

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent  
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, Chair at 7:03 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the February 26, 2018 agenda with the following change:

- Move 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members to before 6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

**Vote:** 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Seniors Christian Olivieri and Kasey Mullenhoff commented on the following:

- Theater arts is performing the play *Lockdown* on Wednesday for students, Friday night for community members then again at the METGA Festival
- The boys hockey team made it to the tournament and are playing right now at Silver Lake
- The senior class is holding a Pizza Palooza

5.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Tuesday, February 6, 2018, Regular meeting

**Vote:** 4-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Hipp stated that he wanted to move this item up on the agenda because of the importance of the topic. Mr. Devine said that due to the recent school shooting event he met with police and

school administrators. He said that some of the information can be shared and some cannot. He said he is meeting with the HTA on Thursday and will discuss the issues. There are deadbolts on all doors at the Jacobs and Middle Schools and by next month all Hull High School doors will have the deadbolts installed. He told the Committee that all staff has been trained in active shooter protocol and there will be upcoming drills, which parents will be notified of in advance. He said that safety is our number one priority.

Committee members talked about reassuring parents that steps to keep students safe are already in place and have been for several years and the district works closely with police and fire. It was suggested that the School Resource Officer and police and fire chiefs come to a future School Committee meeting. They also discussed appropriate protesting.

## 6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

### 6.1 MTA Statement on Equality

Mr. Devine informed the Committee that HTA President, Ms. Deborah McCarthy, asked him to read a statement about gender and sexual inclusivity. He said he read it and it follows the recommendations put forth from DESE and is also in keeping with the district's current practice. Ms. McCarthy said that the HTA board took a vote two weeks ago and she is requesting that School Committee do the same.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to endorse the Gender & Sexuality Inclusivity Resolution as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

### 6.2 Jacobs School Trimesters

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, proposed that the Jacobs School change from a 4 quarter report card system to trimesters. She said this is a trend in many elementary schools as it allows teachers to better assess and report student mastery. Mr. Devine added that if you agree to the change a vote will be necessary, along with a vote to update policy IKAB-Student Progress Reports to Parents, and a vote to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar with changes to each school conference dates to 90 minute releases.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to adopt a trimester plan at the Jacobs School.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to suspend policy BG-School Committee Policy Development and Adoption, to approve policy IKAB-Student Progress Reports to Parents, for adoption and to reinstate policy BG-School Committee Policy Development and Adoption.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to adopt the 2018-2019 School Calendar with the added trimesters at Jacobs School and 90 minute early releases for all school conference days.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

### 6.3 FY19 Budget Discussion

#### • Jacobs School

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

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

Ms. Cappadona informed the Committee of all the good things going on in the Jacobs School and

thanked them for including the kiln that was installed during the summer. She stated that each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader will use the kiln to make something that they can bring home. She also noted that most of the textbooks used are consumables and always need to be replenished and the district is looking at new science program so money set aside for that.

- Memorial School Overview and Budget

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the middle school budget is composed 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

Mr. Hrivnak commented on staffing, noting that when looking at the FTE's each core subject teacher also teaches a section of social studies. He also stated that the budget includes one-on-one paraprofessionals that are keeping students in the system, which helps us financially and keeps these students in school with their peers. He commented that most textbooks are digital and the middle school is working with the elementary to implement the new science curriculum.

- Hull High School Overview and Budget

Dr. Girouard McCann, Hull High School principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the high school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- AP courses offered
- Stipend positions
- Activities offered
- Dues and fees
- Virtual High School/credit recovery
- Supplies
- Tutoring
- Event finance
- Textbooks

Dr. Girouard McCann said that the biggest change in staffing is the full-time school psychologist, which is great for students and also takes the burden off other staff. AP government was added to the curriculum. She also stated that although we did not hold JV boys soccer and field hockey this year, due to numbers, we did have varsity boy's golf and will have JV softball.

- Athletics

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, presented the athletic program and fees associated with athletics, which included the following information:

- Student participation (FY14-FY17)
- Current participation fees
- Total cost to run athletics program
- Funding sources
- Revenue from gate receipts
- Revenue from Hull Boosters Club and other donation support

- Donation revolving account
- Revenue from user fees
- User fees revolving account
- General fund expenditures
- General fund appropriation
- Funding breakdown for FY17
- FY18 sports teams
- FY18 co-op sports teams

Mr. DeGennaro recommended keeping the fees the same.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to maintain the athletic fees at current rates as presented.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 6.4 Unfunded/Underfunded Mandates

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, Ms. Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Michael Devine, Superintendent gave a presentation of unfunded/underfunded mandates, which included the following:

- Chapter 70 Aid
- Sources of Funds
- Local Student Transportation
- Vocational Education and Transportation
- Data Management
- Automated External Defibrillators
- Special Education
- Special Education Transportation
- Massachusetts Chapter 222
- Response to Intervention
- Integrated Preschool
- McKinney-Vento Legislation
- English Language Learners
- Home-schooled Students
- Public Records Law
- New Curriculum Frameworks
- Recertification
- Foster Care and State Wards
- Time on Learning Standards
- Rigorous Graduation Requirements
- UMASS Admittance Requirements
- Boston College Admittance Requirements
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Next-Generation MCAS Testing
- New Teacher Mentor Program
- Anti-bullying Law
- Mandated Screenings
- New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC)
- Naviance
- Student Activity Accounts
- Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)
- State Concussion Regulations

The Committee discussed meeting with State Representative Joan Meschino and others regarding this issue.

#### 7.0 School Committee Business Items

##### 7.1 Hull High School Turf Field Project

Mr. Hipp informed the Committee that the issue of the turf field came up during a Capital Outlay Committee discussion in January. After that meeting Mr. Hipp and Mr. Devine met with Town Manager Lemnios and Selectmen Richardson and discussed three scenarios regarding funding for the turf field, these included presenting a debt exclusion in the same manner as last time, presenting a debt exclusion with a menu approach where people could pick and choose which items they would like funded, or taking the turf field out of the debt exclusion all together and split the cost between the schools and the town. Mr. Hipp said he reached out to Gale Associates, who originally won the bid and did all the work on the turf field project a few years ago. He said that if we rebid the project in the spring the costs have increased due to inflation. Gale also sent Mr.

Hipp studies of health risks and alternatives that have come up since we first worked with them. He said that Mr. Lemnios ran the old numbers and if the project is bonded in 12 years the cost for the schools portion would start at \$112,000 per year each and end at about \$150,000. He said his concern is the school department guaranteeing this money for 12 years knowing our budget have been tight in recent years.

School Committee members discussed different ideas that could help fund a turf field at the high school and the pros and cons involved. Mr. Devine added the Pemberton Committee is meeting in this room tomorrow night and a discussion about the field will be part of that meeting. He encouraged people to come to the meeting at 7:00 pm. Ms. Fleming suggest having Mr. Scott Paine, Athletic Director, come and speak to the field issue, as he is from Norwell where they have a turf field and take in revenue from town sports. Mr. Devine suggested having the Boosters and Field for Hull also attend a meeting. He said that he and Mr. Hipp will be meeting again with Mr. Lemnios and Mr. Richardson.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to accept the following policies for second reading as presented:

- JA Student Policies Goals
- JB Equal Educational Opportunities
- JBA Discrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, Sex, Gender Identity, Religion, National Origin, Sexual Orientation or Homelessness
- JC Attendance Areas
- JCA Assignment of Students to Schools
- JF School Admissions
- JF-R School Admissions
- JFAA Admission of Resident Students
- JFAAA Evidence of Residency/Guardianship
- JFABD Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
- JG Admission to Course of Study
- JHA Student Tardiness
- JHD Exclusion and Exemptions from School Attendance
- JI Student Rights and Responsibilities
- JICA Student Dress Code
- JICC Student Conduct on School Buses (Also: EEAEC)
- JICF Gang Activity/Secret Societies
- JICFA Hazing
- JICFA-E Hazing
- JICH Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use by Students
- JICHA Breathalyzer Testing
- JIE Pregnant Students
- JIH Searches and Interrogations

**Vote:** 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

None

10.0 New Business

- Quiz Night is March 24, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

13.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Second:** David Twombly

Additional documents:

1. MTA Statement of Equity
2. 2018-2019 School Calendar
3. Jacobs School overview and budget
4. Memorial School overview and budget
5. Hull High School overview and budget
6. Athletic Presentation
7. Unfuned/Underfunded Mandates presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on March 12, 2018

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee