



# **GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 23, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Sheehan announced that Committeeman Morin would be participating in the meeting remotely.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members

**Present:** Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Bahou, Mr. Morin, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Sheehan

**Members Absent:** Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan (absent @ roll call – arrived @ 6:43), Mr. LeMay (absent @ roll call – arrived @ 6:54)

Also

**Present:** Michael Barton, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator  
Recording Secretary

### **PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

There was no public appearance.

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no School Committee communications

### **REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairman Sheehan informed the committee that the student representative was unable to be at the meeting and the report has been provided to the members.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 19, 2024.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

## **REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to waive the reading of the warrant.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve expenditures for the sum of \$5,851,030.95 allocated as follows:

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| Warrant 2138B  | dated 12/27/2024 | Payroll # 987            | \$1,398,539.39 |
| Warrant 2139A  | dated 01/10/2025 | Payroll # 989            | \$1,183,751.30 |
| Warrant 2139B  | dated 01/24/2025 | Payroll # 991            | \$1,421,646.73 |
| Warrant 2139   | dated 01/03/2025 | Accounts Payable         | \$278,711.82   |
| Warrant 2139-1 | dated 01/17/2025 | Accounts Payable         | \$787,560.36   |
| Warrant 2139-3 | dated 01/17/2025 | Mass Bay Health          | \$774,760.93   |
| Warrant 2139-4 | dated 01/17/2025 | Sales Use/Meals Tax      | \$2,450.80     |
| Warrant 2139-5 | dated 01/17/2025 | Lowell Five Cr Card Fees | \$3,609.62     |

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

## **REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

There was no report of general counsel.

## **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that the first item on her agenda was to recognize and congratulate two students for being selected as 2025 U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominees in the Career Technical Education category. Madisyn Koza, a senior in our Information Technology program and Nichollas Morais, a senior in the CADD Program were congratulated for their achievement, hard work, dedication, and excellence they have demonstrated throughout their academic and career technical education. Ms. Davis added that being chosen from a highly competitive pool of candidates across the state is a tremendous honor and is incredibly proud of them. Superintendent Davis invited each student up individually to present them with a Certification of Recognition.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell Tech was awarded a \$5,000 Career and Tech Education grant to be used for purchasing supplies for the Auto Technology shop for the After Dark Program.

Superintendent Davis asked for the Committee's approval to accept the donation of a 1996 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible with a valued cost of \$500.00 from a local community member, Mr. Charles Barros. The vehicle will be used in the Automotive Technology program for educational training, and once completed, disposed of in such a manner that the components cannot be used or sold.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to accept the vehicle donation from Mr. Charles Barros.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that the number of senior students participating in cooperative education employment opportunities reported as of December 31<sup>st</sup> has increased to 249 senior students as of the night of the meeting which is 44% of the class of 2025. Ms. Davis noted that Junior students will begin to go out on co-op in February.

Superintendent Davis asked Assistant Superintendent/Principal Barton to provide information regarding the out-of-state travel request before asking for the committee's approval. Asst. Superintendent/Principal Barton informed the committee that the request pertained to the Dance Team looking to attend the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, FL from January 31<sup>st</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The total cost is estimated to be at \$18,804.88. Mr. Barton noted that the dance team raised \$7,782.80; resulting in a total cost to the district of \$11,022.08. Mr. Barton added that Ms. Febres, along with two dancers who would be competing, were in attendance to speak about the opportunity. Ms. Febres provided information and highlights regarding the Dance Team and its accomplishments to earn a spot at the competition, as well as the accomplishments of the two dancers in attendance. Each student spoke briefly regarding what having this opportunity meant to them. Superintendent Davis congratulated them on their accomplishment and stated next steps would be asking the School Committee to approve supporting the team to be able to attend the competition.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the out-of-state travel request for the Dance Team to participate in the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, FL from January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

## **REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER**

There was no report of the Business Manager.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings**

1. Superintendent's Wall (O'Hare)
2. Building Security (Sheehan)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **COMMITTEEPERSON MOTION**

There were no committeeperson motions.

## **REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

There was no report of sub-committees.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Sheehan requested a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – Teachers.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Bahou to enter into executive session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

Chairman Sheehan announced there may be a potential vote on ratification discussed during executive session; therefore, the committee would be returning to open session.

The meeting ended to go into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. with 5 present, 3 Absent (Mr. Nocco, Mr. Hogan, Mr. LeMay)

The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m. with a roll call vote of 7 present, 1 absent (Mr. Nocco).

**MOTION:** by Mr. LeMay, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the Side Letter of Agreement between Greater Lowell Technical High School and the Greater Lowell Teachers' Organization regarding employee term life insurance coverage as proposed.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Mr. Hogan), 1 Absent (Mr. Nocco)

**MOTION:** by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the Side Letter of Agreement between Greater Lowell Technical High School and the Greater Lowell Teachers' Organization regarding changes to Appendix B: Extra-Curricular Salary Schedule as proposed.

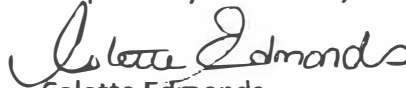
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 7 Yes, 1 Absent (Mr. Nocco)

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Gitschier, Mr. Bahou)

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Edmonds

Recording Secretary

### **ENCLOSURES**

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval: December 19, 2024

Copy of the Vehicle Donation Memo

Copy of 2024 Cooperative Education Report

Out-of-State Travel Information