

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21 2019 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman LeMay called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Alison Rihani, Director of Special Education
Carol Chisolm, Math & Science Cluster Chair
Kathryn Palladino, ELE/ELA & Social Studies Cluster Chair
Michael Maccaro, Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

Chairman LeMay welcomed new committee member Lee Gitschier.

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. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 24, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Abstain (Mr. Gitschier)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve expenditures for the sum of \$4,065,043.78 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2077-A	dated 11/08/19	Payroll Warrant #719	968,151.07
Warrant 2077-B	dated 11/22/19	Payroll Warrant #721	1,142,442.90
Warrant 2077	dated 11/01/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	1,508,074.17
Warrant 2077-1	dated 11/15/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	445,270.64
Warrant 2077-3	dated 11/15/19	Lowell five Operating	89.00
Warrant 2077-4	dated 11/15/19	Debit Card Warrant	1,016.00

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Maccaro informed the committee that the amendment to the regional agreement had been approved at the recently held Dracut Town Meeting. It still needs approval from Lowell as well as at the next Dunstable and Tyngsboro Town Meetings.

Attorney Maccaro asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of non-union personnel negotiations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 177 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of October 31, 2019. This represents 36% of the Class of 2020 and is an increase over last year.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell had recently been awarded a Career & Technical Education Partnership Implementation Grant in the amount of \$98,982.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell had recently been notified by Governor Baker's office that we had been chosen to participate in the cybersecurity awareness program.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced Science instructor Alexander Eden who is the recipient of the Dawn Sather Outstanding New Teacher Award.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced Jill Davis, Michael Barton, Alison Rihani, Carol Chisolm and Kathryn Palladino to present the recently released MCAS results.

Greater Lowell's overall classification is Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention and is making moderate progress toward target.

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting for non-union negotiations.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Knight presented the FY21 budget timeline.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Giggey to accept the FY21 budget timeline as presented meeting applicable legal timelines and posting requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Knight asked for approval for transfers in the amount of \$3,000.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the transfers in the amount of \$3,000 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Knight informed the committee that one of our bank accounts is changing policies to now include a service fee quarterly. He asked for approval to close this account and replace it with an account that will not charge these fees.

MOTION: by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Morin to authorize the Business Office to work with the district treasurer to close our Bank of America account and open a new account for this same purpose with Lowell Five.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Knight asked for approval to update our merchant services accounts to reflect the district treasurer as legal signer. The account currently has the information of a previous employee.

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Bahou to update our merchant services account information (233164570993, 233201341994) to reflect the district treasurer as legal signed on the account as this still retained a previous employee on the account.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Knight informed the committee that the E&D filing was submitted to the Department of Local Services and certified at \$1,885,744, which is just over 4% of the current budget.

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.

Mr. Giggey asked for an update on the timeline for the Superintendent search. Chairman LeMay stated that the process would begin in January. A special meeting will be held at 5:30 prior to the 6:30 January 16, 2020 School Committee meeting to discuss the Superintendent Search process.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION

There were no committeeperson motions.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to go into Executive Session for the purpose of non-union negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

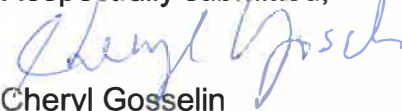
The meeting will reconvene for adjournment only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

October 24, 2019

October 2019 Cooperative Education Report

Governor Baker's Letter Regarding the Career & Technical Education Partnership Implementation Grant

Letter Regarding the Cybersecurity Awareness Grant

Letter to Alexander Eden Regarding Outstanding New Teacher Award

MCAS Report

Memo from Mr. Knight Regarding Business Office Update

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of Student Representative Dated November 21, 2019