



**DISTRICT COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
MEETING #1898
April 22, 2025**

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| <u>Members Present</u> | Thomas Hatem | Methuen | Chairperson |
| | Julio Mejia | Lawrence | Vice Chair |
| | Zoila Disla | Lawrence | |
| | Bradley Jones | Methuen | |
| <u>Members Absent</u> | William Tarbox | North Andover | Asst. Treasurer |
| | Annemarie Faris | Andover | |
| | Edison Mercedes | Lawrence | |
| <u>Others Present</u> | John Lavoie | Superintendent-Director | |
| | Brenda Richardson | Assistant Superintendent | |
| | Gerry DiStefano | Treasurer | |
| | Cheryl Dennis | District Recorder | |

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hatem called the meeting to order at 6:00PM Roll *Call by District Record: Ms. Faris (absent), Ms. Disla (present), Mr. Jones (present), Mr. Mejia (present), Mr. Mercedes (absent), Mr. Tarbox (absent), Mr. Hatem (present).*

2. MINUTES

a. Minutes of March 25, 2025 & April 1, 2025

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the minutes of March 25 and April 1, 2025.

2ND: Mr. Mejia

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

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3. FINANCE REPORT

a. Cash Balance Report

Mr. DiStefano presented the Cash Balance Report.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to accept the Cash Balance Report as reported.

2ND: Mr. Mejia

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

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b. Consolidated Cash Reconciliation Report

c. Revolving Fund Report

d. Budget Report

e. Budget Transfers

Supt. Lavoie asked District Committee members to approve the Budget Transfers of \$950,000 transferred from last year into this year's balance to take care of overdrawn line items in the budget.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the Budget Transfers.

2ND: Mr. Mejia

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

#18949

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Donations

- Alumni Association to donate \$9,000 to the Student's Activity Account for Athletics.

Supt. Lavoie acknowledged Mr. Habib's commitment to GLTS as Treasurer of the alumni association. Mr. Habib handles 90% of the work for the alumni. This year, he decided to give each sport program \$500 to support their program. The golf outing will take place on August 1, 2025.

Mr. Jones asked about the pavers to which Supt. Lavoie responded there was an alumni circle located at the entrance to the field with pavers available for alumni to purchase for \$150. Their name is put on the paver and the proceeds goes to the alumni.

b. Articles

- Greater Lawrence Technical School's Workforce Development Department Celebrates Graduation of Solar Installer Technical Training Class.
- Boardwalk in Conservation Land to get Makeover, become Accessible.

c. Public Participation

5. REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

a. Superintendent Lavoie's Goals

Supt. Lavoie updated the District Committee on his goals stating they're aligned with the administrative team's goals.

b. CREST Amendment to Articles

Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee hereby approves the Amendments to CREST's Articles of Agreement as approved by CREST's Board of Directors on March 12 and 26, 2025.

GLTS is a member of the collaborative and Supt. Lavoie currently sits on the Board of Directors. Supt. Lavoie indicated a District Committee member is welcome to take his place on the Board if they're interested in doing so. They're currently requesting approval or disapproval to a change in their agreement relative to tuitions not being more than 20%. Supt. Lavoie requested a motion to approve the change, stating we're only one vote in their collaborative. Mr. Jones questioned why a student would go there for an evaluation. Supt. Lavoie said a student experiencing difficulties in school would be evaluated for 40 days to determine the nature of and help resolve their issue or provide GLTS with a recommendation on how to assist the student. Ms. Disla expressed her concern and frustration relative to approving changes in the absence of detailed information without sufficient time for review by District Committee members. Supt. Lavoie indicated the District Committee would be approving all the changes which must be voted on this month. Asst. Supt. Richardson clarified this was just received in April. Supt. Lavoie stated the main, significant purpose of the changes involve the removal

of a cap – if a District goes to CREST in need of a service, they cannot go beyond 20% - voting on the language highlighted in red.

Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee hereby approves the Amendments to CREST's Articles of Agreement as approved by CREST's Board of Directors on March 12 and 26, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Jones moved to approve the CREST Articles Amendment.

2ND: Mr. Mejia

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

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c. GLTS' Website Update

Asst. Superintendent Richardson updated the District Committee on the launching of the new website which includes new site features including a new modern and visually appealing designs that aid everyone to locate information more effectively. In addition, the website enhances accessibility to meet ADA. A mobile app will be launched soon. We welcome any feedback.

d. May/June Calendars

e. Update on Aviation

Supt. Lavoie updated the District Committee on Aviation. The FAA will be on site April 28 to access all spaces, documentation and the curriculum. If all goes well, we expect the final approval and hope to open in September. Supt. Lavoie offered a viewing to District Committee members at the end of this meeting. Chair Hatem questioned if the list of tools came from the FAA to which Supt. Lavoie affirmed.

f. Admission's Report

Asst. Supt. Richardson stated GLTS is currently up to 485 admissions. GLTS Accepted Student's Day has been set for Saturday, May 3, from 9 to 10:30. The incoming freshmen and their families will visit GLTS at that time to connect and learn more about the school.

6. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. District Committee Priorities

b. Policy

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. TABLED MATTERS

10. PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS/REPORT

a. Resignations

b. Leaves of Absence

c. Retirements

- Kathleen Mulry, Special Education Specialist, Effective June 27, 2025

d. Appointments

- Aaron Sheehy, Advanced Manufacturing Instructor, Effective April 7, 2025

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Mejia moved to enter into Executive Session.

2ND: Mr. Jones

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

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Mr. Jones mentioned the play the Yellow Dress based on a true story surrounding dating abuse. Chair Hatem asked about the cost to the district. Mr. Jones indicated it's a good, overall program at a cost of \$1000 per performance. Supt. Lavoie will discuss it with Asst. Supt. Richardson and guidance about it and report back to the Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Mejia moved to adjourn at 7:27PM.

2ND: Mr. Jones

VOTE: Unanimously Approved

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Respectfully Submitted



Cheryl Dennis
District Recorder

Minutes Reviewed



John N. Supt. Lavoie
Superintendent-Director