

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters, Chair
Marianne Harte, Vice Chair
David Twombly, Secretary
Kristen Evans, Member
Eric Hipp, Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Daniel McGonagle, Business Manager
Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:00 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: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the November 21, 2011 agenda as presented.

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Molly Kane, High School Student Representative, reported on the following:

- NEASC Accreditation Team visit
- Military troops collection drive
- Thanksgiving Day football game
- Spirit week
- Class link competition

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, September 12, 2011 Executive Session
- Tuesday, October 11, 2011 School Committee Meeting
- Monday, October 24, 2011 School Committee Meeting
- Monday, October 24, 2011 Executive Session
 - Remove the word "retreat" from the heading

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Dr. Tyrell thanked the entire community for their support during the NEASC visit. She especially wanted to thank Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, Mark Galligan and Edwin Menon, Hull High School Co-chairs for NEASC.

7.1 Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI) Students

Hull High School Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI) students Lucas MacKenzie, Taylor Sprague, Emily Dang, Katelyn Williamson and Jamie Lee Simmons discussed their April 2011 trip to El Salvador to work with Habitat for Humanity. The trip included building houses, working with local people and learning about the culture in El Salvador. The students also requested permission to travel to El Salvador to work with Habitat from April 15 through April 21, 2012 (approximate dates.)

Dr. Tyrell said she fully supports what the PHI students are doing in El Salvador.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve Hull High School Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI) student trip to go to El Salvador to work with Habitat for Humanities on April 15-21, 2012 (approximate dates.)

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Wellspring

Vinny Harte, Director of Wellspring, discussed the follows areas

- Relationship between Wellspring and Hull Public Schools
- Food drives
- Penny wars
- Community service
- Bookstore
- Thrift shop
- Food pantry
- Adult education program
- Summer lunch program

Mr. Harte thanked the community and Hull Public Schools for all the support that has been given to Wellspring.

7.3 Hull Marching Pirates Preservation Organization

Jennifer Whelan and Robert Corcoran, Hull Marching Pirates Preservation Committee, discussed the following:

- History of the Marching Pirates
- Reunion celebration
- Field shows
- Awards
- Competitions
- Championships
- Preserving memories on DVD

Ms. Whelan and Mr. Corcoran also presented a painting by Roger Tirrell of the Hull Marching Pirates to be placed in Hull High Schools foyer.

Superintendent and School Committee thanked Ms. Whelan and Mr. Corcoran for the painting and the presentation.

7.4 Operating Budget FY13

Daniel McGonagle, School Business Manager, presented the following information on a FY13 draft budget:

- Budget process
- Comparative baseline budget
- Special education savings
- Proposed staffing salary increases
- Proposed expense increases
- Summary of FY12 and FY13 budget

School Committee discussed:

- Athletics and co-curricular
- Vocational technical program
- Percentage of increase over last years budget
- 21st Century Schools
- Special education savings
- Networking and telecommunications
- Capital budget
- Chapter 70
- Free cash
- Memorial Middle School budget
- Utilities
- Override for athletics
- Start conversation with Board of Selectmen

Superintendent said the tentative budget amount will be given to the Town Manager.

7.5 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Dr. Tyrell announced that twenty-four Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade ten MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Students' receiving this scholarship makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Sara Benjamin
Paul Cardoos
Brendan Clifford
Michael Corcoran
Paul Dunphy
Jade Dunstan
Raven Dunstan
Nathalia Fonseca
Mackenzie Gamble
Lauren Geary
Jessica Hagerty
Abigail Hulverson
Kevin Hulverson

Brittany Jenkins
Molly Kane
Natalie Larsen
John McGowan
Myles O'Loughlin
Jessica Paula
Rebecca Petrocelli
Christopher Shaffer
Dylan Shea
Dylan Silvestri
Jaime Lee Simmons

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

7.6 Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Superintendent discussed the following free and reduced lunch data:

- Students on free and reduced lunch are at or below the poverty level.
- In FY07 22% of Hull Public Schools students were on free or reduced lunch.
- 37% of students are on free or reduced lunch in FY11.
- We have more needs and less services.
- 40% of Memorial Middle School students are at or below the poverty level.
- The number of students on free or reduced lunch also affects the number of athletic waivers that are given out to students.

School Committee requested the free and reduced lunch data be posted to the school website.

7.7 College Board Second Annual AP District Honor Roll

Dr. Tyrell announced that the Hull Public School is one of 367 School districts in the United States and Canada being honored by the College Board with a place on the Second Annual Advanced Placement Honor Roll for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores on three (3) or higher on AP exams.

School Committee congratulated students receiving this honor.

8.0 New Business Items

8.1 School Committee Goals

Discussed updating the SC goals for 2012.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the Section D policies for third reading/adoption as presented:

DIB Types Of Funds/Revolving Funds

DID Inventories

DIE Audits

DJ Purchasing

DJ-R Purchasing Regulations

DJA Purchasing Authority

DJB Purchasing Procedures

DJC	Petty Cash
DJC-R	Petty Cash Accounts
DJE	Bidding Requirements
DJG	Vendor Relations
DJGA	Sales Calls and Demonstrations
DK	Payment Procedures
DKA	Payroll Procedures
DKC	Expense Reimbursements
DM	Cash In School Buildings
DN	School Properties Disposal Procedure

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

- Budget Sub-committee met on November 14, 2011.
- David Twombly and Daniel McGonagle met with a member of the light plant regarding improving energy usage.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kristen Evans

Moved to accept the following donations:

\$20,000 to be used for funding Hull High Athletic Program.

Vote: Ayes: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve school warrants 340 and 12S as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters said Governor Duval Patrick will be in attendance at a reception honoring Representative Garrett Bradley.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to go into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing union bargaining strategy and not to return to Open Session. Discussion could have a detrimental effect if discussed in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, Kristen Evans and Eric Hipp.