

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
David Twombly, Secretary (present)
Marianne Harte, Member (present)
Kelley Huxtable, Member (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Matthew J. Gillis, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, Chair at 7:04 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

There was a moment of silence to acknowledge the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the December 7, 2015 agenda with the following change:

Move Superintendent's Business Item 6.1 to after 6.2 and move item 6.3 to after 6.4.

Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, September 21, 2015 Executive Committee meeting
- Monday, October 19, 2015 regular meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.2 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field RFP – Discussion

Mr. Hipp stated that he received a letter from the Advisory Board formally asking the

School Committee to postpone awarding the turf field RFP until the town votes at the May election. Mr. David Clinton, Advisory Board Chair, said he wanted to make it clear that his board did not vote to say we are against the turf project, adding that they did endorse the funding source if the debt exclusion passes. The purpose of waiting is to put fiscal restraints in place since we don't know if the project will take place.

Committee members and community members discussed the issue of the RFP's, the turf field and the debt exclusion. Committee members agreed that the more information gathered in advance of the Town Meeting the better informed the community would be. They all agreed that something has to be done about the field because it is a danger and this process will help in the future no matter what the vote is on the debt exclusion. When questioned, Mr. Gillis told that the Committee would rank each firm's proposal then they could open the proposals with the prices. He explained that there were six steps in each proposal and the Committee could halt the process after any of the phases if they wanted to wait until there is a debt exclusion vote from the town.

The Committee ranked the three finalists as follows:

DT – David Twombly, SP-Stephanie Peters, EH-Eric Hipp, MH-Marianne Harte, KH – Kelley Huxtable

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Evaluation Criteria		Max Score	DT	SP	EH	MH	KH
A	Experience working on similar projects	5	5	5	5	3	5
B	On time and on budget	5	5	5	5	5	5
C	Evaluation of proposed plan	5	3	3	5	1	5
D	Assigned project manager's years of experience	5	5	3	5	5	5
E	Assigned staff with architect or engineering background	5	5	3	5	5	5
F	Any other criteria committee deems relevant to the project	5	3	3			5

Comments on F were as follows:

DT – a lot of colleges

SP – I didn't have a sense that they looked at the project timeline

KH - Clear alternative forms of in-fill

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A	Experience working on similar projects	5	5	5	5	5	5
B	On time and on budget	5	5	5	5	5	5
C	Evaluation of proposed plan	5	3	3	5	5	3
D	Assigned project manager's years of experience	5	3	5	5	5	3
E	Assigned staff with architect or engineering background	5	3	3	5	3	3
F	Any other criteria committee deems relevant to the project	5	3	3	3		

MH – Mike has extensive experience

Gale Associates							
Evaluation Criteria		Max Score	DT	SP	EH	MH	KH
A	Experience working on similar projects	5	5	5	5	5	1
B	On time and on budget	5	5	5	5	5	5
C	Evaluation of proposed plan	5	5	5	5	5	5
D	Assigned project manager's years of experience	5	5	5	5	5	5
E	Assigned staff with architect or engineering background	5	5	5	5	5	5
F	Any other criteria committee deems relevant to the project	5	5	5			

KH – no organic in-fill

Gale Associates – 121

Vote: 5-0-0

6.1 PARCC Testing Presentation

Ms. Judith Kuehn presented PARCC testing in grades 3-8, which included the following:

- Next Steps

Ms. Kuehn told the Committee that Hull test scores were at or above the State scores in many categories. She added that Hull, along with the State scores were lower than with MCAS at the elementary level because these students are not used to taking computer based testing but the middle school scores are up. She added that eventually we will get the results for each child on each question and be able to look at the test closer.

Mr. Hipp handed out information on the 2015 PARCC results and stated that there is a big

discrepancy between disabilities, disadvantaged and males and that is why our costs are high.

6.4 School Attending Children Report

Dr. Tyrell presented the following information on school attending children:

- During the past 10 year period the Town of Hull has seen a decrease in the number of all school attending children residing within the town.
- There are 360 fewer students that live in Hull from 2006-2007 through 2015-2016.
- The percentage of available students attending Hull Schools went from a low of 82.3% to this year's high of 87.2%.
- Students attending Jacobs Elementary School has gone from 83% in 2006-2007 to 91% in 2015-2016.
- Overall, the number of students attending vocational technical programs has declined.
- There has been a significant decrease in the number of children and the percentage of children attending the South Shore Charter School.

School Committee requested school attending children information be put on the Town website.

6.3 School Business Administrator Resignation

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator had given her a letter of resignation and has accepted a job in the Brookline Public Schools. Committee members thanked Mr. Gillis for his work in Hull and wished him well in the future.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to accept Mr. Matthew Gillis' resignation, with regret.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy JK Prevention of Physical Restraint and Behavior Support Policy

Policy JLC Student Health Services and Requirements

Policy JLCA Physical Examinations of Students

Policy JLCB Immunizations of Students

Policy JLCC Communicable Disease

Policy JLCCA AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) School Attendance Policy

Policy JLCCA-RAIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Resolution

Policy JLCD Administering Medication to Students

Policy JLCD-E Medication Error Report

Policy JLCE First Aid, Emergency Medical Care and Accident Reports

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 Old Business Items

8.1 Sub-committees

- The last HTA negotiations session was held the Monday before Thanksgiving. There was no final resolution and after that meeting the School Committee filed for mediation. A State appointed mediator will be added and schedule the next session.

8.2 Donations

None

9.0 New Business

The Hull Theatre Arts winter play *Our Town*, the first non-musical show, will be presented on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12.

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. PARCC Testing Presentation
2. PARCC Testing Results from the DESE Website
3. School Attending Children Report

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on January 25, 2016.

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee