

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

December 16, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:37 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

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. Morin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2015.

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. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve expenditures for the sum of \$3,145,040.28 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2011-1	dated 11/27/15	Accounts Payable	285,124.91
Warrant 2011-2	dated 11/27/15	Accounts Payable	10,713.01
Warrant 2012	dated 12/11/15	Accounts Payable	957,173.70
Warrant 2011-B	dated 11/27/15	Payroll Warrant #513	992,744.05
Warrant 2012-A	dated 12/11/15	Payroll Warrant #515	874,207.38
Warrant 2012-C	dated 12/11/15	Payroll Warrant #517	21,810.27
Warrant 2011-2	dated 11/27/15	Bank of America	1,252.13
Warrant 2011-3	dated 11/27/15	Sales Use/Meals Tax	1,036.02
Warrant 2012-3	dated 12/11/15	Lowell Five	20.00
Warrant 2012-2	dated 12/11/15	Bank of America	958.81

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Bourgeois presented a team of students and their advisors who had recently participated in the Technical High School Math Competition. This was the first time Greater Lowell had participated in this competition and had a 3rd and 6th place finish out of 23 teams.

Football Coach Shane Abrams presented the captains of the football team and provided an update on their season.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 186 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of November 30, 2015. This represents 40% of the Class of 2016 and is a 4% increase compared to last year's data.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Davis provided a report on a grant-funded program that Greater Lowell has been invited to collaborate on with Lowell Community Health Center to provide students with reproductive health services.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Davis informed the committee that on December 7th Attorney General Maura Healey along with Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society Dan Lebowitz and former New England Patriot linebacker Andre Tippett visited Greater Lowell to announce that Greater Lowell was one of the 98 schools from across the state chosen to participate in Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval for the following donations which will be split between Automotive Collision and Automotive Technology:

1. 2004 Subaru Baja with an approximate value of \$4,300 from Glenn Stewart of Chelmsford, MA.
2. 2001 Honda CRV with an approximate value of \$1,200 from Karen Washington of Waltham, MA.
3. Multiple car parts with a value of approximately \$6,000 from Lannon Chevrolet of Lowell.
4. Variety of oil products with an approximate value of \$1,000 from Advance Auto Parts of Dracut, MA.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the request for donations which will be split between Automotive Collision and Automotive Technology.

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ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Bourgeois provided a report on the State Accountability Data that was recently released. Some of the highlights included:

- Greater Lowell is a Level 1 school for the 3rd year in a row (29% of MA schools)
- Greater Lowell is on target to narrowing proficiency gaps
- ELA MCAS – CPI/SGP* is 96.2/56 which is an 8% increase over last year
- Math MCAS – CPI/SGP* is 89.0/64 which is an 11% increase over last year
- Science MCAS – CPI/SGP* is 87.4/NA
- Greater Lowell's graduation rate is 9.1% higher than the state average
- Greater Lowell's dropout rate is less than 6 times the state average

*CPI: Composite Performance Index

*SGP: Student Growth Percentile

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms. Turner informed the committee that the next step to establishing an OPEB trust is to form the Board of Trustees. The Trust shall be administered by a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) members, who shall include the School Business Administrator, the District Treasurer, one member of the School Committee and two (2) individuals appointed by the School Committee to terms of not more than two years. The Superintendent shall serve as an ex officio member or may be appointed by the School Committee as a voting member. Mr. Bahou suggested the following individuals be appointed to the OPEB Board of Trustees:

School Business Administrator: Billie Jo Turner
District Treasurer: David Bradley
School Committee Member: George O'Hare
2 Individuals serving not more than 2 years: Joseph Espinola
Curtis LeMay
Ex Officio: Roger Bourgeois

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to appoint the following individuals to the OPED Board of Trustees:

School Business Administrator: Billie Jo Turner
District Treasurer: David Bradley
School Committee Member: George O'Hare
2 Individuals serving not more than 2 years: Joseph Espinola
Curtis LeMay
Ex Officio: Roger Bourgeois

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Ms. Turner provided an update on the FY17 budget process.

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. ° Request the Superintendent review the student application process to see if it can be completed electronically. (Boutin)

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Boutin to adopt M.G.L. c. 32B, sec.9E relative to payment of an additional or subsidiary contribution rate for health insurance premiums of employees retired from service at GLRVTSD, said additional contribution to result in a total of 80% of premium costs paid by the district, without regard to the employee's length of service and notwithstanding a committee vote of June 15, 1989 or otherwise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the November 19, 2015 Building Committee meeting report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve Change Order No. 14 to Consigli's GMP in the amount of \$70,144.09.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8Yes

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary