

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2017 – 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. Giggey, Mr. LeMay, Mr. Morin
Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tatseos

Members Absent: Mr. Espinola

Also

Present: Joseph Mastrocola, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
Michael Barton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment
Jeffrey Albert, Director of Special Education
David Bradley, District Treasurer
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. Tatseos to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 19, 2017.

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

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. Espinola)

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,275,445.80 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2035	dated 11/03/17	Accounts Payable	944,847.36
Warrant 2035-1	dated 11/17/17	Accounts Payable	461,378.33
Warrant 2034-B	dated 10/27/17	Payroll Warrant #613	954,376.05
Warrant 2035-A	dated 11/10/17	Payroll Warrant #615	912,595.47
Warrant 2035-2	dated 11/17/17	October 2017 Meals Tax	1,065.32
Warrant 2035-3	dated 11/17/17	Oct. Bank of America	1,163.27
Warrant 2035-4	dated 11/17/17	October Lowell Five	20.00

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola recognized the Varsity Cheerleading team for their accomplishments this season.

Superintendent Mastrocola, along with Assistant Superintendent Jill Davis, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Michael Barton and Director of Special Education Jeffrey Albert provided a presentation on the recently released MCAS results. The team informed the committee that Greater Lowell is ranked in the 41 percentile and is a Level 2 school. The 2017 English Language Arts Proficiency Gap narrowing rated above target or on target for 7 out of 8 subgroups. The 2017 math Proficiency Gap narrowing rated improved below target for all 8 subgroups. The 2017 Science Proficiency Gap narrowing rated on target or improved below target for all 8 subgroups. Interventions have been put in place for ELA, Math, Science and Special Education.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 170 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of October 31, 2017. This represents 33% of the Class of 2017 and is down slightly from last year.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that we had been awarded the YouthWorks grant as well as the Promoting Adolescent Health & School Success grant.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that our attendance for the month of October was 95.36%, which exceeded our goal for the second straight month.

Superintendent Mastrocola provided an update on the FY18 enrollment. He stated that Greater Lowell has 85 more students in FY18 than in FY17. Mr. Boutin asked for a report of students on the wait list by town.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that per a previous request by Mr. O'Hare, a contractor visitor report had been included in the package.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that per a previous request by Mr. Boutin, a spreadsheet showing the 5-year cost for electric, gas, phone and internet had been included in the package.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update on Business Office projects. As part of this update, Ms. Turner asked for approval to surplus 12 old cafeteria tables.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to surplus 12 old cafeteria tables as requested.

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

Ms. Turner asked that, in following new ESE guidelines, she be named as the individual to conduct annual audits of the student activity funds.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatesos that School Business Administrator Billie Jo Turner be named as the individual to conduct annual audits of the student activity funds.

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

Ms. Turner also asked for approval for transfers in the amount of \$14,416.00.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the request for transfers in the amount of \$14,416 as presented.

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

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. Koulouheras Dedication (O'Hare)
5. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
6. Research the possibility of starting an Associate Degree program at GLTHS. (Bahou)
7. Superintendent provide a report on the 9th grade exploratory and shop selection process for the Class of 2020 including percentages of students who received their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or other pick. (Boutin)
8. Superintendent to provide a report listing all competitive grants that the district applied for and the outcome for the 2016-2017 school year. (Boutin)
9. Superintendent research and provide a report on "Cooperative Team" options consistent with MIAA guidelines for students interested in participating in ice hockey for the 2017-2018 school year. (Boutin)
10. Report on the monthly cost of utilities for the past 5 years broken out by electric, gas, phone, internet. (Boutin)

COMMITTEE PERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Boutin requesting the Superintendent examine feasibility regarding card swipe security for each employee and associated cost to implement same.


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

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 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:

October 19, 2017

MCAS Presentation

October 2017 Cooperative Education Report

Enrollment Information

Contractor Visitor Update

5-Year Utility Cost Update

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Business Office Updates

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Donation Thank You Letters

Report of the Student Representative dated November 16, 2017