

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson O'Hare called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Lenzi asked for a moment of silence for a GLTHS employee who passed away and for the son of an employee who passed away.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Deeb, Mr. Desrosiers, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Olson, Mr. Tully

Also

Present: James Cassin, Superintendent-Director
John Lavoie, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Michael McGovern, Coordinator of School Information
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

Chairperson O'Hare introduced Victor Olson the new representative from Dracut.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no one signed up for public appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson O'Hare reviewed a few School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

There was no report of the student representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Deeb to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 12, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Abstain (Mr. Olson)

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. Desrosiers to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,956,910.71 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1726-1	dated 02/27/09	Accounts Payable	409,050.47
Warrant 1731	dated 03/13/09	Accounts Payable	978,794.71
Warrant 1727	dated 02/27/09	Precut Warrant	166.00
Warrant 1728	dated 02/27/09	Bank of America	811.99
Warrant 1729	dated 02/27/09	January Meals Tax	499.77
Warrant 1730	dated 02/27/09	Sales Use Fee	2.52
Warrant 1726-B	dated 02/27/09	Payroll Warrant #161	784,197.71
Warrant 1731-A	dated 03/13/09	Payroll Warrant #163	783,387.54

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of the general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

The Superintendent introduced the DECA winners from the recently held competition.

Superintendent Cassin gave an update on the Superintendent's Dinner which was held on March 4.

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that the budget would be level funded for FY10.

Superintendent Cassin gave a brief update on the results of the recently held SkillsUSA competition.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian gave an update of ongoing Business Office projects.

Mr. Garabedian presented transfers for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve transfers in the amount of \$22,738.02 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Cassin gave an update on Mr. Hayden's previous request to explore the possibility of a 4-day school week. The DOE told Superintendent Cassin that they would not waive the 180 day requirement. In addition there are contracts that would have to be renegotiated. Mr. Hayden stated that he realizes we cannot go any further with this idea due to the 180 day requirement.

Chairperson O'Hare asked for an update on the Athletic Wall of Fame at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Deeb asked for a point of personal privilege. He informed the Board that he will not be seeking re-election as the Dracut representative to the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee.

MOTION: by Mr. Laferriere, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers to nominate Mr. Deeb for Life Membership in the Massachusetts Association of School Committees for his 12 years of service to the Greater Lowell Technical School Committee and 11 years service to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Present (Mr. Deeb)

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Tully that employees who have to work on Good Friday be given the day off.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Lenzi, seconded by Mr. Hayden that a congratulations letter be send to student Michael Gregory congratulating him on his Division II wrestling championship.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Annual Re-Organization:

Chairman O'Hare announced that it was time for the annual re-organization of the Board to be effective April 1, 2009.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Deeb to nominate Mr. Tully for Chairman.

Move that the nominations for Chairman be closed by Mr. Deeb, seconded by Mr. Hayden.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. Tully received 8.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Deeb to nominate Mr. Laferriere for Vice Chairman.

Move that the nominations for Vice Chair be closed by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Hayden.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. Laferriere received 8.

MOTION: by Mr. Laferriere, seconded by Mr. Tully to nominate Mr. Hayden for Secretary.

Move that the nominations for Secretary be closed by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers.

BALLOT VOTE: Number of votes cast was 8. Mr. Hayden received 8.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Desrosiers, seconded by Mr. Lenzi that the approved list of Greater Lowell Technical School Committee meeting dates be posted on Greater Lowell's website. Four days prior to the posted meeting date the meeting agenda shall be posted on Greater Lowell's website.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Tully to refer Mr. Desrosiers' request to the Policy Sub-Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Original motion died due to passing of substitute motion.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

Mr. Deeb presented the report from the February 12, 2009 Policy Sub-Committee for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Deeb, seconded by Mr. Hayden to accept the report of the February 12, 2009 Policy Sub-Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

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

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Desrosiers to reduce the transportation assessment for FY09 by \$100,000 on the 4th quarter assessments as follows:

Dracut	\$14,780
Dunstable	\$ 780
Lowell	\$79,650
Tyngsboro	\$ 4,790

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to accept the report of the Finance Sub-Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director