

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

March 3, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Chairman Morin stated in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10 (remote participation) adopted by the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee April 17, 2014, Committeeman O'Hare and Committeeman LeMay would be participating at tonight's meeting remotely. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tatseos, Mr. Giggey, Mr. LeMay and Mr. Morin

Members Absent: Mr. Bahou

Also

Present: Jill Davis, Superintendent-Director
Michael Barton, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Recording Secretary

Chairman Morin asked Superintendent Davis to begin with the first item on the agenda.

Superintendent Davis began with an overview of the items outlined in the GLTO Memorandum of Agreement. The MOA outlines the transition to hybrid learning and future transitions moving forward to full return, beginning with phase 1. She noted Hybrid Mode B – Phase 1 includes 50% of our 10-12 students attending in-person 2 days a week with the implementation of all the current health & safety protocols which include 4-6 feet distancing. Academics will remain remote. Grade 9 students attending in-person 1 day each week and every other Wednesday to receive a hands on exploratory experience previously offered virtually. Hybrid Mode B – Phase 2 is an increase to 100% of grade 10-12 students on shop week only and 4 days a week. Freshman remain the same, all with the current health and safety protocols which include 4-6 feet distance. The MOA also includes BinaxNOW and Pool Testing which is now available to all staff who give consent to participate.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Greater Lowell Technical High School School Committee and the Greater Lowell Teachers' Organization.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou), 2 Abstain (Mr. LeMay, Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. LeMay and Mr. O'Hare recused themselves from voting on the motion due to conflict of interest.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education updated the transportation guidelines on February 11th which related in a change to bus capacities. This change is allowing 2 students per bench, as long as the health & safety protocols continue to be followed. Superintendent Davis asked for the committee's approval of the revised transportation portion of the Fall Reopening Plan in order to implement Hybrid Mode B – phase 2 and transition more students to school.

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the revisions to the Fall Reopening Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou)

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan seconded by Mr. O'Hare to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou)

Respectfully submitted,


Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Copy of the Greater Lowell Teachers Organization Memorandum of Agreement
Copy of the Transportation revisions to the Fall Reopening Plan