

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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

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

There was a moment of silence for former school employee Cynthia Kellem and Michael Gallagher, former School Committee member and father of Maura Jones, Jacobs School teacher.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the September 19, 2016 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

None

- The school year is starting out smoothly
- Sports are in full swing
- The play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* has been cast and they are rehearsing
- Elections were held for school officers

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• Monday, March 22, 2016 meeting with Conservation Commission

- Monday, March 28, 2016 meeting with Advisory Board
- Thursday, April 14, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Friday, June 10, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Monday, June 20, 2016 Regular meeting
- Monday, June 20, 2016 Executive Session
- Monday, August 15, 2016 School Committee Retreat
- Monday, August 15, 2016 Retreat Executive Session

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Community Outreach Subcommittee Discussion

Ms. Fleming requested this item on the agenda and stated that she suggested this because she has children in the school system and when during campaign season she realized that there are a lot of good things happening in the schools that the community does not know about. She would like to see this information disseminated in social media, newspapers and have liaisons in the community to help us. She added that community members may have ideas but think they don't get recognized or we don't take their input. She would like to see more people in town and out of town be aware of how great we are by taking advantage of all the good work that has been done and continues to be done. When asked what the Committee would look like and what the charge of the Committee would be, Ms. Peters suggested that the Committee would flush out all the questions and answers and then come back to the School Committee to make recommendations. Ms. Fleming and Ms. Peters volunteered to be the School Committee representatives on the new Commuting Outreach Subcommittee.

7.2 Charter School Ballot Question Discussion

Ms. Hipp stated that in June the Committee received information from MASC regarding the Charter School ballot question and were told there are legal limits of what a School Committee could do. He said the Committee received a resolution from Deborah McCarthy, HTA president, that came from the MTA and a similar resolution from Ms. Huxtable, at the June 20, 2016 meeting. Mr. Hipp said that his sole purpose on his own account of lifting the cap is because it is going to have an impact on Hull and other towns. He stated that he had issues with the two documents and had some minor changes to the language but would like to hear from others. He added that there would be a direct impact on the towns cherry sheet, the average student spending of \$16,000 per student was deducted last year and we have a net of \$350,000 that was lost to the town by the Charter School. Each Committee member responded in support of the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools, because of the funding that would be taken from the town, which would affect the entire town. Mr. Hipp will send the signed resolution to Mr. Kevin Richardson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools with the following changes to the MTA version:

Delete paragraph 4, change the word *majority* to **many** in the fifth paragraph. In paragraph 6 delete the third line after students. Delete next paragraph. In paragraph 8 delete everything after the work above.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 Superintendent's Business Items

Dr. asked to take item 8.4 first if no objections. There were no objections.

8.4 Hull High School Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School music teacher, requested permission for band students to attend an out-of-state, overnight field trip to the Heritage Music Festival in Washington, DC and then to visit the museums in Washington, DC after the festival. He said he is considering fundraising and grant writing to help with the cost. He added that it would be a great opportunity and experience for the band to see how they perform against other national school bands. Dr. Tyrell said that she fully supports this trip.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Motion to approve an out-of-state, overnight field trip to the Heritage Music Festival in Washington, DC followed by visits to museums in Washington, DC departing on April 28, 2017 and returning on April 30, 2017 for band students.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.1 School Opening

Dr. Tyrell said that the start of school was a smooth opening and the teachers and students were very upbeat and excited to start the new year. She stated that we are down one bus this year. Mr. DeGennaro added that the custodians and maintenance did a great job getting the schools in shape for the start of school. He added that they take it seriously and care about what they do.

8.2 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell presented each of the district goals that were originally presented to School Committee at the August 15, 2016 retreat and Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal discussed the particulars of each district goal including key action steps and indicators of success. The goals include:

- Examine the start times of each school and determine if changes are in the best interest of students and make appropriate recommendations.
- Review and refine K-12 practices to support the development of “social and emotional competencies – the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors that individuals need to make successful choices.” (Social and Emotional Learning; Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, (CASEL)).
- Educators will continue to increase the use of meaningful technology to enhance their instruction as appropriate.
- Continue to review data and make instructional shifts as needed in order to close achievement gaps and improve student outcomes K-12.

8.3 Memorial School Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal, requested permission for grade six students to attend an overnight field trip at the Museum of Science in Boston on Thursday, November 17, 2016 returning on Friday, November 18, 2016. Mr. Hrivnak stated that it is less expensive to go at this time of year. He added that sixth grade team went on this same field trip last year and had a great experience. He said that what the students will be doing and exploring are directly aligned to the curriculum.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Motion to approve an overnight field trip at the Museum of Science in Boston on Thursday, November 17, 2016 returning on Friday, November 18, 2016 for grade six students.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.5 Real Estate Agents Open House

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that the Real Estate Agents Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 and they are all invited. She said realtors from Hull and surrounding towns will be invited to come listen to the great things that are happening in the Hull Public Schools so when they have prospective buyers they will be able to tell more about us. the open house will be held at the Jacobs Elementary School. This will be the second open house for realtors.

8.6 School Committee MASC Delegate

Dr. Tyrell asked the Committee members if any of them were planning on attending the MASC/MASS Conference in November and if so, the Committee would need to choose a delegate. Committee members are going to check their schedules to see if available. They were asked to contact Maggie Ollerhead to complete a registration form.

8.7 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Resources – Drinking Water Program Lead & Copper in Schools

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Manager, informed the Committee that he applied for and received a grant from the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Resources for testing drinking water for lead and copper in schools. He said that it would cost \$1,200 to do it on our own. He said the most important priority is the safety of the children.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Dr. Tyrell stated that the only changes in the following policies were due to small changes in the drugs, alcohol, and tobacco laws.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to waive the second and third reading of the following policies and accept the policies for adoption:

Policy GBEC	Drug-Free Workplace
Policy IHAMB	Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco
Policy JICH	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited
Policy JICHA	Breathalyzer Testing

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

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

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 The Budget Subcommittee met last Thursday, September 15th to review FY17 budget and start planning for FY18 budget. The subcommittee looked at the administrator's budget manual. Mr. Hipp handed out the manual to Committee members. Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that staff have always had and used a budget manual internally, so this document is not new it is just the first time School Committee has asked to see it.

The South Shore Votech Planning Committee will meet tomorrow night for the introductory meeting.

10.2 Donations

- Art storage cabinet (\$100 value) by David Sporgis to art department at Hull High School
- \$200 from Barefoot Bob's Restaurant to be used for the grade 5 field trip to Boston
- \$10,000 from Hull Boosters to athletics

11.0 New Business

- Mr. Twombly suggested that someone from the Senior Center come to a meeting to see how we could work together for the community.
- Mr. Twombly said that Easton Public Schools, where he works, is having solar panels installed and asked Mr. DeGennaro to look into it for Hull.

12.0 Approval of Warrants

None

13.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Peters stated that she had attended the open houses at the Memorial School and Hull High School and they both went very well. The PTO sponsored the teacher's welcome breakfast. There is a directory and sign ups on-line for PTO.

Ms. McCarthy, grade five teacher, asked that the Committee reinstate the HTA 1 to 2 minute report for the next meeting. She added that it is an opportunity to share things like the upcoming MTA phone banking and national walking day. Mr. Hipp said that when you advertise phone banking and walking day that is where you violate public protocol. Ms. Fleming asked if it would be possible that if the HTA wanted to speak they could send an email to the chair of the School Committee and the Superintendent. Ms. Huxtable asked if it could be piloted to how it works and if it becomes a political platform then we could revoke it. Mr. Hipp said he and the Superintendent put the agenda together and if Ms.

McCarthy would like to communicate with me we could do it on a case by case basis.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. District Goals
2. High school out-of-state field trip information
3. Memorial school overnight field trip information
4. Budget Development Handbook

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on November 21, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee