

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 8, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tully called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Hayden, Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Morin, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Olson,
Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Tully

Mr. Lenzi arrived after roll call.

Also

Present: James Cassin, Superintendent-Director
Mary Jo Santoro, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
John Lavoie, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Timothy Fallon, Dean of Discipline
John Sheehan, Cluster Chair, Transportation & Manufacturing
Elizabeth Bennett, Student Activities Coordinator
David Chouinard, Director of Assessment Services
Cheryl Cole & Beth Emery, Aramark
Elizabeth Coughlin, Tyngsboro Selectwoman
Herbert Desrosiers, Tyngsboro School Committee
Maureen Flatley, Flatley McNeil & Associates
Charlie O'Neil, Flatley McNeil & Associates
Michael McGovern, Coordinator of School Information
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Tyngsboro Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin signed up to talk about the hockey program and the federal green proposal. Chairman Tully asked to defer the public appearance section until those items come up on the agenda. All agreed.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Joshua Bradbury gave a report of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 10, 2009.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O’Neill to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,715,601.76 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1755-1	dated 09/25/09	Accounts Payable	213,862.26
Warrant 1758	dated 10/09/09	Accounts Payable	848,211.33
Warrant 1756	dated 09/25/09	Accounts Payable Pre-Cut	22,284.00
Warrant 1757	dated 09/25/09	Bank of America	522.37
Warrant 1759	dated 10/09/09	September Meals Tax	391.43
Warrant 1755-B	dated 09/25/09	Payroll Warrant #191	821,450.74
Warrant 1758-A	dated 10/09/09	Payroll Warrant #193	808,879.63

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Cassin asked John Sheehan to provide a report on the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Massachusetts/Rhode Island’s scholarship winner.

Next, Mr. Chouinard and Ms. Santoro gave an update on MCAS results for Grade 10 of the class of 2011. The first time passing rate for English is 97% versus the state average of 96%, Math is 94% versus the state average of 92% and Science is 84% versus the state average of 86%. Greater Lowell has met AYP in all categories therefore is off the state’s watch list.

Superintendent Cassin presented a list of furniture items that Dialogic Corporation in Salem, NH would like to donate to the school.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to accept the furniture donation from Dialogic Corporation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that the Sports Hall of Fame dinner will be held on October 25, 2009 at Lenzi's.

Superintendent Cassin introduced Student Activities Coordinator Elizabeth Bennett who gave an update on ongoing student activities and community service projects.

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that he had received a letter from the Tyngsboro Public Schools asking if GLTHS would be interested in participating in the Tyngsboro hockey program. There would be no cost to the district; the fees would be paid by the participants. Tyngsboro Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin and School Committee member Herbert Desrosiers spoke on this issue and asked for the Board's support.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to allow GLTHS students to participate in the Tyngsboro Hockey Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Next Superintendent Cassin introduced Maureen Flatley and Charles O'Neil of Flatley McNeil & Associates to discuss possible renovations to the building to make it more energy efficient. Selectman Woman Elizabeth Coughlin also spoke on this issue and pledged her support to this project.

Superintendent Cassin asked for approval for Adult Post-Secondary Financial Aid Director Laurie Ranger to attend a Federal Financial Aid conference December 1-4, 2009 in Nashville, TN. Due to federal budget restraints this is the only conference of this type that will be offered this year.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the request for Laurie Ranger to attend the Federal Financial Aid conference December 1-4, 2009 in Nashville, TN.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian introduced Cheryl Cole and Beth Emery from Aramark who presented Aramark's annual report.

Mr. Garabedian gave a financial recap of the Voke Open Scholarship account and asked for approval to transfer \$30,000 from the golf tournament account to the Charitable Foundation account.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the golf tournament account to the Charitable Foundation account.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director