

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hipp, Chair
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair
David Twombly, Member
Kelley Huxtable, Member

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Clinton, Chair	Patricia Cormier	Dan Sullivan
George Boylen, Vice Chair	Robyn Healey	Peter Larsen
John Tiani, Clerk	Jill Dennard	Jason Frady
Jay Polito	Robert Carney	

TOWN MANAGER

Philip E. Lemnios

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Devine, Principal Hull High School
Anthony Hrivnak, Principal Memorial Middle School
Christine Cappadona, Principal Jacobs Elementary School
Philippa Young, Director of Student Services
Dave DeGennaro, School Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

The School Committee met as part of the Advisory Board Meeting.

Open Meeting

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to open the School Committee Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

Eric Hipp introduced the School Committee members present and Dr. Tyrell introduced the Hull Public School Personnel that were present. Dave Degennaro highlighted some of the great things happening at the Hull Public Schools. Each principal spoke about their individual schools and the many accomplishments to date.

The School Department is pleased to be at the Town Managers recommended number, reflecting a level services budget.

The Advisory Board spoke about being very impressed with the School Department's ability to show impressive improvement and continuous progress over the last ten years.

Discussion with the Advisory Board focused on:

- Enrollment and long term space needs – The School Committee is actively trying to jumpstart positivity, encouraging young families to move here with more frequent press releases and by building relationships with local realtors, giving them the information about what is really going on in the schools. Concern was raised about the feasibility of attracting families to town, based on geography and housing availability. The School Committee recognizes the need for a long range plan to deal with enrollment changes, but stresses it must be part of town-wide planning. Mr. Carney reminded everyone to be mindful about taking away a school as there will never be land to build another one.
- Building utilization – There was discussion on the classroom space the South Shore Educational Collaborative rents in the schools. While there is space available in each school, there is not enough space to repurpose an entire school, without severely impacting the education of students.
- Maintenance Budget – The school buildings have significant needs. The School Committee recognizes these needs and are chipping away at the list. An MSBA application has been submitted to address the more significant needs at the Memorial Middle School.

Questions from the audience were focused on ensuring the School Committee is a part of the town-wide Economic Development Committee, an overview of Chapter 70 receipts, and repurposing the Memorial Middle School. The School Committee will have a representative on the Economic Development Committee. Town Manager briefly explained Chapter 70 receipts are a part of the town receipts which helps balance all town budgets. The Advisory Board reassured the community that there is a lot of thought about the needs of the schools and the town as a whole, and discussions are ongoing.

Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

Second: Kelley Huxtable

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 19, 2017.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee