

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 4, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 5:09 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, and pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Greater Lowell School Committee is being conducted via remote participation by the following members: Committeemen Mr. Giggey, Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Tatseos, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Bahou, Mr. LeMay and Mr. Morin. The following members and individuals are present: Interim Superintendent-Director Jill Davis, School Business Administrator Michael Knight. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tatseos, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Boutin (due to technical difficulties, Mr. Boutin was present, but was unable to verbally participate), Mr. LeMay and Mr. Morin.

Members Absent: None

Also

Present: Jill Davis, Interim Superintendent-Director
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator
Atty. Michael Maccaro, School Attorney (participating remotely)
Atty. Peter McNulty, School Attorney (participating remotely)
Recording Secretary (remotely)

Chairman Morin asked Interim Superintendent Davis to begin the discussion regarding the North Reading Transportation Memorandum of Agreement.

Interim Superintendent Davis informed the members that a memorandum of agreement was reached with North Reading Transportation/Trombly working along with nine other districts represented by Attorney's Maccaro and McNulty. Ms. Davis supported the MOA to ensure continuity and capability when school resumes. She continued to inform the members that the attorneys successfully negotiated to pay 78% of the current contract during the school closure period for readiness services and aligns with many other bus companies and district agreements across the state. Ms. Davis invited Attorney Maccaro and McNulty to join in to give an overview of the details and answer any questions.

Attorneys Maccaro and McNulty each discussed their involvement in the negotiation process and the impact of the current agreement. Attorney McNulty provided the members with a breakdown of each of the numbered terms in the MOA, as well as an overview of the included NRT/Trombly Cost Profile Summary and its impact during the negotiations.

With no further questions, Chairman Morin asked for a motion to approve the North Reading Transportation Memorandum of Agreement with Greater Lowell Technical High School.

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the North Reading Transportation Memorandum of Agreement with Greater Lowell Technical High School.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou unable to vote due to technical difficulties)

Mr. Gitschier asked if the transportation money returned to us would be given back to our city/towns. He stated that since each town is allocated transportation costs as part of the budget, he felt it would be nice to return the money, minus any legal fees incurred during negotiations, back to the city/towns.

Interim Superintendent Davis informed Mr. Gitschier that it could indeed be returned back to the city/towns, but would need to be done as a School Committee decision.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the return of the transportation funds received through the NRT/Trombly MOA, minus any attorney fees incurred during the negotiations, back to the city/towns.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou unable to vote due to technical difficulties)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Bahou unable to vote due to technical difficulties)

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice/Agenda
Copy of NRT/Trombly MOA
Copy of NRT/Trombly Cost Profile Summary