

**TOWN OF HULL  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
APPROVED**

Date of Meeting: 3-5-07 Meeting Start: 7:30 PM Meeting Adjourned: 10:56 PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Others Attending
Charleen Tyson	x		Paula Delaney, Millie OCallahan, Debbie. McCarthy, Bob Hollingshead, Marcia Bohinic
Joan Senatore	x		Dick Kenney, Mary Merrigan, Maggie Rizzi, Maria Hortaridis, David Twombly, Catherine Bowes
Dennis Zaia	x		Louella Weiner, Kristen Evans, Jim Canavan, Kevin Richardson
Charlie Ryder		With notice	Chris McCabe, Stephanie Peters
Jim Tobin	x		Joan Meschino, Ledger Reporter
John Schmid	x		Dennis Blackall
Joan Cellini	x		
Jim O'Brien	x		
David Clinton	x		

**Agenda Items:**

- **Approval of Minutes (2/26)**
- **Town Manager updates**
- **Budget Presentation – School Committee/Final Budget Presentation**
- **Discussion – warrant articles**
- **Discussion – 5 year budget planning (as time permits)**
- **Other business/agenda for next meeting**

- **Town Manager updates**
- Chris is seeking authorization to spend up to \$15K for snow removal. We have presently exceed this budget.
- Local aid coming from the state is much less than what Chris had expected. Chris had expected \$7.1 m and the state is proposed at \$6.8. It will have an impact upon our total budget.

Motion: To approve to deficit spend.

Vote: unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore			x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder					
Jim Tobin		x	x		
John Schmid			x		
Joan Cellini			x		
Jim O'Brien	x		x		
David Clinton			x		

**Comments:**

- **Budget Presentation – School Committee/Final Budget Presentation**

Jim Canavan presented the School Committee as well as those school personnel in the audience. A reduction of 10 positions will be eliminated within the school department as a result of this budget.

Paula Delaney made a presentation for the entire school budget that will be level funded. Paula made the comparison of the school system to a business. School system has more than 200 employees. Safety is critical for all. Transportation is another large piece of the school business. We transport about 1,033 students each day. The schools feed 542 lunches to students each day. 11% of the students get a breakfast also. The school department must comply with about 103 directives from the Department of Education but do not include Special Education. We are not permitted to turn away any client (student). SPED placement can range from \$37k -200k per year. We must also maintain the buildings. We use grants to supplement our budget allowances even though these grants are decreasing each year.

Curriculum revision cycle  
 Another standardized assessment  
 Improve MCAS scores  
 Academic Support  
 Improve professional development  
 Maintain class size  
 Update instructional programs  
 Increase access to technology  
 Recruit and retain high quality teachers  
 Challenge to maintain staffing levels  
 Honor collective bargaining agreements  
 Preventative maintenance plan moving forward  
 Maintaining new facilities

Initial budget request was \$13,603,191 and today we come in with \$13,105,919.

With this reduced budget comes some risks:  
 Staffing, class size, after school programming, collective bargaining, deferent of maintenance initiatives.

Jim Canavan pointed out that the reading program presently being used is not 13 years old. It is a 7 year old program.

Grant monies are not reflected in the budget, it only shows the amount not covered by the grant.

Q & A followed with detailed answers from School Committee and School Department members.  
 Note: There were too many Q & A details to capture all the information.

Motion: To move into Executive Session to discuss personnel and collective bargaining.

Vote: Unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore			x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder					
Jim Tobin			x		
John Schmid			x		
Joan Cellini			x		
Jim O'Brien	x		x		
David Clinton		x	x		

Comments:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimous

Member	Made by	Seconded by	In Favor	In Opposition	Abstained
Charleen Tyson			x		
Joan Senatore			x		
Dennis Zaia			x		
Charlie Ryder					
Jim Tobin			x		
John Schmid			x		
Joan Cellini			x		
Jim O'Brien	x		x		
David Clinton		x	x		

Comments:

Respectfully submitted;  
Dennis Zaia  
Secretary/Clerk