

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

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)

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools  
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp at 7:02 p.m. at Hull High School Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda  
**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** Kelley Huxtable  
Move to approve the June 6, 2016 agenda with the following change. Add *and custodians* to the end of the first sentence under Executive Session.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative  
None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes  
**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly  
Table the April 4, 2016 minutes until next meeting and have Ms. Huxtable email changes she would like to make to Ms. Ollerhead.  
Move approve the following minutes as presented:
- Monday, April 25, 2016 regular meeting.
  - Tuesday, May 17, 2016 regular meeting.
  - Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Executive Session.
- Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 School Committee Business Items

School Committee Position on Ballot Questions

Mr. Hipp said that he was asked a question from a School Committee and had the same questions himself regarding School Committees authority to take positions on ballot questions. He referred Committee members to the documents in the School Committee packet regarding this issue. He said that there are limitations on taking positions and using government resources for political purposes. Mr. Hipp said that there are currently three petitions, one regarding lifting the charter school cap, one regarding transportation and another one. He added that it is not timely yet to take a position but if members would like to discuss it they can. Ms. Huxtable said she would be interested on how the Committee feels about taking a stance on the charter school petition because we are losing students to the charter school. Mr. Twombly asked if it is worth taking a vote on the issue now or if the Committee should wait. Ms. Huxtable stated that MASC said there are currently 20 districts that have taken a vote and she felt strongly about the issue. Dr. Tyrell advised Ms. Huxtable to send resolution wording to Ms. Ollerhead. Mr. Hipp added that he does not have an issue with a parent sending their child to the school of their choice but the financial impact on our town is huge.

Ms. Deborah McCarthy, grade 5 teacher and audience member, stated that she was speaking as a MTA member and today has started off a week of saving our schools campaign. She said that the MTA has been fighting for this for over 10 months and over 50 school district have endorsed the campaign. She said that Hull loses over \$350,000 each year to the charter school. She said that if the cap was lifted there could be all charter schools. Mr. Hipp said that if Ms. McCarthy had a resolution he would be happy to take a look at it. Ms. McCarthy gave him a copy.

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 Jacobs School Handbook

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, stated that the Jacobs School Handbook had no policy or procedure changes. The only changes were formatting and organizing. She took out the welcome letter, calendar and list of staff members, stating that these items can be found on the website. Mr. Hipp asked Ms. Cappadona to specify when lost and found clothes would be donated to Wellspring. Ms. Huxtable asked if Ms. Cappadona could draw more attention to the nut free part of the snacks and lunches section of the handbook. She asked that it say Jacobs School is a nut free school. Ms. Cappadona stated that we cannot state we are peanut free because we cannot control what parents and children bring into the school and want the children to monitor what they eat. Dr. Tyrell said the district has been advised by pediatricians not to use the term "peanut free". Mr. Hipp stated that he is on the Wellness Committee and it is also the opinion of that committee not to say we are peanut free. Ms. Cappadona will change the snack and lunch section by moving the peanut information to the beginning.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the Jacobs School Handbook with the following change.

- Change the snack and lunch section by moving the peanut information to the beginning.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### 7.2 Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, presented the L.M. Jacobs School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: English/Language Arts
  - Goal 1 – to improve student performance in the area of English/Language Arts.
- Improvement Area Two: Mathematics
  - Goal 2 – to improve student performance in the area of mathematics.
- Improvement Area Three: Technology Enhancement
  - Goal 3 – to increase faculty and student access to technology.
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture and Community
  - Goal 4 – to provide positive learning experiences for students during and beyond the academic school day and to create a positive school culture.

Mr. Twombly suggested reaching out to seniors and empty nesters to get involved with the schools. He said that Boston and Revere have a reading program that brings the schools and the community together and it is advantageous to both students and seniors.

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be approving the Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan.

### 7.3 Memorial School Handbook

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, informed the Committee that there are no policy changes this year. He updated dates and personnel but that is all. Ms. Huxtable questioned the dress code section, she specifically wanted to change the word “cleavage” to “low neckline”. Ms. Huxtable also said that she thought the tone of the handbook has a negative connotation. Ms. Huxtable then questioned the wording in the fire drill section, stating that all those things need to be said but they could be said differently. Mr. Hipp disagreed, stating that he did not see anything wrong with the wording, which is succinct and straight to the point.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to accept the Memorial School Handbook with the following change.

- Change the word *cleavage* to *low neckline*.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### 7.4 Memorial School – School Improvement Plan

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, brought forward his School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: Communication
  - Objective: Improve communication between parents, the school and the community.
- Improvement Area Two: Curriculum and Instruction
  - Objective: Continue the implementation of best practices to address the academic needs of students.



- Improvement Area Two: Student Achievement
  - Objective: Continue to meet the increasing social and emotional needs of Hull High School students while also increasing the percentage of students who graduate from Hull High School in four years.
- Improvement Area Three: Assessment
  - Objective: Increase scores on the SAT, AP and MCAS exams.
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture
  - Objective: Assist students in making healthy decisions regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs and provide supports to those students who struggle with these issues.
- Improvement Area Five: Instruction
  - Objective: Improve the quality of the instruction that takes place at Hull High School.

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be approving the Hull High School – School Improvement Plan.

#### 7.8 Last Day of School

Dr. Tyrell recommended that schools are dismissed early on the last day of school, June 21, 2016 as follows:

Hull High School – 10:50 a.m.

Memorial School – 11:15 a.m.

Jacobs School – 11:45 a.m.

No lunches will be served.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to Move to approve the last day of school as an early release day with no lunches served.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the following policy for first reading:

Policy IA Instructional Goals

Policy IB Academic Freedom

Policy IC School Year/School Calendar

Policy ID School Day

Policy IE Organization of Instruction

Policy IGA Curriculum Development

Policy IGD Curriculum Adoption

Policy IHA Basic Instructional Program

Policy IHAA Supplement, Not Supplant

Policy IHAE Physical Education

**Vote:** 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- Budget Subcommittee meeting later this week
- HTA Negotiations have not resumed since last meeting. Mr. Hipp doesn't think there is a next meeting set up at this time

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Committee members congratulated graduating students and said it was a great ceremony. Also all the other end of year activities. Congratulations to everyone involved including students, teachers and parents.
- Mr. Devine said that at scholarship night 40% of students received over \$67,000 from local scholarships. He thanked everyone involved for their generosity.
- NECN came to Hull to do a report on the turf field.

13.0 Executive Session

Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the HTA (Teachers and Paraprofessionals) and Custodians. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

Attachments

1. Jacobs School Handbook
2. Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan
3. Memorial School Handbook
4. Memorial School – School Improvement Plan
5. Hull High School Handbook
6. Hull High School – School

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on June 20, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee