

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

August 20, 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. Lenzi, Mr. Morin, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Olson, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Tully

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
Cheryl Bomal, President, GLRTO
Michael McGovern, Coordinator of School Information
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There was no one signed up for Public Appearance.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no 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. Olson to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 11, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 29, 2009.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

MOTION: by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,953,525.69 allocated as follows:

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| Warrant 1749-1 | dated 07/17/09 | Accounts Payable | 874,528.17 |
| Warrant 1750 | dated 07/17/09 | Lovell Five Cent Savings | 20.00 |
| Warrant 1751 | dated 07/17/09 | Junes Meals Tax | 370.20 |
| Warrant 1752 | dated 07/17/09 | Bank of America | 254.56 |
| Warrant 1749-2 | dated 07/31/09 | Accounts Payable | 20,000.00 |
| Warrant 1749-3 | dated 07/31/09 | Accounts Payable | 229,146.19 |
| Warrant 1753 | dated 08/14/09 | Accounts Payable | 736,947.81 |
| Warrant 1749-A | dated 07/03/09 | Payroll Warrant #179 | 339,647.81 |
| Warrant 1749-M | dated 07/03/09 | Enterprise Payroll | 270.00 |
| Warrant 1749-B | dated 07/17/09 | Payroll Warrant #181 | 273,773.60 |
| Warrant 1749-C | dated 07/31/09 | Payroll Warrant #183 | 252,757.13 |
| Warrant 1753-A | dated 08/14/09 | Payroll Warrant #185 | 225,810.22 |

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Attorney DiPietro stated she would be requesting Executive Session to provide an update on a grievance.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Cassin informed the Committee that the contract for the District Treasurer expired on June 30, 2009.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to renew the District Treasurer’s contract with a 3% increase to the stipend.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Next, Dean of Discipline Timothy Fallon presented the 2009-2010 Student Handbook for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. O’Neill to approve the 2009-2010 Student Handbook as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Cassin presented material from the Special Education Parent Advisory Council to be mailed to parents.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to approve the Special Education Parent Advisory Council mailing as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that the MASC/MASS Joint Conference will be held on November 18 – 22 this year. Anyone interested should let Mrs. Gosselin know so she can submit the registration forms.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Lenzi to nominate David Laferriere to be the voting delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to nominate George O'Hare to be the alternate delegate at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that the school has gone to an automated telephone system. After some discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Lenzi that prior to activating the automated system administration investigate other schools and/or government agencies to be sure that they are satisfied with their automated system.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 Yes, 4 No (Mr. Hayden, Mr. Olson, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Tully). Motion failed.

Superintendent Cassin informed the Board that a memo from Mark Byrne providing an update of summer work projects had been included in the package.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Olson to give employees who would have to work on September 4, 2009 the day off to enjoy the long holiday weekend.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian provided an update of business office projects.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. Hayden gave a report from the June 11, 2009 Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

MOTION: by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to approve the report of the June 11, 2009 Finance Sub-Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to go into Executive Session to hear a grievance and deliberate.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 No (Mr. Hayden, Mr. Laferriere)

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

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director