

**TOWN OF HULL  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 3-16-15

Meeting Start: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 10:00 pm

Town of Hull Advisory Board Meeting (Joint Meeting with School Committee and Board of Selectmen)

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Other
	X		Phil Lemnios
	X		Eric Hipp
	X		Stephanie Peters
	X		Dave Twombly
	X		Marianne Harte
	X		Michelle Lanner
	X		Dr. Kathleen Tyrell
	X		Scott Sivo
	X		Judy Kuehn
	X		Matt Gillis
	X		James Lampke
	X		Domenico Sestito
John Schmid	X		
Dick Kenney	X		
David Clinton	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Jill Dennard	X		
Bob Carney	X		
John Tiani	X		
Christine Carr			
George Boylen	X		
Dan Sullivan	X		

Exhibits	Description
20150316-A	Town of Hull Commonwealth of Massachusetts letter
20150316-B	School Department Budget Presentation

### Advisory Board (AB) Business

AB reviewed the Town of Hull Commonwealth of Massachusetts letter (see Exhibit 20150316-A).

Motion made by Dick K to accept the wording and content. Seconded by John S.

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
John Schmid		X	X	
Dick Kenney	X		X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	
John Tiani			X	
Christine Carr				
George Boylen			X	
Dan Sullivan			X	

Comments: Motion carried

### School Department Budget Presentation (see Exhibit 20150316-B)

Presenters:

- 1) Dr. Kathleen Tyrell (Superintendent) - Presented the school budget
- 2) Scott Sivo (Assistant Principal, Hull High School) - Presented a list of desirable characteristics of students as defined by industry; presentation section entitled "Pathway to College and Career Readiness for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners"
- 3) Judy Kuehn (Assistant Superintendent) - Reviewed the 7 goals of Hull education defined in the presentation and identified ways Hull is going to support those goals.
- 4) Matt Gillis (Business Manager) - Provided an overview of the budget and the budget process.

At the close of the presentation, the floor was opened up to questions.

Prior to starting, Dan S has moved to the audience (based on discussion with Town Counsel).

Bob C – What do you do to seek grants? School fills out applications for grants for mathematics, special education, etc., to see if there is a fit with any of the programs.

Peter L – Hull has the highest expenditure per pupil in the South Shore area. Could you please explain? Hull spends \$15,600 / pupil. Hull's value has been high because of the relatively low number of students. Lately, there has been a slight drop in students. There is a certain amount of requirements that all schools must meet. Each school system must spend a minimum amount. The net school spending requirement is lower in Hull as compared to nearby communities.

Dave C – Please explain the minimum local contribution. The two components of the net minimum spending requirement are Chapter 70 aid and residential taxes.

Dave C – Comparison of other towns to Hull. If Hull is spending \$15,600 and other communities are spending \$12,000, how do we quantify the \$3600 difference? What are we getting for this extra money? Biggest expenses are what you are spending on regular education, special education, and

benefits/salary for staff.

Dick K – Has the school committee ever voted whether or not to have the study performed? No.

Dick K - Reviewed the ESE report, the Memorial School was level 3, very close to the lowest 20% of all schools. Why is the Memorial School doing so poorly when compared to the Jacobs school?

Tony Hrivnak – A string of principals have left after a couple of years. 14 of 22 faculty members have changed over in the last year or two. It will take a couple of years for the new teachers to become proficient. The district review involved 11 classes (4 were social studies). There are no full time social studies teachers. The teachers involved with the observations have since left. The average years of experience at the Memorial School is 5 years.

Jill D – In light of declining numbers, is there any thought of future consideration to revisit the study? There was a slight uptick nationally, continue to follow local birthrates locally, because they will help determine school sizing in 5 years. A higher percentage of Hull students are going to Hull schools.

### **Advisory Board and Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Domenico S – Agree that it is late enough to warrant the scheduling of a separate meeting to discuss capital planning.

First item for business on 3/30 will be citizen's petition and then discuss capital planning with board of selectmen; advisory board, immediately after. Meeting will be at Town Hall.

Next meeting will be 3/23.

### **Committee Updates: Capital Improvements Committee, Beach Committee, others**

No updates.

### **Meeting Minutes Review / Approval**

A decision was made to postpone review / approval of the minutes til next meeting due to time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dick K, seconded by Jay P

Motion: Vote to adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
John Schmid			X	
Dick Kenney	X		X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito		X	X	
Peter Larsen				
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	
John Tiani			X	
Christine Carr			X	
George Boylen			X	
Dan Sullivan			X	

Comments: Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

