

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

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

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Lassonde, Secretary to the Superintendent
Maggie Ollerhead, Policy Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters at 7:02 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Marianne Harte
Move to approve the April 9, 2012 agenda as presented.
Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

4.0 Student Representative
None

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Kristen Evans
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, March 19, 2012 School Committee meeting minutes with recommended edits.
 - Page 5, 12.0, second sentence, add the word *negotiation* to the end of the sentence
 - Page 5, 12.0, third sentence, take out *present a contract that is acceptable*, add *approve the proposed contract*
 - Page 5, 12.0, sixth sentence, take out *town*, add *school department*

Vote: 5-0-0

7.1 Legislative Update - Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund

Rep. Bradley and Sen. Hedlund have asked to reschedule until April 23, 2012 due to a delay in their ability to get back into the district.

7.2 Carousel/Academic Incentive Program - Mr. Dennis Zaia, Ms. Patti Abbate, and Ms. Jean Penta

Ms. Penta introduced Mr. Dennis Zaia and Ms. Patti Abbate to the committee. This program is a joint effort by three school principals to reward students for good academic grades. Mr. Zaia recommended that for every 20 proficiencies earned the student would get a free ride on the carousel. He feels this program *works all the way around*. Ms. Abbate is the Carousel Manager and will be managing the activity on these Carousel/Academic Incentive days. Specific days will be set for each grade.

- Wednesday: Kindergarten – Grade 3
- Thursday: Grade 4 – Grade 6
- Thursday: Middle School
- Saturday: High School

Dr. Tyrell said it was wonderful to be a part of the Hull tradition and have it tied so closely with students' primary focus on academics. School Committee thanked all for the effort.

7.3 Professional Development Update - Ms. Laura Micelli

Ms. Micelli presented the following Professional Development updates:

Summer 2011 K-12

- English language arts (ELA) Articulation Team
- Differentiated Instruction I – 4 graduate credits course or Professional Development Points (PDPs)

School Year 2011 – 2012

- Courses
- Category I – 1 graduate credit or PDPs
- Differentiated Instruction I – 4 graduate credits or PDPs
- Trainings
- Category IV
- Formative Assessment
- John Collins Writing at Jacobs Elementary and Memorial Middle
- Mathematics coaching at Memorial Middle
- Aspen system administration training for office staff members, guidance staff, principals, and district administrators
- Aspen grade book training for all teachers
- Articulation
- ELA curriculum writing at all levels
- Mathematics curriculum writing at middle and high school
- Writing expectations among English teachers of grades 7-12
- Mathematics Pathways Team grades 7-12
- Middle School and High School Dropout Prevention Team
- Music curriculum grades K-12
- ELA college ready meetings facilitated by members from Bridgewater State University, attended by Hull High School ELA Articulation Team member, and high school and district administrators

Summer 2012

- Courses
- Project-Based Learning/ Differentiated Instruction 2 – 4 graduate credits or PDPs
- Writing Across the Curriculum – 3 graduate credits or PDPs
- Curriculum
- K-12 ELA Articulation Team
- K-12 Mathematics Articulation Team

Upcoming School Year

- Areas of Focus
- Convene Professional Development Committee
- Continue writing, mathematics, and curriculum development
- Results from staff surveys may determine additional areas

Dr. Tyrell thanked Ms. Micelli for her presentation.

7.4 FY13 Budget Hearing

The Budget Hearing is formally opened at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Tyrell explained that the committee could vote on the budget to present to Town Meeting tonight or postpone the vote and look at it again at a meeting before Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen voted Tuesday, April 3, 2012 on the Town Manager's recommendation of \$13,049,658. For level services the school department needs \$13,179,436, which is a shortfall of \$129,778. The budget we requested is \$13,483,485, which includes the restoration of a paraprofessional, a math coach, vocational program, supplies and textbooks, and \$229,000 in unforeseen costs, which have occurred since the budget was originally presented in November.

Mr. Twombly did not want it to appear that we wanted to take money from other town budgets. Ms. Peters told the committee it is not our intent to take money from other departments.

Mr. Hipp stated that the committee clearly advocated for what we need and they did not give it to us. He cannot see himself voting for the larger budget. Mr. Hipp also asked about the increase in math and technology supplies. Dr. Tyrell explained that \$36,000 was for the vocational shop and if the position is not funded that money will not be needed. Mr. Hipp brought up the need for a full time business manager and the salary increase. Dr. Tyrell addressed these concerns with a brief history of past events.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the 2012-2013 School Budget in the amount of \$13,483,485 as presented this evening.

Vote: 2-3-0

Substitute Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Moved to request the School Committee bring the FY13 Budget Hearing back for another discussion on April 23, 2012 based on information that may become available and to approve \$13,483,485.

Vote: 3-2-0

8:23 p.m. Public Budget Hearing is closed.

7.5 NEASC Report - Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Devine reported that we received 35 commendations. Some of the commendations were in teaching assessment, facilities, parent involvement, profession development, technology and social media. There were 33 recommendations, 9 recommendations in student learning. Mr. Devine stated that we are a better school today than before we started this process. Dr. Tyrell stated that everyone in Hull should be proud of all the commendations we received.

7.6 Hull High School 2012-2013 Program of Studies Proposed Changes - Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Devine went over the proposed changes.

Changes include:

- Yearly changes in language or courses that are offered
- A placement test at the end of grade 8 for Honors English and Math
- Alternative Pathways, Hull High School Diploma - Level B
 - Mr. Twombly suggested adding an extra bullet to that section with Internship and 8 credits.

Motion: Kristen Evans

Second: Marianne Harte

Motion to accept Program of Studies

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 New Business Items
None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues – Policies EEAA to EEAEC-R, Second Reading

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following policies for Second Reading:

Policy EEAA	Walkers and Riders
Policy EEAE	School Bus Safety Program
Policy EEAEA	Bus Driver Examination and Training
Policy EEAEC	Student Conduct on School Buses– also JICC
Policy EEAEC-R	Student Conduct on School Buses – also JICC-R

Vote: AYES: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

None

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

10.3 School Committee Goals

Completed - remove from next agenda

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Judy Kuehn, Director of Student Services, told the committee that the Hull Public Schools were selected by the MA DESE to have all parents participate in a survey about

parent involvement. The parent survey request was sent out in various ways including blue notes, cable and an email to the SEPAC group. The DESE has reopened the parent survey until April 13, 2012. The entire process takes three to ten minutes and the link to the survey is <http://www.MAparentsurvey.com>.

David Twombly told the Committee that Stephanie Peters and he met with Selectmen, Domenico Sestito and John Reilly at Town Hall for two and a half hours to mend fences. During this meeting they explained that Ms. Peters and Dr. Tyrell had contacted Mr. Lemnios several times to talk about the budget and a meeting never occurred. This group is scheduled to meet again with the inclusion of the Town Manager and Dr. Tyrell.

School Committee table won at Quiz night.

13.0 Executive Session

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy and negotiations with union and non-union personnel, which may include the School Business Manager 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.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0