

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 21, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman LeMay called the school committee meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Morin, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Gitschier, Mr. LeMay

Members Absent: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bahou (absent @ time of roll call – joined @ 6:48 p.m.),
Mr. Nocco

Also

Present: Michael Barton, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
Michael Knight, School Business Administrator
Tracy Encarnacao, Director of School Counseling
Jennifer Machado, Director of Practical Nursing Program
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. Morin, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bahou, Mr. Nocco)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bahou, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve expenditures for the sum of \$5,407,996.43 allocated as follows:

Warrant 2155A	dated 05/01/2026	Payroll # 1057	1,286,817.01
Warrant 2155B	dated 05/15/2026	Payroll # 1059	1,459,036.76
Warrant 2154-1	dated 04/24/2026	Accounts Payable	473,981.13
Warrant 2155	dated 05/08/2026	Accounts Payable	800,134.86
Warrant 2155-1	dated 05/22/2026	Accounts Payable	504,342.04
Warrant 2155-8	dated 05/20/2026	Accounts Payable (Crown Trophy)	1,314.85
Warrant 2154-3	dated 04/24/2026	Cafeteria Plan (2154B)	6,946.84
Warrant 2155-3	dated 05/08/2026	Cafeteria Plan (2155A)	6,656.84
Warrant 2155-6	dated 05/22/2026	Cafeteria Plan (2155B)	6,946.84
Warrant 2155-2	dated 05/01/2026	Mass Bay Health	855,797.97
Warrant 2155-5	dated 05/08/2026	Lowell Five Cr Card Fees	3,636.69
Warrant 2155-4	dated 05/08/2026	Sales Use/Meals Tax	2,384.60

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Bahou, Mr. Nocco)

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Davis welcomed the Top Ten students of the Class of 2026 and extended her congratulations to the students for demonstrating academic and technical excellence, as well as to their families for their partnership and support. Ms. Davis invited Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton to present the individual biographies, including highlights and accomplishments, of each student.

Top Ten Students of the Class of 2026:

Valedictorian – David Roy	6 th Ranked – Nikolas Antonelli
Salutatorian – Alyssa Bergeron	7 th Ranked – Thomas Lyles
3 rd Ranked – Jad Guerrab	8 th Ranked – Jennaly Khy
4 th Ranked – Kitryc Virak	9 th Ranked – Joseph Antwi, Jr.
5 th Ranked – Reynajane Javier	10 th Ranked – Derek Orlando

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that Greater Lowell Technical High School has been awarded \$2,500,000 from the Healey-Driscoll Administration and will support capital improvements, including shop expansion and modernization, as well as the purchase and installation of state-of-the-

art equipment in one of the most sought-after CTE programs among GLTHS students; Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration (HVAC-R).

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that the Cooperative Education report provided indicates 230 senior students participating in the program, as of the end of April, representing 43% of the Class of 2026 and 75 Junior students, representing 13.5% of the Class of 2027. Ms. Davis provided an update, that as of the night of the meeting, there were 85 junior students representing 15% of the class of 2027.

Superintendent Davis informed the committee that she would be seeking their approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar. She added a copy of the proposed calendar was included in the package for their review and with no questions asked, requested approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

Superintendent Davis invited the Greater Lowell Technical School of Practical Nursing Director, Jennifer Machado, to join the meeting to review the proposed 2026-2027 Student Handbook before asking for their approval. Ms. Machado noted to the committee members that a copy of the proposed handbook was included for their review which highlighted the proposed changes, asking if there were any questions. With no questions asked, Ms. Davis asked the committee for their approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the 2026-2027 Greater Lowell Technical School of Practical Nursing Student Handbook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

Superintendent Davis invited Assistant Superintendent/Principal Michael Barton to review the proposed 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook and Policies on Head Injuries and Concussions, before asking for the committee's approval on each individual item. Superintendent Davis added that Asst. Superintendent/Principal Barton would also be providing information regarding two out-of-state travel requests and answer any questions before asking for separate approvals.

Mr. Barton provided a brief summary of the proposed changes for each individual item, providing clarification and answering questions before asking for their approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Gitschier, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 2026-2027 Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Athletics Handbook.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Barton informed the committee that he would be seeking their approval for out-of-state travel for Science Instructor Nicholas Villani to attend the AP Environmental Science APSI course at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont from July 6th through 10th. Mr. Barton added that this course is a requirement as a prerequisite for teaching AP-level courses and has a total estimated cost of \$1,773.95 which covers tuition, housing, meals, activities, and transportation.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the out-of-state travel request for Science Instructor, Mr. Villani to attend the AP Environmental Science APSI course in St. Johnsbury, VT from July 6-10, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

Assistant Superintendent/Principal Barton informed the committee that he would be seeking their approval for out-of-state travel for four (4) advisors, eight (8) students and a school officer to attend the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA from June 1st – 6th. Mr. Barton added that the breakdown of the total estimated cost of \$40,449 includes a conference travel package with accommodations at \$31,600, a registration fee of \$2,700, and meal expenses of \$6,149. Costs for transportation are expected to be covered through a district donation.

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the out-of-state travel request to attend the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA from June 1-6, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

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 LeMay requested a 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, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, non-contractual personnel, Director of Human Resources, School Business Administrator, Senior Assistant Principal, Assistant Principals, District Treasurer, School Committee Recording Secretary.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

A potential vote on ratification discussed during executive session may occur; therefore, the committee would be returning to open session.

The meeting ended to go into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. with a roll call vote of 6 present (2 absent, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco).

The meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m. with a roll call vote of 6 present (2 absent, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco).

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve a 4% salary increase for the 2026-2027 school year for the following: Superintendent-Director, Assistant Superintendent/Principal, non-contractual personnel, Director of Human Resources, Assistant Principal, School Committee Recording Secretary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to renew the one-year District Treasurer’s contract for 2026-2027 to include a 4% cost of living increase.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 3-year contract for the School Business Administrator as agreed upon for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Sheehan to approve the 3-year contract for the Senior Assistant Principal as agreed upon for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Gitschier to approve the 3-year contract for Assistant Principal Beauchamp as agreed upon for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bahou to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Richardson, Mr. Nocco)

Respectfully submitted,



Colette Edmonds
Recording Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Meeting Notice

Agenda

Minutes for Approval: April 16, 2026

April 2026 Cooperation Education Report

Copy of Proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar

Copy of Proposed 2026-2027 Greater Lowell Technical School of Practical Nursing Student Handbook

Copy of Proposed 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook

Copy of Proposed 2026-2027 Policies on Head Injuries & Concussions in Extracurricular Activities Handbook

Copy of Out-of-State Travel Information

Year-to-Date Budget Report