

Update on hold of Federal Title Grants and Discovery Club Funding.

Superintendent Marotta provided an update on federal Title Grants and Discovery Club Funding. She stated that there would be three (3) ten-week sessions of Discovery Club. Dr. Marotta was hopeful that these funding matters would be resolved shortly at the federal level.

Attorney Magliocchetti noted the importance of this funding to the Haverhill Community and suggested reaching out to our federal legislative delegation. He stated the negative impact on working families.

Mrs. Lalumiere related that Discovery Club was so important for students and asked the superintendent for proper planning if grant funds are not received by Haverhill to support this after-school program.

Superintendent Marotta responded that planning was already underway with community agencies in the event that alternative options are needed for our students.

Approval of the Superintendent’s Proposal for a Title Change for Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Leading to Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Leading to better reflect the current scope of duties (job description is included in the packet). This change does not include any salary adjustment as approved in executive session (Vote Required).

Dr. Marotta related that Mrs. Antkowiak had been functioning in this role and the vote would better reflect her duties. She acknowledged Mrs. Antkowiak’s 31 years of service in the district.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve the title change for Chief of Teaching, Learning, and Leading to Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Leading to better reflect the current scope of duties (job description is included in the packet). This change does not include any salary adjustment as approved in executive session (Vote Required). Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

8 members voted in the affirmative
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

School Committee Reports/Communications.

Attorney Rosa: Request for School Committee approval of non-monetary revisions to the Superintendent’s contract to ensure consistency with current state law and expectation, as outlined in the agenda materials. Vote Required.

Attorney Rosa outlined the changes, specifically the clerical edits.

Mrs. Lalumiere inquired about vacation days.

Attorney Rosa responded that the changes were required by state law.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve non-monetary revisions to the Superintendent's contract to ensure consistency with current state law and expectation, as outlined in the agenda materials. Dr. Story seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

8 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Attorney Rosa: Update on the progress elementary schools are making using the Ignite Reading tutoring program.

Attorney Rosa acknowledged Ms. Jennifer Peterson, ELA Curriculum Supervisor (K-12) and Mrs. Bonnie Antkowiak, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Leading to provide a presentation on Ignite Tutoring 24/25.

Ms. Peterson explained that the program was a one-on-one tutoring session for mostly first graders with a tutor in the classroom (15-minute virtual session using headphones).

Superintendent Marotta clarified that the program was entirely grant funded by DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education).

Ms. Peterson offered that 91 seats had been funded and that 85 (\$1,500/seat) were occupied from October through April. She noted that Haverhill Promise had extended five (5) at Tilton School through the end of the school year along with paying for six (6) seats at the school. Ms. Peterson noted that funding confirmation had not been received for the next school year.

Ms. Peterson reviewed the presentation with the committee. She highlighted Silver Hill School with a 91% attendance rate for their tutoring sessions and a 96% pass rate and Tilton School with a 92% attendance rate and a 85% pass rate. Ms. Peterson continued with the presentation overview along with examples of successes.

In response to Attorney Rosa's clarifying questions, Ms. Peterson replied that there were 20 sessions per skill equal to 15 hours and that the grant amount totaled \$127,500.

Mrs. Antkowiak reported on some good news in terms of funding:

- Prism grant = \$16,800 (leadership planning);
- Continuation Grant for PreK-3 (Community Schools which includes, YMCA, Marigold and Community Action) = \$330,000;
- State has earmarked HPS for \$660,000 (monies not realized yet).

Mrs. Antkowiak noted there would be more seats if there were increased grant funds.

Superintendent Marotta explained it would be a \$1M grant if funds are actually received from the state which contained supports, services and tutoring. She added that these grants would provide high dosage tutoring for every first grader in Haverhill who is not reading at grade level.

Mrs. Antkowiak stated that today, the district received notification of a Prism 3 grant for the high school in the amount of \$197,000 for grades 9-12 for implementation of the Odell ELA in grades 9 and 10 followed by piloting to grades 11 and 12. She noted that the monies needed to be spent by August 31, 2025, and materials had been ordered for the program. Mrs. Antkowiak added that a continuation grant would be written this fall. The assistant superintendent explained that each of the prism grants (2) were for five-years which would allow Haverhill to apply for four (4) more years.

Regarding Attorney Rosa's inquiry on the purpose of Prism grants, Mrs. Antkowiak answered that the grants' focus was on literacy (students reading on grade level by grade 3) along with high school ELA assistance (improvement of scores). She reported that it had just been confirmed that the district would be working with TNTP consultants

Dr. Marotta commented that this vendor had great success in Haverhill.

Mrs. Antkowiak informed the committee that the district had applied for a high dosage grant which would go towards more tutoring.

The superintendent related that the curriculum department had obtained \$1.6M in literacy grants alone this year.

Attorney Rosa requested that parents be informed of the importance of attendance since the program was funded by grants.

Ms. Peterson clarified that Ignite stipulated that if there was greater than 80% student participation rate it would meet the goals of the program.

In response to Attorney Rosa's question regarding the use of literacy funds for dyslexic students, Ms. Peterson replied yes, and noted there was a dyslexic team.

Dr. Grannemann suggested the implementation of a funding evaluation especially its impacts/extra benefits (grant support vs. non-grant support).

Ms. Peterson commented that students were being followed in the district.

Attorney Magliocchetti was impressed with the work being done within the district on literacy. He was hopeful that additional efforts would increase attendance. Attorney Magliocchetti applauded everyone who was involved in seeking grant funds and helping students.

Mrs. Lalumiere congratulated the curriculum team on obtaining \$1M in grants. She recommended that the grant cost (per student = \$1,500) be provided to parents as part of the invitation letter.

Dr. Grannemann: Outlook for Haverhill Public Schools Funding.

Dr. Grannemann referenced activities in Washington DC and noted the perfect storm in school financing. He noted the uncertainty of the impacts to public education. Dr. Grannemann outlined several options to offset federal and state cutbacks. He recommended cautious actions.

Attorney Rosa commented on the \$13M cuts over the past two years.

Mayor Barrett reported that the challenges were very real at this time. She was appreciative of Dr. Grannemann's expertise.

School Committee Community Announcements.

Attorney Rosa Summer Reading List, Freshman Orientation, and HPS Job Fair.

Mrs. Lalumiere commented that she and her children had recently attended a performance of "The Fantastic Mr. Fox".

Subcommittee Reports. There were no reports at this meeting.

Old Business.

Attorney Rosa: Update on ESP Negotiations.

Attorney Rosa had offered to implement the decision, which was not supported by the union. He noted additional discussion would be held during the executive session tonight.

Mrs. Lalumiere inquired about any additional contract negotiations.

Attorney Rosa related that there were dates for custodial negotiations. He related that Attorney Magliocchetti had requested dates for security specialists.

New Business.

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20250725 totaling \$9,155,896.75, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lalumiere to approve Warrant Number EV20250725 totaling \$9,155,896.75. Dr. Story seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the

following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstained	Mayor Barrett	Yes

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20250725A totaling \$7,480.25, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lalumiere to approve Warrant Number EV20250725A totaling \$7,480.25. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstained	Mayor Barrett	Yes

7 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20250714B APRIL 2025 P-Card totaling \$3,052.57, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve Warrant Number JE20250714B APRIL 2025 P-Card totaling \$3,052.57. Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

8 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20250714B MAY 2025 P-Card totaling \$6,177.01, as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello to approve Warrant Number JE20250714B MAY 2025 P-Card totaling \$6,177.01. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll

closed session, the public body will **not** return to an open session. Mrs. Lalumiere seconded the motion. The mayor requested a roll call vote with the following results:

Ms. Collins	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Dr. Grannemann	Yes	Dr. Story	Yes
Mrs. Lalumiere	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes	Mayor Barrett	Yes

8 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Documents reference in the meeting: [FINAL HSC Portfolio 07.24.25-1 \(1\).pdf](#); [Ignite Tutoring 24 25.pdf](#)