

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 16, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Also

Present: Jill Davis, Interim Superintendent-Director
Michael Barton, Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Michael Maccaro, Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Isaiah Carrasquillo gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 19, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

The warrant was distributed to the Committee for their approval and signature.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,645,687.66 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2079-A	dated 01/03/20	Payroll Warrant #727	909,954.24
Warrant 2079-B	dated 01/17/20	Payroll Warrant #729	1,099,787.49
Warrant 2078-2	dated 12/24/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	370,828.30
Warrant 2079	dated 01/10/20	Accounts Payable Warrant	1,254,988.75
Warrant 2078-5	dated 12/24/19	Lowell Five Pell Warrant (1048)	5,608.00
Warrant 2078-6	dated 12/24/19	Debit Card Warrant (1049)	881.00
Warrant 2079-3	dated 01/10/20	Bank of America Warrant (1054)	3,292.88
Warrant 2079-4	dated 01/10/20	Lowell Five Operating Warrant (1063)	50.00
Warrant 2079-5	dated 01/10/20	Debit Card Warrant (1049)	297.00

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Maccaro asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of providing an update on the Unit A Grievance.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Interim Superintendent Davis informed the committee with an update on the 8th grade Open House held on January 8th. Greater Lowell currently has 882 student applications for enrollment into the 2020-2021 school year.

Interim Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 196 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of December 31, 2019. This represents 40% of the Class of 2020 and is an increase of 4% over last year.

Interim Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell had recently been awarded a Career & Technical Education Partnership Planning Grant in the amount of \$15,000 which will be used in collaboration with the Lowell Public Schools to develop a plan for an After Dark Program in the Fall of 2020.

Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal Barton provided an overview to the Committee on the NEASC preparations and current timeline of events.

Interim Superintendent Davis asked for approval to accept a donation three 2015 Buick Encores with an approximate value of \$7,500 from Pat Cibotti of Boston Body Works to be used for educational purposes by the Automotive Collision & Repair Program.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to accept the vehicle donation from Boston Body Works.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Interim Superintendent Davis asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting to conduct strategy sessions to conduct contract negotiations for non-union personnel – Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Knight explain the four (4) individual line item transfers and asked for approval of these transfers totaling in the amount of \$69,345.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the transfers in the amount of \$69,345 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Morin informed the Committee that the Facilities Naming Committee would be meeting on January 30th @ 5:30 p.m. to review the policy and discuss the establishment of an application scoring process.

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. Policy Sub-Committee and the Superintendent develop a District Wellness Policy for the school that may include the distribution of condoms to students. (Boutin)
2. Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
3. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
4. Alternative Energy Subcommittee meet to discuss the possibility of securing additional net metering credits. (Boutin)
5. Superintendent examine feasibility regarding card swipe security for each employee and associated cost to implement same. (Giggey)
6. Superintendent research the probability of adding modular classrooms to the campus to develop comprehensive academic programs at Greater Lowell Technical High School.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION

There were no committeeperson motions.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bahou requested that the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee establish a meeting date to begin the process of drawing the guidelines and parameters. A tentative meeting date for the Sub-Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. O’Hare to go into Executive Session to for non-union negotiations

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, which is also a Grievance, and then to adjourn meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

ADJOURN

MOTION: (made at the conclusion of Executive Session) by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. O’Hare to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

December 19, 2019

December 2019 Cooperative Education Report

After Dark Planning Award Letter

Donation Letter

Business Office – Transfer Request

Report of Student Representative Dated January 16, 2020