

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Mr. LeMay arrived after roll call.

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Tracy Encarnacao (Director of Guidance & Counseling Services)
Jeff Albert (Director of Special Education)
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. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 14, 2017.

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. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to waive the reading of the warrant.

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

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve expenditures for the sum of \$4,085,981.37 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2036-2	dated 12/29/17	Accounts Payable	114,814.10
Warrant 2037	dated 01/12/18	Accounts Payable	1,214,996.13
Warrant 2036-B	dated 12/22/17	Payroll Warrant #621	961,566.50
Warrant 2037-A	dated 01/05/18	Payroll Warrant #623	835,060.56
Warrant 2037-B	dated 01/19/18	Payroll Warrant #625	958,573.75
Warrant 2036-5	dated 12/29/17	November Lowell 5	970.33

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola provided an update on the 8th Grade Open House that was held on January 10, 2018.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 181 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of December 31, 2017. This represents 36% of the Class of 2017 and is down slightly from last year.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that per a previous request by Mr. Boutin, a grant report for the 2017 and 2018 school year had been included in the package.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that per a previous request by Mr. Giggey, a proposal to provide card swipe readers at Greater Lowell had been included in the package.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that he had included in the package his winter "reach out" letter to parents and staff.

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced Director of Guidance & Counseling Services Tracy Encarnacao and Director of Special Education Jeff Albert who presented the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update of ongoing Business Office projects. As part of the update Ms. Turner informed the committee that a vote for long term financing would be needed at the February 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)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bahou informed the Committee that there would be a Finance Sub-Committee meeting for the FY19 budget on February 1 and on March 1 at 5:00. The public hearing for the FY19 budget is scheduled for March 22 at 6:00. He asked that the March School Committee meeting be rescheduled from March 8 to March 22, to which there were no objections.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

Motion by Mr. Espinola to 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.


This motion was deferred to the February meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

December 14, 2017

December 2017 Cooperative Education Report

Grant Report

Card Swipe Security Proposal

Superintendent's Winter "Reach Out" Letter

District Accommodation Plan

Memo from Ms. Turner

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Report of the Student Representative dated January 18, 2018