

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 18, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:34 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. Tatseos

Mr. O'Hare arrived after roll call

Member

Absent: Mr. Espinola

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
George Garabedian, Interim School Business Administrator
Michael Barton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jeffrey Albert, Director of Special Education
Lisa Martinez, Director of Technology, Enrollment & Information
Kathryn Palladino, ELE, ELA & Social Studies Cluster Chair
Arthur Cornellier, Interim Transportation & Manufacturing Cluster Chair
Sgt. Steve Manning, School Resource Officer
Office Matt Koziol, School Resource Officer
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. Tatseos to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 20, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Espinola, 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. LeMay to waive the reading of the warrant.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,662,079.52 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2064	dated 10/05/18	Accounts Payable	1,285,072.35
Warrant 2064-1	dated 10/19/18	Accounts Payable	473,073.03
Warrant 2063-A	dated 09/28/18	Payroll Warrant #661	1,002,737.71
Warrant 2064-A	dated 10/12/18	Payroll Warrant #663	898,641.34
Warrant 2064-2	dated 10/19/18	October 2018 Debit Card	350.00
Warrant 2064-3	dated 10/19/18	September Bank of America	1,676.42
Warrant 2064-4	dated 10/19/18	September Meals/Use Tax	508.67
Warrant 2064-5	dated 10/19/18	September Lowell Five	20.00

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Michael Maccaro requested Executive Session at the end of the meeting for an update on a grievance settlement.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Vice Chair Bahou presented a diploma to Thomas Basner, Class of 2016, who recently passed MCAS.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced School Resource Officers Sgt. Steve Manning and Officer Matt Koziol to the committee.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced newly hired administrators Kathryn Palladino, ELE/ELA & Social Studies Cluster Chair and Arthur Cornellier, Interim Transportation & Manufacturing Cluster Chair to the committee.

Ms. Martinez provided an update on the FY19 enrollment. As part of her update, Ms. Martinez informed the committee that the enrollment for FY19 is currently at 2,258 students.

Superintendent Mastrocola, Ms. Davis and Mr. Barton provided a 2018 MCAS Data overview. They informed the committee that the state has changed the test, the criteria and some of the benchmarks. It is now called the Next Generation Accountability System. The components consist of:

MCAS Achievement	40%
MCAS Growth	20%
High School Completion	20%
Progress Toward English Language Proficiency	10%
Additional Indicators: Chronic Absenteeism and Advanced Coursework Completion:	10%

There is a focus on 25% lowest performing students comprising 50% of the calculation.

Greater Lowell's overall classification is Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention.

District MCAS Results:

2018 English Language Arts Achievement:

Rated Improved Below Target or Met Target or Exceeded Target for 9 out of 10 groups

2018 Math Achievement:

Rated Improved Below Target or Met Target or Exceeded Target for 9 out of 10 groups

2018 Science Achievement:

Rated Improved Below Target or Met Target or Exceeded Target for 6 out of 9 groups

Vice Chair Bahou announced that the Superintendent had receive an average rating of 4 out 5 on his evaluation.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to accept the Superintendent End-of-Cycle Evaluation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian stated that the End of Year Report for FY18 was submitted to DESE on September 30 and the E&D Certification forms were submitted to the DOR on October 12.

Mr. Garabedian stated that legal counsel is in the process of reviewing the district's adoption of Chapter 32B, Sec. 20 and the OPEB Trust Agreement voted in October 2015. Legal counsel will also provide guidance in drafting the necessary votes and related documents for the State Retirement Benefits Trust Fund Board. Mr. Garabedian will provide further information as he receives it.

Mr. Garabedian informed the committee that our current electricity supply contract will expire in December 2018. The new energy broker, Axsess Energy Group, will be soliciting pricing from several suppliers. Mr. Boutin asked that an Alternative Energy sub-committee meeting be held in the near future to discuss the possibility of obtaining more net metering credits.

Mr. Garabedian provided information as a result of Mr. Boutin's request at the September meeting regarding the proposed revision to the school's procurement policy. As a result of the information provided, Mr. Boutin suggested keeping our current policy in place.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Morin and Mr. Boutin commented on the new lighting in the bus tunnel and expressed their thanks for that building upgrade. Mr. Morin also asked that the bushes and trees at the back gate be trimmed to allow for better viewing while exiting the school grounds.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to nominate George O'Hare to be the voting delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Giggey to nominate Curtis LeMay to be the alternate delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded Mr. Boutin to approve the September 20, 2018 Finance Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. LeMay to go into Executive Session for the purpose of an update on a grievance settlement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Giggey to go into Executive Session for negotiations with non-union personnel.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

The meeting reconvened at 9:04 with a roll call vote of 7 present. Mr. Espinola was absent.

Vice Chair Bahou announced that an agreement had been reached with the Superintendent that he will receive a 2% salary increase retroactive to August 12, 2018 as well as a one-time allotment of five (5) additional vacation days to be used by June 30, 2018.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Espinola)

Respectfully Submitted
Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

September 20, 2018

Enrollment Report

MCAS Presentation

Memo from Mr. Garabedian Regarding Financials, OPEB & Electricity

Memo from Mr. Garabedian Regarding Proposed Procurement Policy Revision

September 20, 2018 Finance Sub-Committee Report

Superintendent End-of-Cycle Evaluation Report

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of Student Representative Dated October 18, 2018