

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools  
Maureen Robishaw, Secretary to the Superintendent  
Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:01 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 January 23, 2012 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** AYES: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Ravin Dunstan, High School Student Representative, reported on the following:

- Theatre Arts 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Mock Trial
- Project Humanitarian
- Athletics
- Student food and clothing drive for Wellspring
- Blue Ribbon Award
- Semi-formal on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Class cup 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, January 9, 2012 School Committee Community Forum

**Vote:** 5-0-0

- Monday, January 9, 2012 School Committee Meeting
  - Eric Hipp voiced his concern that the January 9, 2012 minutes did not contain any reference to what Committee members said during the multiple children in same grade and same family – kindergarten fees discussion.

- Change the name of the person who made the Motion to adjourn from Eric Hipp to David Twombly

**Vote:** AYES: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters and Kristen Evans; NAYS: Eric Hipp

## 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

### 7.1 Project 351

Zoe Xypteras, Memorial Middle School grade eight student, was chosen to represent the Town of Hull along with 350 other eighth grade students from each of the cities and town across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Governor Deval Patrick Project 351. Ms. Zyperas said her day began at the State House with a light breakfast and instrumental stories. Ms. Zypteras assignment was to work with the Cradles to Crayons Organization. She said it was a very exciting day and the students will have a reunion in June.

### 7.2 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools Nomination

Dr. Tyrell announced that Hull High School has been nominated by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as one of seven (7) outstanding schools in the Commonwealth as deserving of the United States Department of Education 2012 *National Blue Ribbon Schools* award. The *National Blue Ribbon Schools* award recognizes both public and private schools for excellence. Dr. Tyrell congratulated everyone associated with this prestige award. It is a pre-k through grade 12 achievement. Dr. Tyrell also presented Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, with a poster from College Board for Hull Public Schools being named to the Advanced Placement Honor Roll for expanding opportunity and improving performance for AP students.

School Committee congratulated everyone involved for the nomination of this award.

### 7.3 Athletic Concussion Policy and Regulations

James Quatromoni, Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator, noted that minor changes had been made to the athletic concussion policy and regulations.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve Policy JJIF and JJIF-R – Athletic Concussion Policy and Concussion Regulation for Second Reading.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### 7.4 Observation of Education Programs by Parents and/or Designees for Evaluation Purposes Policy

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve Policy KIA – Observation of Education Programs by Parents and/or Designees for Evaluation Purposes.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### 7.5 School Building Use

Stephanie Peters noted that Philip Lemnios, Town Manager wants to set-up a separate committee on town buildings.

Dr. Tyrell discussed the following:

- Report on the long-term space needs was presented at the June 21, 2010 school committee meeting
- Space requirements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - More square footage per student than in the past
  - Computer labs – now necessary
  - More special education classrooms required

- Temporary room vacancies
- Housing all students in two buildings
- Not enough room for all grade levels to attend art, music, and physical education in specialized spaces
- Some art classes taught as “art-on-a-cart”
- Some music classes not in sound-muffling rooms
- Some physical education classes sharing gymnasium space
- Cost to retrofit two classrooms as science labs
- No teacher workrooms, planning rooms, large group-meeting areas
- No specialized reading instructional space
- Less access to computer labs
- Cost to provide lockers for grades 6 and 7
- No changing areas and showers for middle school physical education classes
- Concerts, productions, open houses and parent/teacher conferences occur at different times/days to accommodate seating and parking needs
- Staffing
- Cafeteria – two grade levels served at one time
- Not enough parking for staff, volunteers or visitors
- Lose of South Shore Educational Collaborative tuition
- Transportation costs
- Approval from Massachusetts School Building Authority

School Committee discussed the following:

- CORIs
- Laboratory costs
- Transportation costs
- MSBA concern
- Maintaining town buildings
- Revisit in five years
- Be a good neighbor
- Priority to students
- Analyze and address issues at town hall
- Premature to start offering administrative space to anyone

School Committee members decided not to revisit this issue at this time since original study was only 18 months old.

#### 8.0 New Business Items

Dr. Tyrell requested changing the Monday, February 13th School Committee meeting to Thursday, February 9, 2012. Also changing the Community Forum date from February 13<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

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| Policy EA   | Support Services Goals |
| Policy EB   | Safety Program         |
| Policy EBAB | Pest Management Policy |

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| Policy EBB         | First Aid  |
| Policy EBC         | Emergency Plans  |
| Policy EBCB        | Fire Drills  |
| Policy EBCB-E      | Fire Drill Report  |
| Policy EBCE        | Emergency Closing  |
| Policy EC          | Buildings and Grounds Management   |
| Policy ECA         | Buildings and Grounds Security   |
| Policy ECAA        | Security   |
| Policy ECAC        | Vandalism  |
| Policy ECB         | Building and Grounds Maintenance   |
| Policy ECB-R       | Building and Grounds Maintenance   |
| Policy ECD         | Custodial Service  |
| Policy ECE         | Traffic and Parking Controls   |
| Policy ECF         | Energy Conservation  |
| Policy EDB         | Maintenance and Control of Textbooks and Instructional Materials and Equipment |
| Policy EDC         | Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials                                       |
| Policy EEA         | Student Transportation Services  |
| <b>Vote:</b> 5-0-0 |  |

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

School Committee Goals Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

School Committee Budget Subcommittee will meet on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Move to approve school warrant #16S as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

The Hull Drown Hogs will be taking a dip in the Atlantic Ocean on January 28, 2012 to support Wellspring.

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy related to union collective bargaining and strategy regarding union litigation and not to return to Open Session.

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