

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
&  
PUBLIC HEARING

March 22, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. .

**ROLL CALL**

Members

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

Mr. Tatseos arrived after roll call.

Also

Present: Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director  
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator  
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

Chairman Bahou stated that in accordance with 940 CMR 29.10 (remote participation) adopted by the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee April 17, 2014, Committeeman LeMay will be participating at tonight's meeting remotely due to geographic distance.

Chairman Bahou asked for a motion to recess the regular meeting in order to open the Public Hearing for the FY17 budget.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Morin to open the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

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

Chairman Bahou asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to speak on the FY17 budget. There was no one to speak on the FY17 budget.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to close the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

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

Superintendent Bourgeois provided a recap of the FY17 budget which is based on the Chapter 70 aid and minimum required contribution. The proposed FY17 budget of \$38,953,523 represents a 2.2% increase over the FY16 operating budget.

Discussion took place regarding the elimination of 5 part-time positions. Chairman Bahou asked if an additional \$80,000 could be taken from E&D rather than eliminate the 5 part-time positions.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the preliminary FY17 budget of \$38,953,523 as presented.

After further discussion the following amended motion was made.

**AMENDED MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the revised FY17 of \$39,033,523 (\$38,953,523 + \$80,000 from E&D with the 5 part-time positions reinstated).

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Gosselin  
Recording Secretary