll # 845	1,070,380.46
Warrant 2106B	dated 04/22/2022	Payroll # 847	1,190,393.76
Warrant 2106V	dated 04/27/2022	Payroll # 847 (VOID)	(1,981.96)
Warrant 2107A	dated 05/06/2022	Payroll # 849	1,048,525.46
Warrant 2107B	dated 05/20/2022	Payroll # 851	1,208,677.62
Warrant 2106	dated 04/01/2022	Accounts Payable	574,153.76
Warrant 2106-1	dated 04/15/2022	Accounts Payable	400,477.06
Warrant 2106-2	dated 04/29/2022	Accounts Payable	489,851.42
Warrant 2107	dated 05/13/2022	Accounts Payable	691,077.82
Warrant 2106-8	dated 04/15/2022	Dotcom Communications	161.50
Warrant 2107-5	dated 05/13/2022	Dotcom Communications	116.40
Warrant 2106-6	dated 04/15/2022	Lowell Five Credit Card Fees	1,138.79
Warrant 2107-4	dated 05/13/2022	Lowell Five Credit Card Fees	1,696.50
Warrant 2106-3	dated 04/01/2022	Lowell Five Debit Card	972.99
Warrant 2106-7	dated 04/15/2022	Lowell Five Debit Card	41.98
Warrant 2107-3	dated 05/13/2022	Lowell Five Debit Card	159.99
Warrant 2106-4	dated 04/01/2022	Mass Bay Health	769,603.79
Warrant 2106-9	dated 04/29/2022	Mass Bay Health	771,083.13
Warrant 2107-2	dated 05/13/2022	Sales Use/Meals Tax	1,673.62
Warrant 2106-5	dated 04/15/2022	Sales Use/Meals Tax	2,231.43

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Davis began by inviting Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Michael Barton to present and recognize the Top Ten students of the Class of 2022. She extended her congratulations to all of these students for demonstrating academic and technical excellence and earning the honor of being in the top of their graduating class. Mr. Barton provided individual biographies, including highlights and accomplishments, of each student.

Top Ten Students of the Class of 2022:

Valedictorian – Abbey Gingras	6 th Ranked – Rachel Beauchesne
Salutatorian – Madyson Arpin	7 th Ranked – Laila-Mari Leo
3 rd Ranked – Bianca Konchinski	8 th Ranked – Rosana Njubi
4 th Ranked – Jennida Mai	9 th Ranked – Jada Santos
5 th Ranked – Maliya Duggan	10 th Ranked – Julie McNamara

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell was awarded an \$18,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation to provide scholarships for students in the Advanced Manufacturing or Engineering areas, as well as tools for students in Advanced Manufacturing.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell was awarded a Career Technical Initiative Grant Award in the amount of \$180,000. In partnership with MassHire Career Centers and Workforce Boards, the funding would provide adult training in the construction and manufacturing sectors.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell was awarded a Project Lead The Way Grant Award in the amount of \$2,700 which will be used for instructional equipment and supplies for Biomedical, as well as \$1,004 to be used for engineering supplies.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that she would be seeking their approval to accept a donation of eight (8) manikins, as well as Edvotek Micropipette Electrophoresis equipment with an estimated value of \$5,500 from the Project Lead The Way program.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to accept the donation from the Project Lead The Way Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that the number of students (senior and junior) participating in cooperative education employment opportunities reported as of April 30th increased from 241 students to 245 students as of the night of the meeting with 172 seniors and 73 juniors.

Superintendent Davis informed the Committee that she was seeking their approval of the 2022-2023 school calendar. With no questions asked, she asked for their approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis asked for approval to support the decision to participate in School Choice for the 2022-2023 school year as outlined in our current Admissions Policy. She reported that each school district is annually responsible for submitting a decision on whether or not they will accept school choice. She noted that School Choice is subject to the availability of openings and district residents would be given priority of available openings.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the participation in School Choice for the 2022-2023 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that she would be seeking their approval of the proposed Facility/Comfort Dog Policy. Ms. Davis informed the members that the purpose of the policy is to establish standards and procedures regulating the training, evaluation and use of a facility/comfort dog. She included that a current employee is a facilitator of a comfort dog, in addition to one of our School Resource Officers who is a handler of a community dog, both who would like to bring the dogs to support the school community. Superintendent Davis included that the dogs will not be of any cost to the school, as the facilitator/handler will fulfill all responsibilities for care, training and insurance policy/liability for the animals. Ms. Davis also included that policy was reviewed by and approved by the school's legal counsel.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the Facility/Comfort Dog Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis provided a brief update on the General Health and Safety Practices and Protocols. She informed the committee members that during a brief meeting with the Commissioner on May 5, 2022, he announced that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would be extending the COVID 19 testing program for the remainder of the school year. She added that information regarding Summer school would be forthcoming.

Superintendent Davis asked Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton to provide information regarding the out-of-state travel request. Mr. Barton informed the committee that he was seeking their approval for out-of-state travel to bring seventeen (17) participants consisting of eleven (11) students and six (6) advisors to the National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia taking place June 20th through 25th.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the out-of-state travel request for the seventeen (17) participants (students/advisors) to attend the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from June 20th through 25th.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis asked Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton to present the proposed 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook, Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics Handbook, Bullying & Prevention Plan, and Substance Use Prevention & Education Plan for approval. Mr. Barton provided a brief summary of the proposed changes. With no questions asked, Mr. Barton asked for their approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the 2022-2023 Policies on Head Injuries and Concussions in Extracurricular Activities.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 2022-2023 Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 2022-2023 Substance Use Prevention and Education Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

In the School Business Administrator, Michael Knight's absence, Superintendent-Director Davis asked for the committee's approval to offer the purchase of the no longer supported Chromebooks to the senior students for a dollar again this school year.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve to offer the sale of the Chromebooks to seniors for a dollar (\$1).

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
2. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION

There were no committeeperson motions.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

There was no report of sub-committees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Bahou requested a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) – to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with the following nonunion personnel: School Business Administrator

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to enter into executive session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay)

The meeting ended to go into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. with a roll call vote of 6 present, 2 absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. LeMay).

The meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m. with a roll call vote of 6 present, 2 absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. O'Hare).

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the contract for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026 as proposed for the School Business Administrator.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. O'Hare)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Morin to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Tatseos, Mr. O'Hare)

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval: April 14, 2022

Copy of Gene Haas Foundation Grant Award Letter

Copy of Career Technical Initiative Grant Award Letter

April 2022 Cooperation Education Report

Copy of FY23 School Calendar

Copy of Facility/Comfort Dog Policy

Copy of SkillsUSA Out-of-State Travel

Copy of 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook

Copy of 2022-2023 Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics Handbook

Copy of 2022-2023 Bullying & Prevention Plan

Copy of 2022-2023 Substance Use Prevention & Education Plan

Year-to-Date Budget Report