

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 21, 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. Espinola, Mr. Giggey, Mr. LeMay,
Mr. Morin, Mr. Tatseos

Mr. O'Hare 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
Attorney Michael Long
Lisa Martinez, Director of Technology, Enrollment & Information
Christine Messina, Dir. of Practical Nursing & Continuing Ed Programs
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. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 24, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,634,217.10 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2033	dated 09/08/17	Accounts Payable	833,192.14
Warrant 2033-2	dated 09/11/17	Accounts Payable	3,300.00
Warrant 2033-3	dated 09/15/17	Accounts Payable	1,294.00
Warrant 2033-1	dated 09/22/17	Accounts Payable	613,587.97
Warrant 2033-A	dated 09/01/17	Payroll Warrant #605	241,136.53
Warrant 2033-B	dated 09/15/17	Payroll Warrant #607	940,186.20
Warrant 2033-5	dated 09/22/17	August Meals Tax	2.75
Warrant 2033-4	dated 09/22/17	August Bank of America	1,517.51

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney Long asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting for and update on a grievance and an update on negotiations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Mastrocola introduced the new Director of Technology, Enrollment & Information, Lisa Martinez.

Superintendent Mastrocola asked for approval for Christine Messina to attend the 2017 COE Annual Meeting November 8-10 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the request for Christine Messina to attend the 2017 COE Annual Meeting November 8-10 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Ms. Messina provided an update on the adult post-secondary programs enrollment and a review of programs being offered.

Mr. Bahou asked to take the report of the Finance Sub-Committee out of order.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the report of the September 7, 2017 Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that Greater Lowell students would have an opportunity to participate in the Early College or Innovation Pathway Program, which will provide students with the opportunity to experience and complete college-level coursework while gaining exposure to a variety of career opportunities.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Jill Davis presented the Health & Safety Plan for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approved the Health & Safety Plan as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Mastrocola provided information relative to Mr. Boutin's past motion regarding 9th grade exploratory and shop selections. Mr. Boutin asked to get the same information for the previous three years.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that an update regarding the Cooperative Team Hockey Program had been included in the package. The MIAA approved a cooperative agreement in hockey with Greater Lowell and Nashoba for 1 school year. The Nashoba Technical School Committee will vote on acceptance at their October 10 meeting.

Superintendent Mastrocola informed the committee that, per Mr. Morin's previous request, a report with the new hires column/salary information had been included in the package.

Superintendent Mastrocola provided information relative to Mr. Boutin's past motion regarding electronic signature of school documents. Per a communication from Attorney Long, it is his opinion that since the law is silent as to the electronic execution of public warrants, electronic signature of school documents is not allowed.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner asked for a vote to amend our bidding requirement policy from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to reflect the new thresholds per Chapter 30b. During discussion, it was recommended to defer this matter to the Policy Sub-Committee.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to amend our bidding requirement policy from \$25,000 to \$50,000 to reflect the new thresholds per Chapter 30b.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Yes, 4 No (Mr. Bahou, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Morin, Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. Bahou recommended this matter be referred to the Policy Sub-Committee.

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. 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. Superintendent research the possibility of having Committee members sign documents digitally. (Boutin)

Mr. Boutin said that #10 could be removed from the outstanding items list.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Hare inquired as to why there have been so many wiring/communication trucks in the parking lot.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

The meeting will reconvene for adjournment purposes only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. O'Hare)

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

August 24, 2017

Memo Regarding Out-of-State Travel

Memo Regarding Adult Post-Secondary Enrollment & Program Information

Information Regarding Early College & Innovation Pathway Program

Health & Safety Plan

Memo Regarding 9th Grade Shop Selection

Memo Regarding "Cooperative Team" Hockey Program

New Hires Column/Salary Information

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Business Office Updates

Report of the September 7 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting

Report of the Student Representative dated September 21, 2017