SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent David DeGennaro, Business Administrator Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp at 7:05 p.m. at Hull High School Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the flag.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Marianne Harte Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the April 4, 2016 agenda as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: David Twombly Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

• Monday, March 7, 2016

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 School Committee Business Items

6.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field Discussion

Mr. Hipp said that the turf working group has and many meetings and conference calls

and have been to two Conservation Commission meetings and will go to their meeting again on April 12. He added that there have been 9 different budgets for this project to tweak it to what it is today. Mr. Hipp continued, stating that the bid opening was originally scheduled for last Friday was pushed back to this Wednesday, April 6th because he was told about alternative vendors for lighting that could substantially reduce the cost of the lighting. He also stated that Gale consultants attended the last Conservation Commission meeting and he believed that meeting went well and they discussed responses to our plan and Gale had our reply.

6.2 Discussion of Foundation Budget Review Commission's Final Report Mr. Hipp stated that it was suggest that the State recommended a foundation budget commit to look at the Chapter 70 funding for each school district. He said that there is a formula and over time there are items that districts point out that are not reflected in the Chapter 70 funding, including health insurance, special education, low income, etc. He referred to page 10 of the report, which discusses finding regarding low-income students, including 1. Extending the school day or year, 2. Social and Emotional Needs/Mental and Physical, 3. Instructional Improvements, 4. Targeted Class Size Reductions for the Highest Need Populations, and 5. Early Education: Full Day Kindergarten and Full Day Pre-K. Mr. Hipp said that many School Committee's around the state have been sending a resolution and there is a draft resolution asking the state to fully fund these critical items. Dr. Tyrell added Hull is at the lowest end of the affluent communities in the Chapter 70 calculations.

Motion: David Twombly Second: Marianne Harte
Move to fully support the Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget

Review Commission's Recommendations as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.3 Discussion of Public Relations Campaign for Hull Public Schools and the Town of Hull

Mr. Hipp stated that Ms. Peters asked for this at the same time as the Rockport article came out and that this is exactly the sort of thing that we should be doing in our town. He also noted the other article about Avon. The articles discussed younger couples seeking to start a family in other towns very similar to our town. Mr. Hipp suggested setting up an Economic Committee, a town wide committee that could include selectmen and planning board members along with School Committee members and others, to address the declining enrollment and ways to get families to want to move to Hull. The Committee discussed the issue stating that there are constant things to celebrate in our schools and we say it but we could do a better job.

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

Public Budget Hearing

Motion: David Twombly Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to recess the regular meeting and move into the public budget hearing at 7:33 pm.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.1 Dr. Tyrell informed the public that we are required to have an annual public hearing on the school budget. She stated that the budget proposal will provide a similar school district that we have now. She said she is hopeful that we will be able to add some special educators, but cannot say for certain that we will be able to do that. Dr. Tyrell said that the budget is 2.75%, which matches the town managers budget.

The Committee discussed the SSEC rental and the positive impact of having Hull children educated in their own town. Dr. Tyrell said that the rental moneys will be allocated in FY17 as they are in FY16.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion: David Twombly Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to close the public budget hearing at 7:52 pm.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.2 Hull Public Schools Nasal-Naloxone Standing Orders for Emergency Treatment of Opioid Overdose

Kathleen Keegan, R.N., Jacobs School Nurse discussed the purpose and procedures for administering Narcan in the school setting. She explained that this is an attempt to be proactive in the current climate and has been found to prevent death from opioid overdose.

Motion: Marianne Harte Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the Nasal-Naloxone standing orders for emergency treatment of opioid overdose.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.3 Hull High School Program of Studies

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the proposed changes to the program of studies, which included:

- New course descriptions
- Deleted course descriptions
- Renamed Courses
- Modified Course Descriptions
- NCAA Disclaimer
- Revised SAT Descriptions

Mr. Devine discussed the difference between a level A diploma and a level B diploma.

Motion: Kelley Huxtable Second: Marianne Harte Move to approve the Hull High School Program of Studies as written

Vote: 4-0-0

7.4 FY17 Budget Discussion

Special Education Overview and Budget

Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services, was not available to attend the meeting so Ms. Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, presented the special education

overview and budget, which included the following:

- The special education process
- The components that drive the budgetary needs
- And why the budget fluctuates

Ms. Huxtable questioned parents meeting outside the SEPAC bylaws. Ms. Kuehn stated that the district is in total compliance with the laws of the SEPAC. Ms. Harte added that she has been on the SEPAC since her son was three and there are no issues.

Mr. Hipp stated that there has been an explosion in our budget on special education salaries and out-of-district tuitions. He added that it is costly but the students have rights and educating these students in their home district it is the right thing to do.

Jacobs School Overview and Budget

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the elementary school budget is put together and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- Dues and fees
- Supplies
- Textbooks/Curriculum

Memorial School Overview and Budget

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the elementary school budget is put together and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- **Accelerated Courses Offered**
- **Stipended Positions**
- Dues and fees
- Digital Learning
- **Textbooks**
- Other Curricular Materials
- Supplies

Technology Overview and Budget

Ms. Judith Saide, IT Director, listed each line item in the system technology budget and the explained the uses and reasons for the expenditures.

Revolving Funds

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Manager, discussed the forecast of expenses and revenues that come in and go out of each of the revolving funds. He stated that Massachusetts General Laws specifies how the funds in each account can be used.

8.0 **School Committee Policy Issues**

None

9.0 Old Business Items

- 9.1 Sub-committees
- The Capital Outlay Committee met last week and came up with a list of items to be completed in the first 5 years of the debt exclusion. The Committee will meet again tomorrow at 6:00 pm and then will meet with the Board of Selectmen at 8:00 pm to discuss the plan to go to town meeting. Mr. Hipp said that 50% of roads in town will be addressed in the first 5 years if the debt exclusion passes.
- The turf field working group has been meeting regularly and having conference calls with Gale Associate representatives.
- There is not another HTA Negotiation mediation session until April 27.
- The Goals Subcommittee will present the goals at the next meeting.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$10,000.00 from Hull Boosters Club to the Athletic Department
- \$5,916 from multiple donors of gate receipts to the Athletic Department
- \$4,000 from Hull Youth Basketball to the Athletic Department Freshman Basketball **Vote**: 4-0-0

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10.0 New Business

- The Empty Bowls fundraiser was a success, they raised a lot of money and the Hull High School Band played.
- Xanadu was a great performance. Almost the entire Mock Trial team preformed in the play.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
Ms. Harte and Mr. Hipp commented that people should be respectful when posting on
Facebook, especially during this busy election season.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly Second: Marianne Harte

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Vote 4-0-0

Attachments

- 1. Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission's Recommendations
- 2. Naloxone (Narcan) Use in the School Setting presentation
- 3. Hull High School Program of Studies

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These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 6, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary Hull School Committee