

GREATER LOWELL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laferriere called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members

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

Mr. Lenzi and Mr. O'Hare were absent

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
Elizabeth Bennett, Student Activities Coordinator
Michael McGovern, Coordinator of School Information
Cheryl Gosselin, Recording Secretary

The next two items were taken out of order from the Superintendent-Director's report.

Superintendent Cassin introduced Ms. Santoro who introduced the Top 10 Seniors.

Superintendent Cassin introduced Ms. Bennett who introduced the SkillsUSA state competition winners.

Chairman Laferriere returned to the agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

Ms. Diane Sawlan spoke about student achievement and the positive impact GLTHS has had on her graduating senior.

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. Tully, seconded by Mr. Morin to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O’Hare)

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Bahou to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 26, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O’Hare)

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2010 with the correction of the typographic error.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O’Hare)

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’Neill to approve expenditures for the sum of \$2,752,758.44 allocated as follows:

Warrant 1784-1	dated 04/23/10	Accounts Payable	337,709.34
Warrant 1790	dated 05/07/10	Accounts Payable	764,214.02
Warrant 1784-B	dated 04/23/10	Payroll Warrant #221	848,392.79
Warrant 1790-A	dated 05/07/10	Payroll Warrant #223	798,375.23
Warrant 1787	dated 04/23/10	January – March Sales Tax	162.82
Warrant 1788	dated 04/23/10	Pre-Cut Warrant	3,075.93
Warrant 1789	dated 04/23/10	Bank of America	232.87
Warrant 1791	dated 05/07/10	April Meals Tax	595.44

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O’Hare)

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNSEL

There was no report of general counsel.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

Superintendent Cassin presented the 2010-2011 school calendar for approval.

MOTION: by Mr. O’Neill, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O’Hare)

Superintendent Cassin requested approval for automotive students and staff to attend a field trip to Musclepaloosa in West Lebanon, New York on May 30, 2010.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to approve the request for automotive students and staff to attend a field trip to Musclepaloosa in West Lebanon, New York on May 30, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

Superintendent Cassin requested approval for students and staff to attend the SkillsUSA national competition in Kansas City June 21-26, 2010.

MOTION: by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Tully to approve the request for students and staff to attend the SkillsUSA national competition in Kansas City June 21-26, 2010.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

Superintendent Cassin requested approval for two automotive staff members to attend the AYES convention.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Olson to approve the request for two automotive staff members to attend the AYES convention.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

Superintendent Cassin requested approval to accept a donation of a barber chair for the Cosmetology department. The value of the chair is approximately \$300.00.

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson to accept a donation of a barber chair for the Cosmetology department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

Superintendent Cassin gave an update on the golf tournament which took place on May 3. The tournament raise in excess of \$56,000.

Next Superintendent Cassin asked for approval to extend Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum John Lavoie's contract for three years with no changes to the terms of the contract. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Lavoie's annuity.

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Olson to extend John Lavoie's contract for three years with no changes in the terms and no salary increase for FY11 with the option to negotiate the annuity and years 2 and 3 at a future date.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

Mr. Garabedian provided an update of ongoing business office projects. He informed the Board that the House had passed its version of the state budget which includes a \$27,670 increase as well as a \$34,041 increase to transportation. Mr. Garabedian stated that the state had released the FY10 SFSF grant funds totaling \$552,397. Mr. Garabedian continues to work on the MSBA and energy projects in an effort to keep the projects moving forward. Superintendent Cassin asked that a meeting be set up to review the status of the MSBA and energy projects.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: by Mr. Tully, seconded by Mr. Olson that the committee work with school counsel, Superintendent-Elect Santoro and her attorney to draw up a contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

Mr. Bahou provided an update to his request at the last meeting to broadcast the GLTHS meetings live in Lowell.

MOTION: by Mr. Bahou, seconded by Mr. O'Neill to communicate with LTC to see if we can air the meetings live at no cost to the school.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. Lenzi, Mr. O'Hare)

ADJOURN

MOTION: by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Olson to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 Yes, 2 Absent (Mr. O'Hare, Mr. Tully)

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Cassin
Superintendent-Director