

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 13, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lenzi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members

Present: Mr. Laferriere, Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Olson, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Tully
(Mr. Bahou arrived after roll call)

Absent: Mr. Morin

Also

Present: Mary Jo Santoro, Superintendent-Director
George Garabedian, School Business Administrator
David Bradley, District Treasurer
Chad Fallon, Director of Assessment Services
Nancy Harrington, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no public appearances.

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. Olson, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve the minutes from the meeting of August 18, 2011.

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

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. Laferriere to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,948,095.65 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1855-1	dated 09/23/11	Accounts Payable	443,423.39
Warrant 1858	dated 10/07/11	Accounts Payable	870,633.71
Warrant 1855-B	dated 09/23/11	Payroll Warrant #295	827,969.84
Warrant 1858-A	dated 10/07/11	Payroll Warrant #297	805,733.34
Warrant 1856	dated 09/23/11	August Meals Tax	8.23
Warrant 1857	dated 09/23/11	Bank of America	327.14

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

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Santoro introduced Chad Fallon who provided an update on spring 2011 MCAS results. Out of 512 students who took the test in English Language Arts 52 were advanced, 302 were proficient, 148 needs improvement and 10 failed. Out of 513 students who took the test in Mathematics 113 were advanced, 190 were proficient, 166 needs improvement and 36 failed. In Science the Grade 9 results were 24 advanced, 155 proficient, 58 needs improvement and 1 failed. The Grade 10 Science results were 3 advanced, 95 proficient, 58 needs improvement and 36 failed. The Grade 11 Science results were 10 needs improvement and 13 failed the Grade 12 results were 4 needs improvement and 4 failed. The results for AYP were No Status for English Language Arts and Improvement Year 1 – Subgroups in Mathematics.

Superintendent Santoro invited Mrs. Harrington to present the 2011-2012 Teacher Handbook for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O’Neill to approve the 2011-2012 Teacher Handbook as presented.

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

Superintendent Santoro gave an update on the Dracut transportation assessment. She informed the Board that the Dracut Town Manager had sent a letter saying that they would not be paying the total assessment. Superintendent Santoro sent the Town Manager a letter to which she has not had any response.

Superintendent Santoro informed the Board of a MAVA sponsored Legislative Breakfast being held on November 1 in Boston. Any Board members interested in attending

should contact Cheryl Gosselin so she can register them. A letter is being sent to the local delegation inviting them to the breakfast as well.

Next, Superintendent Santoro informed the Board of an opportunity for one of our Cooperative Education students who had been asked by his employer to apprentice on a two week project with the Virgin Islands National Historical Park.

Superintendent Santoro provided an update on a substance abuse forum that some students and administrators as well as Mr. Lenzi had attended at the invitation of Representative Tom Golden.

Superintendent Santoro asked for approval to accept a donation to the Anime Club from a parent of a TV DVD/VHS combination with an approximate value of \$70.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson to accept a donation from a parent of a TV DVS/VHS combination with an approximate value of \$70 to the Anime Club.

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

Superintendent Santoro asked for approval to accept a donation from Doyle Lumber of miscellaneous wood products with an approximate value of \$579 to the Construction Cluster.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Laferriere to accept a donation from Doyle Lumber of miscellaneous wood products with an approximate value of \$579 to the Construction Cluster.

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

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

Lastly, Superintendent Santoro informed the Board of the Fall Sports Award nights being held on November 9 and December 1.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian provided an update on ongoing projects in the Business Office. Mr. Garabedian asked for approval for transfers in the amount of \$21,475.10

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve transfers in the amount of \$21,475.10 as presented.

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

Mr. Garabedian provided an update on the MSBA project status.

Mr. Garabedian provided an update on the Municipal Health Insurance Reform Act.

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.

COMMITTEEPERSON MOTIONS

MOTION: by Mr. Lenzi, seconded by Mr. O'Hare to support all initiatives for peer mentoring program where training is provided for older students to mentor younger students with an emphasis on healthy choices and goal setting.

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

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of the September 8, 2011 MSBA Building Committee meeting was presented for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the report of the September 8, 2011 MSBA Building Committee meeting as presented.

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

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

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

The meeting with reconvene for adjournment purposes only.

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Gosselin
Recording Secretary