

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Espinola called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

Chairman Espinola 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. Espinola, Mr. Giggey, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Morin,
Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tatseos

Member Absent: Mr. Bahou

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Mark Byrne, Director of Plant Services
Cheryl Burke, Melanson Heath
Attorney Michael Long
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no public appearances.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Gabriel Pena was unable to be at the meeting. The Superintendent distributed the student representative's report.

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

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

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,142,945.03 allocated as follows:

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| Warrant 2039-6 | dated 03/30/18 | Accounts Payable | 4.00 |
| Warrant 2040 | dated 04/06/18 | Accounts Payable | 1,313,184.92 |
| Warrant 2039-C | dated 03/30/18 | Payroll Warrant #635 | 964,460.55 |
| Warrant 2040-A | dated 04/13/18 | Payroll Warrant #637 | 863,745.56 |
| Warrant 2040-2 | dated 04/06/18 | Mar. 2018 Lowell 5 Debit Card | 1,550.00 |

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 22, 2018.

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

As requested from Ms. Tassinari, Director & Legal Counsel for the Election Division at the Secretary of States' Office Attorney Long drafted a letter for the School Committee clerk (Mr. Bahou) to sign confirming that the members will be elected at the state election ballot. Attorney Long will notify the Committee when he receives any new correspondence from Ms. Tassinari.

Attorney Long will be requesting Executive Session for a grievance hearing and an update on negotiations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced 2 medal winners from the SkillsUSA district competition who share their experience with the School Committee.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 184 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of March 31, 2018. This represents 36% of the Class of 2018. Also, there are 63 junior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of March 31, 2018, representing 12% of the junior class.

In response to a recent request from Mr. Boutin, Superintendent Mastrocola provided a report on school security to the committee.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Cheryl Burke from Melanson Heath present the results of the June 30, 2017 audit. A management letter was issued for one deficiency with the Student Activity Funds. Ms. Burke stated that the deficiency had been corrected prior to the final audit report.

Ms. Turner stated that due to recent changes in the laws the committee must vote to accept Chapter 32B, Section 20 (OPEB Fund) as well as selecting and voting on the OPEB Board of Trustees. After discussion the committee agreed to defer this item to a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)
2. Policy Sub-Committee and the Superintendent develop a District Wellness Policy for the school that may include the distribution of condoms to students. (Boutin)
3. Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
4. Kouloheras Dedication (O'Hare)
5. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
6. Alternative Energy Subcommittee meet to discuss the possibility of securing additional net metering credits. (Boutin)
7. Superintendent to provide a report listing all competitive grants that the district applied for and the outcome for the 2016-2017 school year. (Boutin)
8. Superintendent examine feasibility regarding card swipe security for each employee and associated cost to implement same. (Giggey)
9. Amend the School Committee Policy and the Greater Lowell Regional Agreement to change voting at the March meeting to be effective April 1 to voting at the December meeting to be effective January 1 for the Annual Reorganization of Committee & Election of Officers beginning with the November 2018 election. (Espinola)
10. Superintendent report on the cost for the school to be outfitted with additional security measures. This can include additional locks, security cameras, monitoring, physical changes and/or training. (Boutin)
11. Superintendent to report on our co-op program with an emphasis on what we are doing to increase the number of students out on co-op. (Boutin)
12. Superintendent provide a report on the admissions process and procedures for this year with comparative data from the past 5 years. Info to be included but not limited to are number of applicants, numbers of initial acceptance, cut off scores, additional acceptance after testing and wait list. (Boutin)

Mr. Boutin said #'s 7, 9 and 10 could be removed from the Outstanding Items list.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to go into Executive Session for a grievance hearing.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to go into Executive Session for an update on negotiations.

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

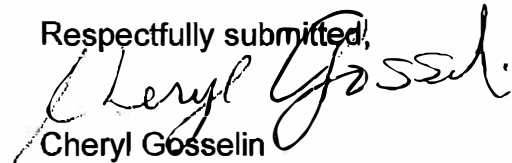
The meeting will reconvene for adjournment purposed only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Bahou, Mr. O'Hare)

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

March 22, 2018

March 2018 Cooperative Education Report

Security Report

Memo from Ms. Turner

Motion Language for Acceptance of Chapter 32B, Section 20 (OPEB Fund)

Additional Cooperative Education Information as request by Mr. Boutin

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of the Student Representative dated April 12, 2018

June 2017 Audit Report