

**GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 22 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. LeMay, Mr. Morin, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Tatseos

Members Absent: Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare

Also

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

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

Arthur Grenier of Dracut, MA spoke regarding the school's policy on cheating and asked that the administration review such policy.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no School Committee communications.

**REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

There was no report of the student representative.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 27, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

**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:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

**MOTION:** by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve expenditures for the sum of \$9,201,650.23 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2072-B	dated 06/21/19	Payroll Warrant #699	1,061,259.08
Warrant 2072-LS	dated 06/21/19	Payroll Warrant #699	3,312,106.88
Warrant 2073-A	dated 07/05/19	Payroll Warrant #701	391,705.40
Warrant 2073-B	dated 07/19/19	Payroll Warrant #703	275,219.62
Warrant 2073-V	dated 07/19/19	Payroll Warrant #703-V	(800.00)
Warrant 2074-A	dated 08/02/19	Payroll Warrant #705	326,911.71
Warrant 2074-B	dated 08/16/19	Payroll Warrant #707	265,975.73
Warrant 2073	dated 07/12/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	1,317,670.63
Warrant 2073-2	dated 07/12/19	Sales/Meals Tax Jun 2019	227.46
Warrant 2073-3	dated 07/12/19	Lowell Five Debit Warrant	20.00
Warrant 2073-1	dated 07/26/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	607,907.69
Warrant 2073-4	dated 07/26/19	Lowell Five Debit Warrant	192.00
Warrant 2073-5	dated 07/26/19	June 2019 Bank of America	1,014.29
Warrant 2073-6	dated 07/26/19	June 2019 Lowell Five	20.00
Warrant 2074	dated 08/08/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	1,359,896.60
Warrant 2074-1	dated 08/23/19	Accounts Payable Warrant	280,768.72
Warrant 2074-2	dated 08/23/19	Bank of America	1,554.42

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

**REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

Attorney Maccaro informed the committee that he had sent a letter to the clerks of the member communities as well as the proposed revised regional agreement asking for approval. Dracut, Dunstable and Tyngsboro have to approve the revised regional agreement at their town meeting and the city councilors have to approve for Lowell.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

Superintendent Mastrocola gave a brief update on the recently held leadership summit, the new teacher orientation and the beginning of fall sports.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced the new Special Education Director, Alison Rihani and asked for school committee approval for this appointment.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to appoint Alison Rihani to the position of Special Education Director.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

Superintendent Mastrocola provided an update on building projects that took place during the summer.

**REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mr. Knight asked for approval to award the athletic field light contract to Cullen Electrical in the amount of \$574,880. Mr. Knight informed the committee that Cullen Electrical was the lowest bidder.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Mr. Morin to award Cullen Electrical a contract in the amount of \$574,880 for the athletic field light project.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. Knight asked for approval for transfers in the amount of \$93,000.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve transfers in the amount of \$93,000 as presented.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

Next, Mr. Knight informed the committee that the Governor's FY20 budget resulted in an additional \$342,679.00 for Greater Lowell, increasing the FY20 to \$46,997,793.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the revised FY20 budget in the amount of \$46,997,793.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. Knight asked for approval to surplus a 2007 Thomas/Freightliner bus. He will offer the bus to our member communities then will move to a sale or auction if there is no interest.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the request to surplus a 2007 Thomas/Freightliner bus.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

**OLD BUSINESS**

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. j 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. j Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
3. j Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
4. j Alternative Energy Subcommittee meet to discuss the possibility of securing additional net metering credits. (Boutin)
5. j Superintendent examine feasibility regarding card swipe security for each employee and associated cost to implement same. (Giggey)
6. j Superintendent research the probability of adding modular classrooms to the campus to develop comprehensive academic programs at Greater Lowell Technical High School.

**COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION**

Mr. LeMay passed the gavel to Mr. Morin. Mr. Boutin joined the meeting remotely.

Mr. Morin stated that in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10 (remote participation) adopted by the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee April 17, 2014, Committeeman Boutin will be participating at tonight's meeting remotely due to geographic distance.

**MOTION:** by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Tatseos, Mr. Boutin & Mr. Bahou to appoint Jill Davis Interim Superintendent-Director effective January 1, 2020.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. Boutin left the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. LeMay informed the committee that per the School Naming Policy he is making the following appointments to the Naming Committee:

Naming Committee Chair	–	Paul Morin (3-year term)
2-year term	–	George Tatseos
1-year term	–	Matthew Sheehan

Mr. Boutin passed the gavel back to Chairman LeMay.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Giggey to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. O'Hare)

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin  
Recording Secretary

**Meeting Documents:**

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

June 13, 2019

June 27, 2019

Letter to Member Communities Regarding Revised Regional Agreement

Memo from Mr. Knight Regarding his Agenda Items

Memo from Mr. LeMay Regarding his Appointments to the Naming Committee

Thank You Letter from Lori Trahan

Year-to-Date Budget Report