

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 20, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raymond Boutin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Bahou, Mr. Boutin, Mr. Espinola, Mr. Giggey, 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
Tracy Encarnacao, Director of Guidance & Counseling Services
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Boutin stated that he had been contacted by WCAP regarding their Salvation Army fundraising effort. Mr. Boutin asked if Greater Lowell School Committee members would like to donate and challenge other school committees to donate as well.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2016.

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. Morin to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,585,688.24 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2021-1	dated 09/16/16	Accounts Payable	423,557.15
Warrant 2021-2	dated 09/30/16	Accounts Payable	261,999.12
Warrant 2022	dated 10/14/16	Accounts Payable	1,088,233.41
Warrant 2021-M	dated 09/20/16	Payroll Warrant #555M	1,022.62
Warrant 2021-C	dated 09/30/16	Payroll Warrant #557	945,199.28
Warrant 2022-A	dated 10/14/16	Payroll Warrant #559	865,676.66

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Ms. Davis and Ms. Encarnacao introduced student Nicholas Lafave who was presented his PSAT commendation letter from Chairman Boutin.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 133 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of September 30, 2016. This represents 28% of the Class of 2017 and is on par with last year's data.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval to revise the Service Catalog to include language that would waive the 20% surcharge for currently enrolled Greater Lowell students. After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the following change to the Service Catalog "The 20% surcharge will be waived for currently enrolled Greater Lowell Tech students having automotive work performed on their own vehicles for safety, road worthiness, and/or preventive maintenance."

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for the committee's guidance regarding the logistics for the 2016-2017 Municipal Event. The School Committee will let him know at the next meeting.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that he had met with the Superintendent Evaluation Sub-Committee to review his 2015-2017 Superintendent Evaluation Plan Mid-Cycle Report.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Morin to accept the 2015-2017 Superintendent Evaluation Plan Mid-Cycle Report dated October 20, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Bourgeois reviewed the following recently released Student Success Data.

1. Cooperative Education Placement Rates

Greater Lowell has the second highest percentage of 11th & 12th grade students participating in cooperative education.

2. SkillsUSA Participation and Medals

192 students participated in the district competition winning 51 medals, 30 students qualified for the state competition winning 16 medals, and 1 state officer was elected at the national competition, 3 students won gold medals at the national competition

3. One-Year Graduate Follow-up Survey

98% of 2015 graduates participated in the 1-year graduate follow-up survey. 55% indicated they are attending college, 41% indicated they are employed, 2% indicated they join the military or fall into the other category.

4. State Accountability System

- ³/₄ Ranked in the 46th percentile of all MA high schools by the MA DESE – a 30 point increase over four years
- ³/₄ 0.7% dropout rate is almost three times lower than the state average of 1.9%
- ³/₄ Graduation Rate of 93.5% is 6.2% higher than the state average of 87.3%
- ³/₄ 78.8% Graduation Rate for students with disabilities is 8.9% higher than the state average of 69.9%
- ³/₄ MCAS SGP (Student Growth Percentile)
 - 54th percentile ranking for student growth in math
 - 58th percentile ranking for student growth in ELA

Greater Lowell is a Level 2 school.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update of ongoing Business Office projects. As part of her report, Ms. Turner informed the committee that she is waiting for the Department of Revenue to certify the E&D balance as of June 30, 2015, which will exceed the 5% E&D limit. Ms. Turner will ask the committee to address the options for the excess amount after the Commissioner certifies the balance.

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)

Mr. O'Hare informed the committee he had met with members of the Kouloheras family. He will meet with them again and will report back to the committee.

Mr. O'Hare had met with the Superintendent and the Athletic Director to review locations for the athletic trophies. He will report the progress at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Morin to nominate Kempton Giggey to be the voting delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to nominate Paul Morin to be the alternate delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the September 15, 2016 Building Committee meeting report.


ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Giggey adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval:

September 15, 2016

September Cooperative Education Report

Proposed Changes to the Service Catalog

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Transfers

Superintendent Evaluation Cycle Timeline

Memo from Ms. Turner

Report of the September 15, 2016 GLTHS Building Committee Meeting

Year-to-Date Budget Report

Student Representative Report Dated October 20, 2016

Student Success Data, dated October 20, 2016

Legal Opinion Letter Regarding Student Protest Relative to American Flag/Pledge of
Allegiance/National Anthem from Attorney Carey

Legal Opinion Letter Regarding Staff Use of Medical Marijuana from Attorney DiPietro