

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lenzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Lenzi asked for a moment of silence in memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001

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
Charlene Pires, Summer Academic Support Program
Peter Kenney, Summer Academic Support Program
Christine Bobola, Director of Adult-Postsecondary
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no public appearances.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

There were no school committee communications.

REPORT OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Ashley Hillson gave a report of upcoming and recently held events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Mr. Laferriere, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2011.

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. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,224,445.22 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1853-1	dated 08/26/11	Accounts Payable	344,015.59
Warrant 1855	dated 09/09/11	Accounts Payable	769,565.31
Warrant 1853-B	dated 08/26/11	Payroll Warrant #291	321,715.48
Warrant 1855-A	dated 09/09/11	Payroll Warrant #293	788,152.66
Warrant 1854	dated 08/26/11	Bank of America	996.18

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Santoro introduced Charlene Pires and Peter Kenney who provided an update on the Summer Academic Support Program.

Superintendent Santoro invited Mr. Lussier to provide an update on the summer school program. 61 students completed the program and 2 did not complete due to attendance issues.

Superintendent Santoro requested a change of date for the November meeting due to the MASC/MASS Joint Conference being held on the date of the November meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 8. It was also agreed that starting with the October meeting, the meetings would start at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

Next, Superintendent Santoro introduced Director of Adult Post-Secondary Programs Christine Bobola. Ms. Bobola presented her request for an increase to the LPN program tuition. She requested that the in-district tuition increase from \$5,500 to \$6,500 and the out-of-district tuition increase from \$6,800 to \$8,200. Discussion took place regarding this request. Mr. Bahou requested that the out-of-district tuition be increased higher than \$8,200 and that the in-district be increased less than the \$6,500 recommendation. Since the deposit amount is a percentage of the tuition, he also expresses his concern for students being able to afford an increase in the deposit amount. Mr. O'Neill suggested that the deposit amount remain the same as what is required based on the current tuition. That suggestion was agreeable to all.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to approve the tuition increase as requested \$6,500 for in-district and \$8,200 for out-of-district.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: by Mr. Bahou to increase the in-district tuition to \$6,000 and out-of-district tuition to \$9,000.

The substitute motion failed due to lack of a second. The vote on the original motion was as follows.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 7 Yes, 1 No (Mr. Bahou)

Superintendent Santoro provided a brief update on summer building work projects.

Lastly, Superintendent Santoro asked for Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

There was no report of the Business Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Hare asked that a motion be put on the agenda for the October meeting regarding Greater Lowell continuing with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. O'Neill provided information on health insurance and the rising costs. He expressed his frustration that no progress is being made with teacher negotiations regarding health insurance. With the recent passing of new legislation regarding health insurance, by removing health insurance from the contract Mr. O'Neill indicated that it may facilitate the settlement of a contract. He asked that the administration and Finance Sub-Committee look into health insurance options (including joining the GIC) in an effort to reduce the cost of health insurance to the District.

Mr. Tully informed the Board that it was time to complete the Superintendent's evaluation and asked that the process be complete in time for the November meeting.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Olson presented the report of the August 18, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to accept the August 18, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Olson presented the report of the August 24, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to accept the August 24, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Olson presented the report of the August 31, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Hare, seconded by Mr. Bahou to accept the August 31, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Olson presented the report of the September 1, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Morin to accept the September 1, 2011 OPM Selection Sub-Committee report.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Mr. Olson gave an update of the MSBA Building Committee meeting held prior to this meeting.

MOTION: by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve Heery to serve as the OPM for the Greater Lowell Technical High School renovation project, and if negotiations fail with Heery, to approve R.F. Walsh Collaborative Partners to serve as the OPM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Morin to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

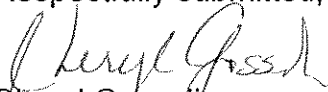
The meeting with reconvene for adjournment purposes only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Bahou to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Gosse
Recording Secretary