

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 15, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bahou called the meeting to order at 6:38 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
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
Billie Jo Turner, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Jamie Costa, Sr. Assistant Principal
Sharon Cornellier, SKILLUSA Advisor

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. Tatseos to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

District Treasurer David Bradley distributed the Warrants to the Committee for their approval and signature.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to waive the reading of the warrant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Espinola to approve expenditures for the sum of \$6,960,847.25 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2010	dated 10/02/15	Accounts Payable	4,194,891.75
Warrant 2010-1	dated 10/16/15	Accounts Payable	961,026.82
Warrant 2010-A	dated 10/02/15	Payroll Warrant #505	868,165.90
Warrant 2010-B	dated 10/16/15	Payroll Warrant #507	936,762.78

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Bourgeois introduced the SkillsUSA Officers who provided a presentation on their leadership experience while attending the SkillsUSA National Conference in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of June.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that Greater Lowell currently has 131 senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities as of September 30, 2015. This represents 28% of the Class of 2016 and is a 6% increase compared to last year's data.

Superintendent Bourgeois reported that Greater Lowell held a very successful Back-to-School Night on September 24, 2015. Parents and guardians had an opportunity to follow their child's schedule through an abbreviated day and had a chance to meet their teachers while learning about the expectations for each class.

He also reported that Greater Lowell's Fall Program Advisory Committee Meetings had been held on October 7, 2015 for all 24 Vocational Technical Education Programs. He stated that the advisory committees continue to grow as we reach out to more and more stakeholders to advise, assist, and support the improvement of positive outcomes for our students.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that the annual Superintendent's Social will take place on October 21, 2015 for the purpose of raising funds to support student scholarships and activities.

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the committee that there will be a ribbon cutting event to celebrate our new partnership with CVS on October 20, 2015.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Jill Davis informed the committee about Greater Lowell's Lead the Change initiatives to raise awareness about the misuse and abuse of opioids. A presentation for Greater Lowell students will take place during the day on November 9, with a community presentation during the evening at the Lowell High School auditorium.

Mr. LeMay left the meeting.

Superintendent Bourgeois, Assistant Superintendent/Principal Jill Davis and Sr. Assistant Principal Jamie Costa presented a report on Saturday detention/suspensions in response to a previous motion by Mr. Boutin.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval for Cosmetology students and instructors to attend the IBS International Beauty Show in New York on March 8, 2016.

MOTION: by Mr. Espinola, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the request for Cosmetology students and instructors to attend the International Beauty Show in New York on March 8, 2016.

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

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

In an effort to accept and adopt an OPEB Trust Fund the following motions were made.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare whereas, the District is desirous of establishing an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB) and therefore, do hereby vote to accept Mass General Laws Chapter 32B, section 20.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 1 Present (Mr. Espinola), 1 Absent (Mr. LeMay)

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adopt the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School District (OPEB) Trust Agreement as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 1 Present (Mr. Espinola), 1 Absent (Mr. LeMay)

Mr. Garabedian asked that, due to the retirement of Karen Weadick, the committee appoint Suzanne Recce as Assistant District Treasurer with a stipend of \$2,500 effective January 3, 2016.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to appoint Suzanne Reece as the District's Assistant Treasurer effective January 3, 2016 with the established annual stipend of \$2,500..

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

The committee thanked Mr. Garabedian for the outstanding job he did as School Business Administrator and wished him well in his retirement.

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. ~~1.~~ Visitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
2. ~~2.~~ One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Boutin)
3. ~~3.~~ Superintendent research and report back the possibility of having detentions and/or suspensions served on Saturdays including costs for staffing this. (Boutin)
4. ~~4.~~ Request the Superintendent review the student application process to see if it can be completed electronically. (Boutin)

Based on tonight's Saturday detention/suspension report, Mr. Boutin asked that #3 be removed from the Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings list.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to nominate George O'Hare to be the alternate delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

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

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the September 17, 2015 Building Committee meeting report.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve the Change Order, Contract Amendment and Budget Revision Request in the amount of \$159,140.44.

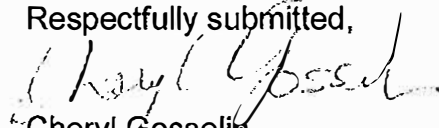
ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. LeMay)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Giggey to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl Gosselin".

Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary