

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

April 11 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 LeMay will be participating at tonight's meeting remotely due to geographic distance.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Morin, Mr. O'Hare,
Mr. Tatseos

Members Absent: Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
George Garabedian, Interim School Business Administrator
Sheryl Stephens Burke, Melanson Heath
Michael Maccaro, Legal Counsel
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no public appearances.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Morin informed the committee that if they were interested in attending Day on the Hill on May 1 to let Ms. Gosselin know and she would complete the registration.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Mya Medina gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 21, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,249,192.66 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2070	dated 04/05/19	Accounts Payable	1,271,168.61
Warrant 2069-C	dated 03/29/19	Payroll Warrant #687	1,042,960.98
Warrant 2070-A	dated 04/12/19	Payroll Warrant #689	935,063.07

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Maccaro gave a brief update regarding amending the regional agreement.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola presented a proposal for Greater Lowell to enter into a joint hockey program with Nashoba Tech. He told the committee that the Nashoba Tech School Committee has approved the joint hockey program.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the request that Greater Lowell enter into a joint hockey program with Nashoba Tech.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the Committee that the Department of Education requires the School Committee to vote whether or not they will allow participation in the School Choice Program. He told the Committee that a School Choice student would not be accepted until the wait list was exhausted or if an enrolled student moved out of the district and wanted to continue at Greater Lowell.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to accept the School Choice Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for approval of the 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting schedule.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 193 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of March 31, 2019. This represents 38% of the Class of 2019 and is an increase from last year. We also have 42 junior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Michael Barton who provided a Smart Board presentation.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Sheryl Stephens Burke from Melanson Heath presented the results of the June 30, 2018 audit. As part of her report she stated that there was a clean audit report with no management letter and no findings.

Mr. Garabedian asked the committee to select a School Committee member to the OPEB board for a 3 year term. The committee agreed that Paul Morin be appointed to the OPEB board for a 3 year term.

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Giggey that Paul Morin serve as the School Committee member on the OPEB board for a 3 year term.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

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

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 Finance Sub-Committee meeting.


ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Sheehan)

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

March 21, 2019

Memo Regarding cooperative Hockey Team Request

Proposed FY20 School Committee Meeting Dates

March 2019 Cooperative Education Report

Audit Report for Year Ending June 30, 2018

Memo from Mr. Garabedian Regarding FY18 Audit and OPEB

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of Student Representative Dated April 11, 2019