

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 7, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laferriere called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Also

Present: Mary Jo Santoro, Superintendent-Director
Robert Lussier, Assistant Superintendent/Principal
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Douglas Anderson, Principal Hellenic American Academy
David Chouinard, Director of Assessment Services
Charlene Pires, Co-Coordinator, Summer Academic Program
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Mr. Doug Anderson from the Hellenic American Academy signed up to speak on the summer academic program. Mr. Anderson extended an invitation for GLTHS Outreach Program to use the facilities at the Hellenic American Academy again this year. He praised and thanked the School Committee, administrations, teachers and staff for all they have done for the community.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no School Committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student representative Nathan Bastardo gave an update on recently held and upcoming events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 16, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 Abstain (Mr. O'Neill)

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

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

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,804,271.97 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1804-1	dated 09/24/10	Accounts Payable	247,287.02
Warrant 1808	dated 10/08/10	Accounts Payable	942,122.39
Warrant 1804-B	dated 09/24/10	Payroll Warrant #243	822,489.97
Warrant 1808-A	dated 10/08/10	Payroll Warrant #245	792,230.91
Warrant 1807	dated 09/24/10	Bank of America	141.68

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

In the absence of general counsel, Superintendent-Director Santoro will be seeking Executive Session to provide an update on negotiations and arbitrations.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent-Director Santoro asked for approval for Adult Post-Secondary Financial Aid Director Laurie Ranger to attend a Federal Financial Aid conference November 30 – December 2, 1010 in Orlando, Florida.

MOTION: by Mr. Lenzi, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the request of the Superintendent-Director for Adult Post-Secondary Financial Aid Director Laurie Ranger to attend a Federal Financial Aid conference November 30 – December 2, 1010 in Orlando, Florida.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent-Director Santoro informed the Board that the request for international travel has been postponed to a future meeting.

Next, Superintendent-Director Santoro asked for approval to accept a donation to the transportation/manufacturing cluster, a donation of 2 exam tables to the medical/health cluster and a donation of a video games system to the Anime club.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Morin to accept the donation to the transportation/manufacturing cluster, a donation of 2 exam tables to the medical/health cluster and a donation of a video games system to the Anime club.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Superintendent Santoro stated that due to the MASC/MASS Joint Conference, the November meeting has been changed from November 4 to Monday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian provided an update on ongoing Business Office projects. The end of the year financial report was uploaded to the DESE. The financial information was submitted to the Department of Revenue for the annual certification of E&D. A letter was sent to MSBA informing them of the School Committee's vote to proceed in collaborating with MSBA.

Mr. Garabedian has a response in the package to Mr. Tully's inquiring into the health insurance option. Mr. Tully asked that the Chairman have a sub-committee look at the options available with regard to health insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

The Health Insurance item on the agenda for Old Business was discussed during the report of the Business Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. O'Hare presented the minutes from the September 28, 2010 Technology Sub-Committee for approval. Mr. O'Hare informed the Board that he had spoken to Tim Kelly from Comcast and that he was preparing a report which Mr. O'Hare will share with the Board when he received it. Mr. Bahou wanted the Board to know that there is an option of viewing the meetings live via a live stream viewed on computers in people's homes. Mr. Lenzi suggested that Sam Polten from WCAP radio be invited to a future meeting to discuss radio broadcasting as well as live television broadcasting. He also asked the Superintendent-Director to look into reviving the broadcasting club that used to be in existence for students.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2010 Technology Sub-Committee meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Tully gave a report from the Superintendent Evaluation Sub-Committee meeting that had taken place prior to the regular meeting on October 7, 2010.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the Superintendent's evaluation tool as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to go into Executive Session for strategy with respect to contract negotiations and arbitrations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

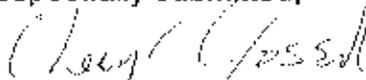
There will be no votes taken after Executive Session.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Morin to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 Yes, 3 Absent (Mr. O'Hare, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Tully)

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary