

**GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 10, 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

Absent: Mr. Lenzi

Also

Present: James Cassin, Superintendent-Director  
Mary Jo Santoro, Assistant Superintendent/Principal  
John Lavoie, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum  
Attorney Michael Long  
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator  
David Bradley, District Treasurer  
Timothy Fallon, Dean of Discipline  
Michael Barton, Director of Media Services  
Elizabeth Bennett, Student Activities Coordinator  
John Kent, SkillsUSA Advisor  
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**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 20, 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'Hare to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,008,136.59 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1753-1	dated 08/28/09	Accounts Payable	332,327.00
Warrant 1755	dated 09/11/09	Accounts Payable	620,070.06
Warrant 1754	dated 08/28/09	Bank of America	653.21
Warrant 1753-B	dated 08/28/09	Payroll Warrant #187	259,247.95
Warrant 1755-A	dated 09/11/09	Payroll Warrant #189	795,838.37

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

### **REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

Attorney Long recommended releasing the minutes from the December 11, 2008 Executive Session. He also stated he would be requesting Executive Session to provide an update on a grievance

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to release Executive Session Minutes of December 11, 2008 as recommended by Legal Counsel.

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

### **REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR**

Superintendent Cassin asked Ms. Bennett to present the winners from the National SkillsUSA competition. Ms. Bennett also gave a recap of community service projects.

Next, Ms. Santoro gave a report on summer programs as well as the opening of the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Barton provided information on the upcoming Rachel's Challenge event being held on September 14, 2009.

Superintendent Cassin reminded the Board that the MASC/MASS Joint Conference will be held on November 18 – 22 this year.

**REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER**

Mr. Garabedian provided an update of business office projects.

Mr. Garabedian presented the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Initial Compliance Certification and asked for a motion authorizing the Superintendent to sign the "Initial Compliance Certification".

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to authorize the Superintendent to sign the MSBA "Initial Compliance Certification" as presented.

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

Mr. Garabedian then informed the Board that another step in the collaboration process regarding the District's renovation project with MSBA is the creation of a School Building Committee. Mr. Garabedian presented the proposed names for the District's Building Committee for approval.

**MOTION:** by Mr. Hayden, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the District's Building Committee as presented by Mr. Garabedian.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Hayden asked that the Level III sex offender board be updated for the new school year.

**MOTION:** by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Morin to go into Executive Session for an update on grievances.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5 Yes, 2 No (Mr. Hayden, Mr. Laferriere),  
1 Absent (Mr. Lenzi)

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

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin  
Superintendent-Director