

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raymond Boutin called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Also

Present: Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Boutin informed the committee that he has received correspondence from the GLTO President Cheryl Bomal expressing her interest to be part of the superintendent search committee.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Anthony Blatus gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 12, 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. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve expenditures for the sum of \$4,491,737.45 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2025-1	dated 01/27/17	Accounts Payable	593,387.79
Warrant 2026	dated 02/10/17	Accounts Payable	1,181,322.83
Warrant 2025-B	dated 01/20/17	Payroll Warrant #573	933,751.47
Warrant 2026-A	dated 02/03/17	Payroll Warrant #575	852,706.85
Warrant 2026-B	dated 02/17/17	Payroll Warrant #577	929,866.56
Warrant 2026-2	dated 02/10/17	Bank of America	661.95
Warrant 2026-3	dated 02/10/17	Lowell 5 Warrant	40.00

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 189 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of January 31, 2017. This represents 40% of the Class of 2017 and is a 4% increase compared to last year's data.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update on the FY18 budget process.

Ms. Turner asked for approval for transfers in the amount of \$91,346.47.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the request for transfers in the amount of \$91,346.47.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Ms. Turner stated that the District sold \$9,500,000 of Bond Anticipation Notes relative to the school construction project. She asked for approval of the note sale.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. O'Hare:

I, the District Secretary of the Regional School District School Committee (the "Committee") of the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District, Massachusetts (the "District"), certify that at a meeting of the Committee held February 16, 2017, of which meeting all members of the Committee were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the Committee in my custody:

Voted: that we hereby determine, in accordance with G.L. c.70B, that the amount of the cost of the District's high school project authorized by a vote of the Committee passed on October 11, 2012 (the "Project") not being paid by the school facilities grant is \$19,591,224 and we hereby approve of the issuance of notes and bonds in such amount under said G.L. c.70B.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$9,190,000 General Obligation State Qualified School Bonds of the District dated February 21, 2017 (the "Bonds"), to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association at the price of \$9,584,288.55 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on December 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2017	\$460,000	3.00%	2026	\$ 460,000	3.00%
2018	460,000	3.00	2027	460,000	3.00
2019	460,000	3.00	2028	460,000	3.00
2020	460,000	3.00	2029	460,000	3.00
2021	460,000	3.00	2030	460,000	3.00
2022	460,000	3.00	2031	460,000	3.00
2023	460,000	3.00	2033	920,000	3.25
2024	460,000	3.00	2036	1,370,000	3.50
2025	460,000	3.00			

Further Voted: that the Bonds maturing on December 1, 2033 and December 1, 2036 (each a "Term Bond") shall be subject to mandatory redemption or mature as follows:

Term Bond due December 1, 2033

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2032	\$460,000
2033*	460,000

* Maturity

Term Bond due December 1, 2036

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2034	\$460,000
2035	455,000
2036*	455,000

* Maturity

Further Voted: that a \$310,000 portion of the net premium received by the District in connection with the sale of the Bonds is hereby appropriated and shall be applied to the payment of costs of the Project in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, as amended, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$1,900,000 1.60 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the District dated February 22, 2017, and payable February 22, 2018, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$5,738.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 7, 2017, and a final Official Statement dated February 14, 2017 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 19, 2017, and a final Official Statement dated January 26, 2017, each in such form as may be approved by the District Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the District Treasurer and the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Committee be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver continuing disclosure and significant events disclosure undertakings in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such forms as may be approved by bond counsel to the District, which undertakings shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds and Note, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Business Administrator to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Business Administrator and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Note.

Further Voted: that each member of the Committee, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Clerks of each of the member municipalities of Lowell, Dracut, Dunstable and Tyngsborough (collectively, the "Clerks") and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal buildings in which the offices of the Clerks and the District Secretary are located, or in accordance with an approved alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(4), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds or the Note were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended.

Dated: February 16, 2017

District Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. Visitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
2. One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)
3. 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. Athletic Hall of Fame (O'Hare)
5. Kouloheras Dedication (O'Hare)
6. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
7. Review our current sports program to see if additional teams are needed and make recommendations for the upcoming budget season. (Boutin/O'Hare)

Mr. O'Hare provided an update on the Kouloheras Dedication. A draft of the proposed plaque was shared with the Committee. Mr. O'Hare will contact the family regarding the draft of the plaque and to get a date for the dedication ceremony.

Discussion took place regarding the Superintendent's Recognition Wall. Members of the Superintendent's Recognition Wall Sub-Committee will schedule a meeting to review the logistics of this project.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Bahou for a report from the Superintendent on the District's use of print and social media in advertising the school for enrollment. Update to include the use of paid social media for attracting students and parents.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 No (Mr. Espinola)

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to approve the January 12, 2017 Building Committee meeting report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the change order and amend KBA's contract in the amount of \$140,000 and authorize the Chair to sign the Mutual Release & Settlement Agreement on behalf of the committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the February 6, 2017 GLTHS Alumni Sub-Committee meeting report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Giggey to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiation strategy.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

The meeting will reconvene for adjournment only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Morin adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

January 12, 2017

January Cooperative Education Report

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding FY18 Budget Process and Update

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Transfers

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Long-Term Financing

Report of the January 12, 2017 GLTHS Building Committee Meeting

Report of the February 6, 2017 GLTHS Alumni Sub-Committee Meeting

Thank You Letter to Mr. Pallace

Materials from Previous Superintendent Search

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Student Representative Report Dated February 16, 2017

Draft of the Kouloheras Plaque

Motion for the Bond Sale

Updated Budget Timeline