

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

June 15, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Morin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members

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

Member Absent: Mr. Tatseos

Also

Present: Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director  
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator  
David Bradley, District Treasurer  
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 Anthony Blatus gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2017 Site Visit to Essex Tech.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2017 Site Visit to Peabody High School.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2017 Site Visit to Greater Lowell.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 18, 2017.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 23, 2017.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 30, 2017.

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

**REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

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

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

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,533,222.87 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2030	dated 06/02/17	Accounts Payable	1,045,971.50
Warrant 2030-5	dated 06/13/17	Accounts Payable	3,700.00
Warrant 2030-1	dated 06/16/17	Accounts Payable	496,574.40
Warrant 2029-B	dated 05/26/17	Payroll Warrant #591	1,053,800.40
Warrant 2030-A	dated 06/09/17	Payroll Warrant #593	930,400.72
Warrant 2030-M	dated 06/12/17	Payroll Warrant #593-M	2,775.85

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

**REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

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

## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 176 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of May 31, 2017. This represents 37% of the Class of 2017 and is a 2% increase compared to last year's data. Also, there are 77 junior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of May 31, 2017, representing 15% of the junior class.

Superintendent Bourgeois provided an update to Mr. Boutin's past motion regarding visitors' locker room storage area near the football field.

Superintendent Bourgeois provided an update to Mr. Bahou's past motion regarding the possibility of starting an Associate Degree program at GLTHS.

Superintendent Bourgeois provided an update to Mr. O'hare's past motion regarding the rates for the use of facilities.

Superintendent Bourgeois provided an update to Mr. Boutin's motion regarding pursuing membership in a JROTC program.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked Assistant Superintendent/Principal Jill Davis to present the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan for approval.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan.

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

Ms. Davis presented the 2017-2018 Student Handbook for approval.

Discussion took place regarding student cell phone use and the new policy banning students from using cell phones in school with the exception of before school in the common areas, after the dismissal bell, and in the cafeteria during a student's lunch period.

Mr. Boutin expressed his concern with the changes to the excused and unexcused absences section of the handbook and stated his concern with a student's medical information being included in a doctor's note to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the 2017-2018 Student Handbook.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 1 No (Mr. Boutin), 1 Absent (Mr. Tatseos)

Ms. Davis presented the 2017-2018 Substance Use Prevention & Education Plan for approval.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the 2017-2018 Substance Use Prevention & Education Plan.

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

Ms. Davis presented the 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook for approval.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook.

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

Ms. Davis presented the Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics for approval.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics.

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

### **REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER**

Ms. Turner asked for approval of transfers in the amount of \$92,906.65.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the request for transfers in the amount of \$92,906.65.

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

Ms. Turner provided an update on the YTD financials.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. ~~Ø~~ Visitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
2. ~~Ø~~ One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)
3. ~~Ø~~ Policy Sub-Committee and the Superintendent develop a District Wellness Policy for the school that may include the distribution of condoms to students. (Boutin)
4. ~~Ø~~ Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
5. ~~Ø~~ Kouloheras Dedication (O'Hare)
6. ~~Ø~~ Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
7. ~~Ø~~ Research the possibility of starting an Associate Degree program at GLTHS. (Bahou)
8. ~~Ø~~ Alternative Energy Subcommittee meet to discuss the possibility of securing additional net metering credits. (Boutin)
9. ~~Ø~~ Superintendent to provide a review of the rates for the use of facilities. (O'Hare)

It was agreed that #'s 1, 7 & 9 could be removed from the Outstanding Items list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Morin asked for a list of new hires along with the column & step for their starting salary.

**COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS**

**MOTION:** by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. O'Hare that the Superintendent defer filling the Dean of Students position until the new Superintendent is hired.

Mr. LeMay withdrew this motion.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin that the Superintendent provide an update on the 2014 motion for GL Tech to pursue application and membership in a JROTC program.

Mr. Boutin withdrew this motion.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou that the Superintendent provide a report on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade exploratory and shop selection process for the Class of 2020 including percentages of students who received their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or other pick.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey that the Superintendent provide a report listing all competitive grants that the district applied for and the outcome for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. LeMay that the Superintendent research and provide a report on "Cooperative Team" options consistent with MIAA guidelines for students interested in ice hockey for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the report of the May 18, 2017 GLTHS Building Committee meeting.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the report of the May 30, 2017 GLTHS Building Committee meeting.

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

**MOTION:** by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Giggey to go into Executive Session for negotiations update.

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

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

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:39 with a roll call vote of 6 present. Mr. O'Hare and Mr. Tatseos were absent.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tatseos)

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Gosselin  
Recording Secretary

**Meeting Documents:**

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

May 15, 2017

May 17, 2017

May 19, 2017

May 18, 2017

May 23, 2017

May 30, 2017

May Cooperative Education Report

Memo Regarding Football Locker Room/Storage

Memo Regarding Associates Degree Program

Memo Regarding Use of Facilities

Memo Regarding JROTC

Proposed 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan

Proposed 2017-2018 Student Handbook

Proposed 2017-2018 Substance Use Prevention & Education Plan

Proposed 2017-2018 Athletic Handbook

Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Transfers & Financial Reporting

May 18 GLTHS Building Committee Report

May 30 GLTHS Building Committee Report

**MISCELLANEOUS ENCLOSURES**

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Student Representative Report Dated June 15, 2017