

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 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

Members

Absent: Mr. Lenzi

Also

Present: James Cassin, Superintendent-Director
Mary Jo Santoro, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
John Lavoie, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
Attorney Rosann DiPietro
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Elizabeth Bennett
Michael McGovern, Coordinator of School Information
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

Chairman Tully introduced the new members of the School Committee, Mr. Morin from Dracut, Mr. Olson from Dracut and Mr. O'Neill from Tyngsboro.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Mr. Andrew Marais and Ms. Joan Marais signed up for public appearance to discuss SkillsUSA.

The next two items were taken out of order from the Superintendent-Director's report.

Superintendent Cassin introduced Ms. Santoro who introduced the Top 10 Seniors.

Joshua Bradbury who recently placed second in the Law Day Competition gave an overview of the competition and his presentation.

The Chairman returned to the agenda.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student representative Alicia Janowicz gave an update of upcoming and recently held activities. Chairman Tully thanked Alicia for serving as the student representative for the past school year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 9, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 1 Abstain (Mr. O'Neill), 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. Olson to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,727,032.41 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1735-1	dated 04/24/09	Accounts Payable	287,240.06
Warrant 1736	dated 04/24/09	Accounts Payable Pre-Cut	2,870.03
Warrant 1737	dated 04/24/09	March Bank of America	124.07
Warrant 1738	dated 04/24/09	March Meals Tax	576.45
Warrant 1739	dated 05/08/09	Accounts Payable	844,779.18
Warrant 1739-1	dated 05/08/09	Accounts Payable	13,024.39
Warrant 1740	dated 05/08/09	Accounts Payable Pre-Cut	637.57
Warrant 1741	dated 05/08/09	Lowell Five Cent Operating	50.00
Warrant 1742	dated 05/08/09	April Meals Tax	405.49
Warrant 1743	dated 05/08/09	January to March Sales Tax	69.23
Warrant 1735-B	dated 04/24/09	Payroll Warrant #169	813,643.80
Warrant 1735-M	dated 04/28/09	Payroll Warrant #169-M	642.79
Warrant 1739-A	dated 05/08/09	Payroll Warrant #171	762,969.35

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of the General Counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Spring Sports Awards Night will be held on June 4.

Superintendent Cassin asked School Activities Coordinator Elizabeth Bennett to give an update on the recently held SkillsUSA state competition.

Superintendent Cassin gave an update on the golf tournament that was scheduled for May 5. Due to inclement weather the tournament has been rescheduled to July 6.

Superintendent Cassin reviewed upcoming school events.

Superintendent Cassin asked for Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Mr. Hayden asked the Superintendent to provide him with information as to whether the bus company has a policy on texting and use of cell phones while their drivers are on the job.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian presented transfers in the amount of \$81,232 for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to approve transfers in the amount of \$81,232 as presented.

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

Mr. Garabedian presented transfers in the amount of \$14,258.25 for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve transfers in the amount of \$14,258.25 as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. Hayden gave a report from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held prior to this meeting.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Olson to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

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

The meeting will reconvene for adjournment purposes only, there will be no votes taken.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director