

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 22, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Mr. Espinola arrived after roll call.

Mr. LeMay joined the meeting remotely at 6:35.

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
Stacy Bezanson (Director of Cooperation Education)
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 gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 15, 2018.

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

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: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,376,264.76 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2039	dated 03/09/18	Accounts Payable	1,076,403.03
Warrant 2039-1	dated 03/23/18	Accounts Payable	416,942.90
Warrant 2039-A	dated 03/02/18	Payroll Warrant #631	916,611.06
Warrant 2039-B	dated 03/16/18	Payroll Warrant #633	963,591.60
Warrant 2039-2	dated 03/09/18	Jan. 2018 Bank of America	642.64
Warrant 2039-3	dated 03/09/18	Jan. 2018 Lowell 5 Debit Card	75.00
Warrant 2039-4	dated 03/09/18	Jan. 2018 Lowell 5 Warrant	20.00
Warrant 2039-5	dated 03/23/18	Feb. 2018 Sales & Meals Tax	1,022.65
Warrant 2039-6	dated 03/23/18	Feb. 2018 Bank of America	955.88

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Long informed the Committee that he had been corresponding with Michelle Tassinari, Director & Legal Counsel for the Election Division at the Secretary of States' Office regarding the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee 2018 election. As requested from Ms. Tassinari, Attorney Long will draft 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 be requesting Executive Session for an update on a grievance and an update on negotiations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola provided an update on the SkillsUSA district competition results stating that 71 Greater Lowell students received medals at the awards ceremony.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 183 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of February 28, 2018. This represents 36% of the Class of 2018 and is down slightly from last year. He then introduced Director of Cooperation Education Stacy Bezanson to provide information on our co-op program.

Chairman Morin informed the Committee that it was time to open the 6:00 public hearing.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to recess the regular meeting.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to open the Public Hearing for the FY19 budget.

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

Chairman Morin asked if there was anyone at the meeting to speak on the FY19 budget. There was no one in the audience to speak on the FY19 budget.

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Bahou to close the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

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

Chairman Morin asked Ms. Bezanson to continue with her cooperative education update.

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for approval of the 2018-2019 School Committee Meeting schedule. Discussion took place with changes made to some of the proposed meeting dates.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the 2018-2019 School Committee Meeting schedule as revised.

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

Superintendent Mastrocola Director of Plant Services Mark Byrne presented the Plant Services/Vocational/Academic 2019-2023 Capital Plan to the committee.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner stated that she was seeking approval for the FY19 budget.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the preliminary FY19 budget of \$44,090,960.

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

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)

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Boutin stated that due to Long & DiPietro ending their service on June 30, 2018 as Legal Counsel to Greater Lowell, he had formulated a Legal Search Sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Giggey, Mr. Boutin and Mr. Morin. He suggested they talk after the meeting to set a date/time to meet to discuss the process for the search for new legal counsel.

Chairman Morin stated that it was time for the annual re-organization of the Board to be effective April 1, 2018.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to nominate Mr. Espinola for Chairman.

Chairman Morin asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated that nominations were closed.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 7. Mr. Espinola received 5, Mr. Tatseos received 2 and 1 person (Mr. LeMay) was absent.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to nominate Mr. Bahou for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Morin asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated that nominations were closed.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 7. Mr. Bahou received 5, Mr. Mr. Tatseos received 2 and 1 person (Mr. LeMay) was absent.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to nominate Mr. LeMay for Secretary.

Chairman Morin asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated that nominations were closed.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. LeMay received 7, Mr. Tatseos received 1. (Mr. LeMay voted vocally after ballots were passed in.)

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou requesting the 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare requesting the Superintendent report on our co-op program with an emphasis on what we are doing to increase the number of students out on co-op.

During discussion, Mr. Boutin stated that although Ms. Bezanson provided additional information on the co-op program he would still like to get more in-depth information per his motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou requesting the 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou and Mr. Boutin that all elected Greater Lowell Technical School Committee members receive a stipend of \$6,000 annually, effective January 1, 2019.

Mr. Bahou stated that he and Mr. Boutin were withdrawing this motion at this time.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the March 1, 2018 Finance Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to go into Executive Session for an update on a grievance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

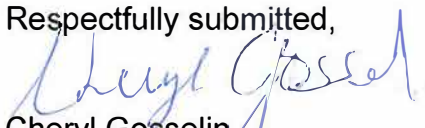
The meeting will reconvene for adjournment purposed only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Espinola, Mr. O'Hare)

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

February 15, 2018

February 2018 Cooperative Education Report

2018-2019 Proposed School Committee Meeting Schedule

March 1, 2018 Finance Sub-Committee Report

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of the Student Representative dated March 22, 2018

Memo Regarding the SkillsUSA District Conference Results

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
Election of Officers
March 22, 2018**

Office: Chairperson

Number of votes cast: 7

Number of votes to elect: 4

Candidate: Joseph Espinola

1. 5 Elected

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
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Office: Vice-Chairperson

Number of votes cast: 7

Number of votes to elect: 4

Candidate: Fred Bahou

1. 5 Elected

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
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Office: Secretary

Number of votes cast: 8

Number of votes to elect: 5

Candidate: Curtis LeMay

1. 7 Elected