



EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

100 Elm St., Everett, MA 02149

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School Committee Members are meeting in person at Everett High School, and the in-person option is open to the public. Individuals who wish to participate in Public Comment must attend the meeting in person at Everett High School.

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. READING OF THE RECORDS

1. March 18, 2024

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Superintendent's Update
2. Request approval to rent the Lafayette School to the Everett Women's Volleyball League from September of 2024 through April of 2025
3. Request approval for the Everett High School musicians to travel to Washington, D.C. from Saturday, May 25, 2024, through Monday, May 27, 2024.
4. Request approval for a \$20,000 expenditure for the Everett High School STEM Club to travel to Charlotte, NC to compete in the Ten80 Racing Challenge 2024 Nationals on Friday, April 26, 2024, and Saturday, April 27, 2024.

VII. ITEMS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Request to approve a Resolution Calling for Fully Adjusting Chapter 70 Aid for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2025 and Beyond. **(Vice Chairperson Lambert)**
2. Request that the School Committee review and make a recommendation on an expenditure of \$5,000 to the Alma Advisory Group for the purpose of providing Search Committee Executive Session Minutes. **(Chairperson Cristiano)**

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT(S)

1. Rules, Policy, and Procedure: March 14, 2024

2. Budget Committee of the Whole: Thursday, March 26, 2024

IX. BILLS AND PAYROLL

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. HEARINGS

XIII. MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, pursuant to Mass. Gen. L. c. 30A sec. 21(a)(7) to wit: Review of Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

DATE: 04/01/2024

SUMMARY - SCHOOL COMMITTEE

STUDENT HANDBOOKS:

\$0.00

ADMINISTRATIVE GENERAL EXPENDITURES:

\$48,037.97

INSTRUCTIONAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES:

\$168,074.07

INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIAL EXPENDITURES:

\$1,030,929.64

MAINTENANCE ALL EXPENDITURES:

\$124,921.06

ELECTRICITY & GAS:

\$21,083.42

ATHLETICS:

\$15,759.97

SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL:

\$43,118.74

SPECIAL ED TUITION:

\$261,393.99

TRANSPORTATION:

\$18,219.50

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STUDENT ACTIVITY: \$5,349.90

CIRCUIT BREAKER: \$0.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS: \$0.00

DEVENS REVOLVING: \$0.00

CAFETERIA: \$0.00

GRANTS: \$293,021.34

REVOLVING: \$0.00

ENCUMBRANCE: \$9,719.74

TOTAL OTHER: \$308,090.98

TOTAL FY24 BUDGET: \$1,731,538.36

TOTAL OTHER: \$308,090.98

**GRAND TOTAL -
ALL BILLS: \$2,039,629.34**



EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Budget Committee of the Whole Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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Chairperson Cristiano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Ms. Robin Babcock, Mr. Marcony Barros, Ms. Margaret Cornelio, Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Ms. Joanna Garren, Ms. Samantha Hurley, Ms. Samantha Lambert, and Chairwoman Jeanne Cristiano.

ABSENT: Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Joseph LaMonica, both of whom communicated to the Chairperson that they were unable to attend the meeting due to family considerations.

Also Present: Superintendent of Schools William Hart, Interim Assistant Superintendent Gretchen Manning, Budget and Grants Director Christopher Schweitzer, and Student Representative Salvatore DiDomenico.

Numerous Principals, Assistant Principals, department chairs, directors, and coordinators were all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Cornelio, to open Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

No one signed up for Public Comment.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to close Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

AGENDA

1. Discussion of the Everett Public Schools (EPS) proposed FY25 Budget

Superintendent Hart gave brief remarks about the proposed FY25 budget and its focus on teaching, learning, and student success.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to invite Interim Assistant Superintendent Gretchen Manning and Budget and Grants Director Christopher Schweitzer to come forward.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Manning gave an overview of the FY25 budget process, including timeline, stakeholder input, the main components of the budget, budget assumptions, and the end of ESSER funding.

Mr. Schweitzer presented the overall budget proposal, including enrollment projections, chargebacks, and breakdown of budget figures at the district and school level.

Ms. Manning and Mr. Schweitzer answered questions after each section of the presentation.

Chairperson Cristiano asked for a five-minute recess, which no member objected to.

The meeting re-started at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, to invite Director of Instruction Anne Auger to come forward.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Auger explained the role of instructional coaches and the support they offer to teachers.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Babcock, to excuse Director of Instruction Anne Auger with the customary thanks.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to invite Everett High School Principal Dennis Lynch to come forward.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to excuse Everett High School Principal Dennis Lynch with the customary thanks.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Lynch discussed ongoing work concerning Student Activity Accounts and answered questions from the members.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Cornelio, to excuse Interim Assistant Superintendent Gretchen Manning and Budget and Grants Director Christopher Schweitzer with the customary thanks.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to refer this to the April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Everett School Committee.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Mr. Barros: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Cornelio: Yes

Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes

Ms. Garren: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Chairwoman Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 8-0.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to adjourn.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.



EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Minutes

Rules, Policy, and Procedure Subcommittee
Thursday, March 14, 2024

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Subcommittee Chairman Marcony Barros called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Marcony Barros, Ms. Robin Babcock, Ms. Samantha Hurley, and Ms. Samantha Lambert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hurley offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to open Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

No one spoke during Public Comment.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to close Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS

Begin engagement and review of Rules and Policy, engaging the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Field Director and Policy Subscription Service.

(Vice Chairperson Lambert)

Ms. Lambert gave an overview of the process and how the Massachusetts Association of Schools Committees (MASC) will work with the Everett School Committee on its policies. Everett's MASC Field Representative is Alicia Mallon.

The members discussed the process.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to keep an open item in the Rules, Policy, and Procedure Subcommittee until the work is completed, and to invite Ms. Mallon from MASC to the next Subcommittee meeting to begin the process.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Chairman Barros: Yes

Motion carried, 4-0

Review and update of the Rules of the School Committee (Mr. Barros)

Mr. Barros provided an overview of the need for the School Committee to update its rules and policies.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, to take a five-minute recess.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting started again at 7:27 p.m.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, that Clerk David O'Connor give copies of the Rules of the School Committee to the Subcommittee members that only he and the individual member will have access to. The members will use these copies to make all suggested edits and recommendations that they want to bring before the entire Subcommittee.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Chairman Barros: Yes

Motion carried, 4-0

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hurley offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, to adjourn.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Documents Referenced

The Rules of the School Committee

Proposed "Norms and Belief" document



EVERETT SCHOOL COMMITTEE Minutes

Regular Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2024

Chairperson Cristiano called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Robin Babcock, Mr. Marcony Barros, Ms. Margaret Cornelio, Ms. Jeanne Cristiano, Mayor Carlo DeMaria, Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Ms. Joanna Garren, Ms. Samantha Hurley, Ms. Samantha Lambert, and Mr. Joseph LaMonica.

Also Present: Superintendent William Hart

READING OF THE RECORDS

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to waive the Reading of the Records for Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. LaMonica offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to open Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Public speaking began at 6:37 p.m.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: Joceyln Solis and Mayra Gutierrez

Mr. LaMonica offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, to close Public Comment.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Public speaking ended at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to take Roman Numeral X out of order.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Item X reads: Bi-monthly meeting with the full Student Advisory Council (Vice Chairperson Lambert)

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to invite the members of the Student Advisory Council to come forward.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed

Student Advisory Council members Sal DiDomenico, Kelly St. Fort, Emilia Maria Babcock, and Trinity Chen addressed the School Committee and answered questions from the members.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to excuse the members of the Student Advisory Council.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Sal DiDomenico presented his regular report spotlighting events and activities at Everett High.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to place the Report of the Student Representative on file.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. Superintendent's Update

Update included:

- Congratulations to the Everett High School Theatre Company for advancing to the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild Drama Festival Finals
- Congratulations to Everett Public Schools Coordinator of Music Eugene O'Brien for being named the Saugus-Everett Elks 2024 Irishman of the Year
- Recap of the district's Biliteracy Family Night, held on March 7, 2024
- The district's participation on the city's Youth Job Fair, held on March 16, 2024
- Announcement that the district is accepting registrations for the spring enrichment session
- Announcement that the district will begin registering students for its summer programming on April 8, 2024
- Announcement that the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 25
- Update regarding the Everett Public Schools' overcrowding situation and discuss potential renovation and expansion opportunities

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Mayor DeMaria, to place the Superintendent's Update on file.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Request approval of the district's Student Opportunity Act Plan as part of the district's FY25 budget proposal

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, to invite Director of Instruction Anne Auger to come forward.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Auger gave a presentation about the Student Opportunity Act (SOA) survey the district conducted and the main components of the SOA Plan, and she answered questions from the members.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to excuse Director of Instruction Anne Auger with the customary thanks.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, to approve the district's Student Opportunity Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Mr. Barros: Yes

Ms. Cornelio: Yes

Mayor DeMaria: Yes

Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes

Ms. Garren: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Mr. LaMonica: Yes

Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

Request approval for Everett High School to have a delayed entry on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, and Wednesday, March 27, 2024, to accommodate ELA MCAS testing

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, for favorable action.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Mr. Barros: Yes

Ms. Cornelio: Yes

Mayor DeMaria: Yes

Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes

Ms. Garren: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Mr. LaMonica: Yes

Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

Request to open contractual negotiations with the Custodians Union, SEIU, Local 888

Mayor DeMaria offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, for favorable action.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Accept a donation of a baby grand piano from Mr. Scott Taylor of Everett

Mayor DeMaria offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, to approve the donation and send a letter of thanks to Mr. Taylor.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Approve a request from I-STEAM Academy to host a robotics competition at Everett High School on Sunday, April 13, 2024

Mayor DeMaria offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, for favorable action.

Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A request for development of an RFP for interpretation and translation services for School Committee meetings and materials (Vice Chairperson Lambert)

Ms. Lambert spoke in favor of the motion. The members discussed the item and offered various ideas on how to improve language access during School Committee meetings.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Babcock, for favorable action.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Mr. Barros: Yes

Ms. Cornelio: Yes

Mayor DeMaria: Yes

Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes

Ms. Garren: Yes

Ms. Hurley: Yes

Ms. Lambert: Yes

Mr. LaMonica: Yes

Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

Ms. Babcock offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Barros, to investigate whether the district's Family Liaisons could provide interpretation services during School Committee meetings.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes

Mr. Barros: Yes

Ms. Cornelio: Yes

Mayor DeMaria: Yes
Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes
Ms. Garren: Yes
Ms. Hurley: Yes
Ms. Lambert: Yes
Mr. LaMonica: Yes
Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

To propose that the Finance and Negotiations subcommittee review and recommend approval of Bills and Payroll, rather than a designee (Vice Chairperson Lambert)

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, for favorable action, effective on Tuesday April 25, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes
Mr. Barros: Yes
Ms. Cornelio: Yes
Mayor DeMaria: Yes
Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes
Ms. Garren: Yes
Ms. Hurley: Yes
Ms. Lambert: Yes
Mr. LaMonica: Yes
Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

Designate an individual Committee member to approve Bills and Payroll, according to MGL Part 1, Title VI, Chapter 41, Section 56 (Vice Chairperson Lambert)

Mr. Barros offered a motion, seconded by Mayor DeMaria, to refer this back to sponsor.
Voice vote passed.

To authorize EPS to organize a Pride Flag Raising celebration at Everett High School on June 4, 2024, and ask the administration to provide any support necessary for a successful event. (Mr. Barros)

Mr. Barros spoke in favor of the motion.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mayor DeMaria, to make every member of the School Committee a co-sponsor of the motion.
Voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Mayor DeMaria, for favorable action.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes
Mr. Barros: Yes
Ms. Cornelio: Yes
Mayor DeMaria: Yes
Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes
Ms. Garren: Yes
Ms. Hurley: Yes
Ms. Lambert: Yes
Mr. LaMonica: Yes
Chairperson Cristiano: Yes
Motion carried, 10-0

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, to accept Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,793,306.57.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes
Mr. Barros: Yes
Ms. Cornelio: Yes
Mayor DeMaria: Yes
Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes
Ms. Garren: Yes
Ms. Hurley: Yes
Ms. Lambert: Yes
Mr. LaMonica: Yes
Chairperson Cristiano: Yes
Motion carried, 10-0

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Lambert, to pay Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$1,793,306.57.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ms. Babcock: Yes
Mr. Barros: Yes
Ms. Cornelio: Yes
Mayor DeMaria: Yes
Mr. D'Onofrio: Yes
Ms. Garren: Yes
Ms. Hurley: Yes
Ms. Lambert: Yes
Mr. LaMonica: Yes
Chairperson Cristiano: Yes

Motion carried, 10-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bi-monthly meeting with the full Student Advisory Council (**Vice Chairperson Lambert**)

Ms. Lambert offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Hurley, to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Everett Women's
Volleyball League

17 Prescott Street
Everett, MA 02149

March 18, 2024

Mr. William D. Hart
Superintendent of Schools
121 Vine Street
Everett, MA 02149

Dear Mr. Hart:

As President of the Everett Women's Volleyball League, I would like to thank you, Mr. David Brady and all others in the School Department who have made our using the Lafayette School gym possible. All of the people who we have worked with in the School Department have been very cooperative and responsive to our requests. Our members have been extremely pleased with their experience in this excellent facility.

We very much would like to continue to use the Lafayette gym for our entire 2024-2025 season. We hope that you and the School Committee will grant us permission to do so.

Below is the tentative 2024-2025 schedule (our 52nd season):

Event	Dates	Times	Location
Registration	Wednesday, 9/4/2024	7:00 PM -8:30 PM	Lafayette Lobby
Practice	Wednesday, 9/11/2024	7:00 PM -9:00 PM	Lafayette Gym
Practice/Draft	Wednesday, 9/18/2024	7:00 PM -10:30 PM	Lafayette Gym
Regular League Play	Every Wednesday (excluding holidays and school vacations) from 9/25/2024 to late April, 2025	7:00PM-10:30PM	Lafayette Gym

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Everett School Department for our next season. Please let me know if you need me to fill out any forms to formally request the Lafayette Gym for Wednesday nights during the 2024-2025 volleyball season. Also, please let me know if you would like me and the other League Officers to appear before the School Committee.

If you need to call me, my daytime phone number is (617) 840-1064, and my home phone is (617) 387-7360.

Thanks once again for your tremendous support during the last seven seasons. We look forward to working with you and all members of the School Department next year.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Mangraviti

Mary Frances Mangraviti
President, Everett Women's Volleyball League

cc: Keri Lemsters, Treasurer, EWVBL

Robert Moreschi, Facilities Director
David Brady, Principal Lafayette School
Tracie Haggerty, Everett School Department
Jennifer Otterson, Secretary, EWWBL

Resolution Calling for Fully Adjusting Chapter 70 Aid for Inflation for Fiscal Year 2025 and Beyond

WHEREAS, Chapter 70 of the General Laws provides a structure for allocation of school aid based on the Foundation Budgets that reflects the needs and costs for Massachusetts school districts and,

WHEREAS, the “Foundation inflation index” is an essential element of the school aid formula needed to maintain the purchasing power of district Foundation Budgets, and

WHEREAS, the Chapter 70 Section 2 definition of the Foundation inflation index limits each annual adjustment to no more than 4.5 percent when inflation exceeds that amount, and

WHEREAS, application of that limit or cap on the Foundation inflation index in fiscal years 2023 and 2024 has reduced the base used to calculate Foundation Budgets for fiscal year 2025 and future years by about 6 percent below what is needed to maintain the purchasing power of Massachusetts schools, and

WHEREAS, a legislative change is needed (1) to fully reflect recent inflation in the Chapter 70 definition of the Foundation inflation index and (2) to eliminate the cap in future years, so as to restore the purchasing power of district Foundation budgets to reflect the intended resource allocations of the Student Opportunity Act,

THEREFORE: be it,

RESOLVED, that the Everett School Committee calls on the Massachusetts Legislature and the Governor to (1) amend Chapter 70 Section 2 of the General Laws (i) to provide a Foundation Inflation Index for Fiscal Year 2025 that fully adjusts for inflation occurring since the start of the Student Opportunity Act and (ii) to eliminate the upper limit on the Foundation inflation index for all future years, and (2) for fiscal year 2025, to fully fund the Student Opportunity Act including Foundation aid that fully accounts for inflation that has occurred since the passage of that act.

RESOLVED further, that the Everett School Committee calls on the Massachusetts Association of School Committees to work to advance legislation that would ensure that Chapter 70 Foundation Budgets for fiscal year 2025 and forward, are fully adjusted for all inflation that has occurred since the passage of the Student Opportunity Act.