

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

December 19 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Michael Barton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
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. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 21, 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. Bahou to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,471,137.98 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2077-M	dated 11/22/19	Payroll Warrant #721-M	389.47
Warrant 2078-A	dated 12/06/19	Payroll Warrant #723	957,885.49
Warrant 2078-B	dated 12/20/19	Payroll Warrant #725	1,069,574.14
Warrant 2077-5	dated 11/27/19	October Meals & Sales Tax	1,481.45
Warrant 2077-6	dated 11/27/19	Debit Card Warrant (1049)	1,136.95
Warrant 2078	dated 11/27/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	258,451.94
Warrant 2078-1	dated 12/13/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	1,180,612.94
Warrant 2078-3	dated 12/13/19	November Meals & Sales Tax	1,565.60
Warrant 2078-4	dated 12/13/19	Lowell Five Operating	40.00

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 192 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of November 30, 2019. This represents 39% of the Class of 2020 and is an increase over last year.

Ms. Davis recommended Michael Barton be appointed to the Interim Assistant Superintendent/Principal position.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Bahou that based upon the recommendation of Ms. Davis to appoint Michael Barton to the Interim Assistant Superintendent/Director position.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000 from Cummings Properties of Woburn, MA to be used for the volleyball program. The donation is being made at the recommendation of one of its employees, David Furtado of Lowell.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the donation of \$5,000 from Cummings Properties of Woburn, MA to be used for the volleyball program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell was recently extended an offer to host a new Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps unit.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

There was no report of the Business Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to ratify the vote taken in Executive Session at the November 21, 2019 School Committee meeting to approve the contract for the Interim Superintendent-Director.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier to have Greater Lowell ask the state to recalculate the MCAS scores with Greater Lowell providing the proper data.

Mr. Gitschier withdrew his motion due to Ms. Davis informing him that the error had been rectified with the state and a process has been put in place to prevent such errors in the future.

Chairman LeMay informed the committee that he had formed the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee. Members of the Superintendent Search Sub-Committee are:

Kempton Giggey – Chair
Paul Morin
George Tatseos
Fred Bahou

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

November 21, 2019

November 2019 Cooperative Education Report

Copy of Donation Letter

Copy of Offer Letter from Department of the Air Force

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of Student Representative Dated December 19, 2019