

**GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 10, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

**ROLL CALL**

Members

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

Also

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

**REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

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

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

There were no public appearances.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no School Committee communications.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. O’Hare to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 13, 2018.

**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. Boutin to waive the reading of the warrant.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

**MOTION:** by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Tatseoe to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,260,076.72 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2066-1	dated 12/28/18	Accounts Payable	482,664.27
Warrant 2067	dated 01/11/19	Accounts Payable	864,429.32
Warrant 2066-B	dated 12/21/18	Payroll Warrant #673	1,020,939.25
Warrant 2067-A	dated 01/04/19	Payroll Warrant #675	884,392.23
Warrant 2066-6	dated 12/28/18	Lowell Five (PELL)	4,826.00
Warrant 2067-2	dated 01/11/19	Bank of America Dec.	863.65
Warrant 2067-3	dated 01/11/19	Lowell 5 Debit Card	1,000.00
Warrant 2067-4	dated 01/11/19	Lowell Five (PELL)	962.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

**REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

There was no report of general counsel.

**REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for approval to accept a donation of a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee with an approximate value of \$1,600 to be used for instructional purposes in the automotive department. The donation is being made by Barbara Roche of Tyngsboro, MA.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to accept a donation of a 2000 Jeep Grand Cherokee with an approximate value of \$1,600 being made by Barbara Roche of Tyngsboro, MA.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

Superintendent Mastrocola provided a report in response to a motion made by Mr. Bahou at a previous meeting regarding the probability of adding modular classrooms to the campus to develop comprehensive academic programs at Greater Lowell Technical High School. As part of the report Superintendent Mastrocola stated that an Advanced STEM Academy at Greater Lowell would be offered as an accelerated academic

vocational technical pathway program serving students from the school's four member sending districts. He further explained the guidelines and benefits of the program. He provided estimated start-up costs as follows:

2 portable classrooms with full utility service	\$150,000
4 full-time teachers	\$270,000
Instructional Resources	\$ 60,000
Technology Equipment	\$ 55,000
Technical Equipment	\$ 30,000
College Credit Fees	\$ 15,000
Infrastructure costs to existing building to accommodate portables	\$ 50,000

Discussion took place and the committee and the superintendent will continue to explore the possibility of offering a STEM Academy.

Superintendent Mastrocola next provided a report in response to a motion made by Mr. Boutin at a previous meeting regarding Greater Lowell Tech's relationships with Middlesex Community College and UMASS Lowell. Superintendent Mastrocola outlined various dual enrollment and AP courses being offered at Greater Lowell in conjunction with Middlesex Community College and UMASS Lowell.

### **REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER**

There was no report of the Business Manager.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. pPolicy Sub-Committee and the Superintendent develop a District Wellness Policy for the school that may include the distribution of condoms to students. (Boutin)
2. pAthletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
3. pSuperintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
4. pAlternative Energy Subcommittee meet to discuss the possibility of securing additional net metering credits. (Boutin)
5. pSuperintendent examine feasibility regarding card swipe security for each employee and associated cost to implement same. (Giggey)
6. pSuperintendent research the probability of adding modular classrooms to the campus to develop comprehensive academic programs at Greater Lowell Technical High School. (Bahou)
7. pSuperintendent report on our ongoing and planned future relationship with Middlesex Community College and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. (Boutin)

Mr. Boutin said that #7 could be removed from the outstanding items list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Bahou passed the gavel to Mr. LeMay. Mr. Bahou

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to remove the current language of Section 1, Paragraph E of the Regional Agreement with respect to the establishment of the vocational regional school district and by replacing it with the following language:

(E) Organization and Terms of Office

The term of office of any elected member from a member town and any elected member from the City of Lowell shall commence on January 1 next following the election of such member. At the first meeting in January each year the Committee shall organize and choose by ballot a chairman, vice chairman and secretary from among its own membership that shall begin their appointment February 1.

After discussion, Attorney Maccaro suggested the following paragraph be added to the motion:

Should one or the elected officers resign or vacate their school committee seat prior to the conclusion of their term as an officer, the school committee shall at its next regularly scheduled meeting select a replacement member to serve the remainder of the term.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

Attorney Maccaro will submit the request to amend the language to the Department of Education for their review and approval as the first step in the process to amend the regional agreement.

A Finance Sub-Committee Meeting for the 2020 budget will be scheduled for February 7, 2019 at 5:00.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Gosselin  
Recording Secretary

**Meeting Documents:**

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

December 13, 2018

Memo from Mr. Cornellier Regarding Donatioin

Response to Mr. Bahou's Motion

Response to Mr. Boutin's Motion

Copy of Motion and Proposed Amendment Language Change to the Regional Agreement

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of Student Representative Dated January 10, 2019