

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 19, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Paul Morin called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Members Absent: Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, 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

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Victoria Gibbs gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,678,929.55 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2016-2	dated 04/29/16	Accounts Payable	318,504.30
Warrant 2017	dated 05/13/16	Accounts Payable	1,583,458.43
Warrant 2016-C	dated 04/29/16	Payroll Warrant #535	925,726.50
Warrant 2017-A	dated 05/13/16	Payroll Warrant #537	848,037.35
Warrant 2017-2	dated 05/13/16	Bank of America	664.12
Warrant 2016-3	dated 04/29/16	Sales Use/Meals Tax	2,538.85

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Vice Chair Morin and Superintendent Bourgeois presented Christian Hernandez, who recently passed MCAS, with his diploma.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the family members of former Greater Lowell employee and coach, Joe Kane that the new gym floor was going to be named in honor of Joe. The Superintendent will contact the family to discuss a date for the ceremony.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked Assistant Superintendent/Principal Jill Davis to introduce the top 10 students.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 166 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of April 30, 2016. This represents 35% of the Class of 2016 and is a 4% increase compared to last year's data. Also, there are 65 junior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of April 30, 2016, representing 13% of the junior class. This is a 6% increase compared to last year's data.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval of the 2016-2017 School Calendar.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the Committee that the Department of Education requires the School Committee to vote whether or not they will allow participation in the School Choice Program. He told the Committee that a School Choice student would not be accepted until the wait list was exhausted or if an enrolled student moved out of the district and wanted to continue at Greater Lowell.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Bahou to accept the School Choice Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval for 5 students and 2 staff members to attend the National SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, Kentucky from June 20 – June 25, 2016.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the travel request for 5 students and 2 staff members to attend the National SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, Kentucky from June 20 – June 25, 2016.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

As part of Superintendent Bourgeois' Communication of School Information Evaluation goals, he shared a revised pilot of the newly created Auto Tech Video which will be posted on the school's website.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update on ongoing Business Office projects. As part of that report she informed the committee that a fuel adjustment credit is due to the District as fuel prices have dropped. Ms. Turner also updated the committee on upcoming town meetings at which time Greater Lowell's budget will be presented for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. Visitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
2. One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Espinola asked for a discussion regarding the current cell policy for students recently enacted by the board.

After discussion Mr. Espinola asked the Superintendent to review the current cell policy to ensure it is being followed.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

1. Motion by Mr. Espinola to discuss the possibility of instituting a parking fee for students to be placed into a revolving account for future exterior grounds maintenance and upgrades.

Mr. Espinola withdrew this motion.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve the April 14, 2016 Building Committee meeting report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve Change Order No. 17 to Consigli's GMP in the amount of \$99,244.99.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Boutin, Mr. Giggey, Mr. Tatseos)

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

April 14, 2016 Minutes

April Cooperative Education Report

Proposed 2016-2017 School Calendar

Memo from Ms. Cyr Regarding Out-of-State Travel

Memo from Ms. Turner Regarding Business Office Updates

Copy of Cell Phone Policy from Student Handbook

Copy of Side Letter of Agreement with Teacher's Union

Thank You Letter from Student Caitlyn Dion

Report of the April 14, 2016 GLTHS Building Committee Meeting

Year-to-Date Budget Report

May 19, 2016 Student Representative Report