

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 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 7:02 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 March 12, 2018 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly  
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:  
• Monday, February 26, 2018 Regular meeting  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Storm Update

Mr. Devine thanked the first responders, the DPW and custodians for all their work during the past few storms and said that the schools got out relatively unscathed. He discussed the storm related issues from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, which included a generator issue at the Jacobs School. The controller part has been ordered to repair. The generators phase rotation was hooked up incorrectly at the Memorial School, which has since been repaired. Food in freezer was thrown away. The sign at the

Memorial School was blown down. Other than that there were very minor water leaks in small amount of classrooms from the wind gusts blowing the rain on some window sills and under door thresholds, and some ground water. Service Master came in and checked and said we are doing everything correctly; this includes using a wet vac and fans blowing on the affected areas, along with keeping the heat on to dry out the areas. There is no odor and all is dry.

#### 6.2 Out-of-State Field Trip

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission for Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School music teacher to take the Memorial School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band students to the *Trills and Thrills Music Festival – 2018* at Nashua High School South, Nashua, New Hampshire on Friday, June 1, 2018. After the festival the students will travel to Canobie Lake Park for the remainder of the day. The festival will give students the opportunity to get feedback on their performance and to listen to other bands. This is now an annual event for the school.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to Nashua and Salem New Hampshire on June 1, 2018.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 6.3 Preschool Tuition

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent said that in 2009 the preschool tuition was raised from \$1,500 to \$1,750 and has stayed at that rate. She is requesting that the preschool tuition be raised to \$2,000 in 2019. She stated that even at that price we will still be low and there will only be one district out of the 16 that was polled that is lower than \$2,000.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to increase the preschool tuition rate to \$2,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 6.4 Hull High School Program of Studies

Dr. Paula Girouard McCann, Hull High School Principal, outlined the proposed changes to the 2018-2019 high school Program of Studies as follows:

- Freshman Experience
- Guidance Services
- English Classes
- Industrial Technology
- Prerequisites

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the Hull High School Program of Studies as written.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 6.5 Hull High School Principal Search Update

Mr. Devine thanked Dr. Paula Girouard McCann for stepping in to help out as interim principal. He then outlined the search process of selecting the next Hull High School principal, which included the following: 25 applicants reviewed. Narrowed to 6 interviews, 5 in person and one via FaceTime, with parents, teachers, students and administrators. Then 3 candidates, round robin with principals and assistants in one room asking questions, Mr. Devine, Ms. Kuehn and Mr. DeGennaro in another room and doing a writing sample in another room. Then down to 2 finalists for a public forum to answer questions that were submitted. The public had a few more days to watch the televised forums and submit feedback on both candidates. In the end, Mr. Devine said that pending successful

contract negotiations Ms. Nicole Nosek was chosen to be the next Hull High School principal.

#### 6.6 FY19 Budget Update

Mr. Devine stated that the FY19 budget to move the district forward is 3.17%, which was from the budget presented in December. He said that he and Mr. Hipp met with the Selectmen Chair, Kevin Richardson and Town Manager, Phil Lemnios and Mr. Lemnios told them that 2% was the allotted increase for all town departments. He said he needed to know the direction the Committee would like them to take going forward to the Advisory Board meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, pointed the Committee to the full budget document that they already have and to the page in their packet that had showed a few different scenario's to get to the lower number. Both scenarios included losing 1.6 English Language Arts teachers. The Committee discussed the scenarios and the fact that the budget fluctuates and changes throughout the year and suggested some items to look at further. They decided to go forward to the Advisory Board with the same budget but with a backup sheet showing how we could get to a 2.25% budget and items that would have to be cut to get to a 2% budget. Ms. Peters stated that she spoke to an Advisory Board member who suggested we give them a shorter version of the Unfunded/Underfunded Mandates presentation.

Members of the audience spoke on behalf of the middle school teacher that was on the list of cuts, saying that it would be a loss for the school system and asking that this cut be reconsidered. Mr. Devine said that reducing staff is never an easy thing to do and has nothing to do with the specific teacher. He continued by stating that a need was identified at the middle school that would benefit many students and in order to add a program we need to cut somewhere else. He stated that the administrators will look into it again at Thursday's leadership meeting. Mr. Hipp said that because things change every day and we will continue to have these discussions.

#### 7.0 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: EEAECE)
- 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

8.0 Old Business Items  
None

9.0 New Business  
None

10.0 Approval of Warrants  
None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members  
Ms. Peters stated that METCO has a new president that wants to get involved and reach out and she suggested that since the boat comes to Hull maybe now is the time to reach out to them and get more information.

12.0 **Executive Session**

Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:36 pm to discuss negotiation strategy with non-union personnel including the new high school principal. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in open session.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp and Jennifer Fleming.

Additional documents:

1. Hull High School Program of Studies

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on April 9, 2018

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee