

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 10, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

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.

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
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Chad Fallon, Director of Technology, Enrollment & Information
Rene Dion, Graphics Instructor & Member of Parent Organization
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report of the student representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Bahou asked to take new business out of order. He stated that it was time for the annual re-organization of the Board to be effective April 1, 2016.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to nominate Mr. Boutin for Chairman.

Chairman Bahou asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, he stated that nominations were closed.

Mr. Espinola express his concern that a member from Lowell was going to be Chair again. He stated that he thought a town member should have been Chair in an effort for equality.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. Boutin received 7, Mr. Tatseos received 1. (Mr. LeMay voted vocally after ballots were passed in.)

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. LeMay to nominate Mr. Morin for Vice Chairman.

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BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. Morin received 8. (Mr. LeMay voted vocally after ballots were passed in.)

MOTION: by Mr. Giggey, seconded by Mr. Morin to nominate Mr. Espinola for Secretary.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 11, 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. Morin, seconded by Mr. Boutin 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 \$3,203,124.53 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2014-1	dated 02/19/16	Accounts Payable	359,381.30
Warrant 2015	dated 03/04/16	Accounts Payable	1,007,397.32
Warrant 2014-B	dated 02/19/16	Payroll Warrant #525	936,476.11
Warrant 2015-A	dated 03/04/16	Payroll Warrant #527	897,517.10
Warrant 2014-3	dated 02/19/16	Bank of America	973.49
Warrant 2015-2	dated 03/04/16	Sales Use/Meals Tax	841.78
Warrant 2015-3	dated 03/04/16	Bank of America	537.43

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 the SkillsUSA District competition took place today and he was just informed that of the 238 Greater Lowell competitors 50 won medals with 1 state officer candidate.

Superintendent Bourgeois recommended that due to the construction project dedication event being held in early May that this be considered the annual member municipality event for this year as reflected in his evaluation plan. Next year's event will be scheduled in the fall..

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval of the 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting schedule.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting schedule.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 172 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of February 29, 2016. This represents 37% of the Class of 2016 and is a 3% increase compared to last year's data. Also, there are 36 junior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of February 29, 2016, representing 7% of the junior class. This is a 5% increase compared to last year's data.

Superintendent Bourgeois provided an update with regard to a partnership that Greater Lowell has entered into with a non-profit to support a no cost computer programming course for homeless and disadvantaged populations.

Superintendent Bourgeois shared information regarding a \$493,385 grant Greater Lowell received to modernize equipment in our machine tech program.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the Committee that he had been approached by the parent organization regarding a fundraising initiative. He introduced Mr. Dion, a member of the parent organization who along with Superintendent Bourgeois informed the Committee that the parent organization is starting fundraising initiatives to upgrade the football field with turf as well as new bleachers and lights.

Mr. Giggey left the meeting at 7:15

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner provided an update on ongoing Business Office projects. She asked for approval to surplus a 1994 Ford F350 truck that had recently been replaced.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the request to surplus a Ford F350 truck.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. XVisitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
2. XOne-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)
3. XRequest the Superintendent review the student application process to see if it can be completed electronically. (Boutin)

Mr. Fallon provided an update on the student application process. Mr. Boutin stated that #3 could be removed from the outstanding items list.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the February 11, 2016 Building Committee meeting report.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the February 22, 2016 Finance Sub-Committee meeting report.

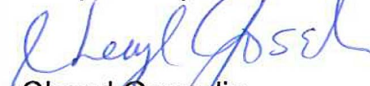
ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Giggey)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
Election of Officers
March 10, 2016**

Office: Chairperson

Number of votes cast: 8

Number of votes to elect: 5

Candidate: Raymond Boutin

1. 7 Elected

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
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Office: Vice-Chairperson

Number of votes cast: 8

Number of votes to elect: 5

Candidate: Paul Morin

1. 8 Elected

**Greater Lowell Technical School Committee
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Office: Secretary

Number of votes cast: 8

Number of votes to elect: 5

Candidate: Joseph Espinola

1. 7 Elected