

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

April 16, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Richardson called the school committee meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Richardson announced that, due to Chairman LeMay's participation in tonight's meeting remotely by phone, he would be acting as the presiding officer and conducting tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Morin, Mr. Bahou, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Gitschier, Mr. LeMay (remote), Mr. Richardson

Members Absent: Mr. Nocco

Also

Present: Michael Barton, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator
Lisa Martinez, Director of Technology, Enrollment & Information
Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative, Anna DiBona provided an update of recently held clubs and sporting events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2026.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

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

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve expenditures for the sum of \$4,805,979.38 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2154A	dated 04/03/2026	Payroll # 1053	1,295,388.75
Warrant 2154B	dated 04/17/2026	Payroll # 1055	1,439,285.23
Warrant 2153-1	dated 03/27/2026	Accounts Payable	398,565.34
Warrant 2154	dated 04/10/2026	Accounts Payable	795,121.55
Warrant 2153-3	dated 03/27/2026	Cafeteria Plan (2153B)	6,946.84
Warrant 2154-2	dated 04/10/2026	Cafeteria Plan (2154A)	6,656.84
Warrant 2153-4	dated 03/27/2026	Mass Bay Health	858,589.86
Warrant 2154-5	dated 04/10/2026	Lowell Five Cr Card Fees	2,679.76
Warrant 2154-4	dated 04/10/2026	Sales Use/Meals Tax	2,745.21

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton informed the School Committee that Greater Lowell Tech received a \$25,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation (GHF). These funds will provide scholarships for students currently or newly enrolled in CNC training or Engineering programs focused on CNC technology and design for manufacturability. Additionally, the grant allows up to \$3,000 per competition category to support students participating in SkillsUSA CNC competitions.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton asked for the Committee's approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$3,516 from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation grant through the recommendation of Mark & Elisia Saab. Funds will be directed to the GLTHS Student Activities Fund to provide annual support for student activities.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Hogan to accept the donation from the Greater Lowell Community Foundation Grant on behalf of Mark & Elisia Saab.

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

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton provided a Cooperative Education update to the committee that the number of senior students participating in employment opportunities reported as of March 31st indicate 232 Senior students which is 44% of the class of 2026 and 45 Junior students

representing 8.1% of the class of 2027. Mr. Barton included an update that the number of Junior students to date had increased to 72 students resulting in 13% of the Class of 2027.

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton asked for the Committee's approval of the 2026-2027 School Committee Meeting Schedule and noted that a copy of the proposed meeting schedule was included in the package for their review.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. LeMay to approve the 2026-2027 School Committee Meeting schedule.

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

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton invited Lisa Martinez, the Director of Technology, Enrollment and Information to speak to the committee members regarding School Choice. Mrs. Martinez informed the members that every year, a decision has to be made as to whether to participate in School Choice for the following school year. Mrs. Martinez reminded the members that school choice applications are placed at the end of the waiting list, as we accept our in-district applicants first; therefore, due to our extensive waiting list, there would be no reason or need for us to participate in School Choice.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve not to participate in School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Ms. Martinez, continued with her final item on the agenda by providing the committee with an update on our admissions. She informed the members that there are currently 583 students enrolled for 9th grade from this year's lottery, with approximately 17 additional students in the enrollment process, bringing the projected total to approximately 600 placed seats. Total applications received exceeded 1,200, and seats are being offered on a rolling basis as students decline. Committeeman Bahou asked about the number of declined seats and how those seats are then distributed. Ms. Martinez replied that ninety-five (95) students had declined their offered seats to date, representing approximately 15% of accepted applicants. She noted that seat offers following declines are made proportionally by municipality in accordance with the regional agreement, and lottery numbers are publicly visible and updated on the school website by the first of each month.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

School Business Administrator Mr. Knight provided the committee with an explanation of the budget line transfers request and asked for approval totaling in the amount of \$168,320.

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the budget line item transfers.

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

Mr. Knight asked for the committee's approval to offer senior students the ability to purchase the Chromebooks they are currently using for a dollar. Mr. Knight added that we have done this over the last several years to our senior students, as the Chromebooks are generally considered end-of-life after approximately four years of use. He added that retaining, cleaning, and reissuing the Chromebooks to incoming students was assessed as logistically burdensome and not cost-effective.

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve to offer the sale of the Chromebooks to seniors for one dollar (\$1).

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

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) – to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent-Director.

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

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

Vice-Chairman Richardson 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 6:57 p.m. with a roll call vote of 7 present (1 absent, Mr. Nocco).

The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m. with a roll call vote of 7 present (1 absent, Mr. Nocco). With no votes being taken, Vice-Chairman Richardson asked for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval: March 19, 2026

Copy of Grant Award Letter

Copy of Donation Letter

March 2026 Cooperation Education Report

Copy of proposed FY27 School Committee Meeting Dates

Copy of memo from Mr. Knight re: Expired Chromebook Disposal

Budget Transfer Request

Year-to-Date Budget Report