

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 15, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Hare called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

(Mr. Bahou arrived after roll call)

Member Absent: Mr. Morin

Also

Present: Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director
Jill Davis, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
Lynn Willey, Early Childhood Education Instructor (& 2 students)
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Stacy Bilodeau gave an update of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 18, 2014.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

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

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve expenditures for the sum of 3,077,827.32 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2000-1	dated 12/26/14	Accounts Payable	196,437.22
Warrant 2001	dated 01/09/15	Accounts Payable	1,128,126.67
Warrant 2000-B	dated 12/26/14	Payroll Warrant #465	892,696.32
Warrant 2001-A	dated 01/09/15	Payroll Warrant #467	852,435.28
Warrant 2000-2	dated 12/26/14	Sales Use/Meals Tax	1,351.09
Warrant 2000-3	dated 12/26/14	Lowell Five	20.00
Warrant 2000-4	dated 12/26/14	Bank of America	968.74
Warrant 2001-2	dated 01/09/15	Lowell Five PELL	5,792.00

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

Mr. Boutin asked that the December 18, 2014 minutes be amended to include the discussion regarding One Man, One Vote that took place after Executive Session.

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Bahou to amend the December 18, 2014 minutes to include discussion regarding possible solutions to One Man, One Vote.

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Superintendent Bourgeois stated that Attorney Long would be arriving shortly and will be seeking executive session at the end of the meeting.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Bourgeois thanked the student representative for doing a great job updating the Committee on student successes. He also recognized the coaches and the great job they do.

Superintendent Bourgeois introduced Early Childhood Education instructor Lynn Willey and two students to provide an update on fundraising activities to support the non-profit Lucy's Love Bus.

Superintendent Bourgeois asked for approval of the amended Hiring Policy to include MGL Chapter 71, Section 67 language pertaining to the hiring of family members of the School Committee and School Administration.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Tatseos approve the amended Hiring Policy as presented.

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

Superintendent Bourgeois informed the Committee that the December 2014 Cooperative Education report had been included in the package. He informed the committee that 183 seniors (representing 36% of senior students) are participating in paid cooperative jobs.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

As part of the Business Manager's report, Mr. Garabedian asked for approval to renew North Reading Transportation's contract for the fifth and final year. After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to renew North Reading Transportation's contract for the fifth and final year.

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

Mr. Bahou asked for a report at the next meeting showing the monthly savings due to the decrease in fuel prices.

Mr. Garabedian provided an update on the FY16 budget timeline.

Mr. Garabedian asked for approval of transfers in the amount of \$102,020. He noted that on line 27 the department should be Physical Education Contracted Services.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve transfers in the amount of \$102,020 as presented and amended.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings

1. Formation of joint sub-committee with Lowell School Committee to brainstorm ways to accept more students. (Bahou)
2. Visitors' locker room/storage area near football field. (Boutin)
3. One-Man, One-Vote requirement. (Tully)
4. Missing "Welcome to Lowell" sign that was located at Towers Corner and constructed by Greater Lowell students be replaced. (O'Hare)
5. Superintendent research and report back the possibility of having detentions and/or suspensions served on Saturdays including costs for staffing this. (Boutin)
6. Have the Policy Sub-Committee draft a policy for staff bringing personal tools, teaching materials, and resources to school. (Boutin)

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to move over Old Business.

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

There were no Committeeperson motions.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Boutin to approve the December 18, 2014 Building Committee meeting report.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to approve KBA Contract Amendment #11 in the amount of \$5,600 for additional roof design services.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Tatseos, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve Change Order #5, Contract Amendment #6 in the amount of \$108,630.50.

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

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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

The meeting will reconvene for discussion and possible votes.

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Member Absent: Mr. Morin

Also

Present: Roger Bourgeois, Superintendent-Director
Michael Long, Legal Counsel
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tully to adopt Chapter 71, Section 14E #4 weighted vote by population with quorum adjustment as outlined in the proposal dated December 29, 2014 in the letter from Attorney Long and Gonzalez.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 1 No (Mr. Espinola), 1 Absent (Mr. Morin)

MOTION: by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Boutin to authorize Chairman O'Hare and Superintendent Bourgeois to represent the District at the court ordered mediation session on January 29, 2015 and any subsequent mediation settlement discussions and resolve the issue based on the 2/3 majority vote taken on January 15, 2015.

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

Chairman O'Hare asked that the February meeting be moved to Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Boutin to move the February School Committee meeting to Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

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

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Boutin, seconded by Mr. Tatseos to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary