

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

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

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