

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters 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:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kristen Evans

Move to approve the April 23, 2012 agenda with the following changes, delete items 7.1, 7.3 and 7.5.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative : Molly Kane

- Students returned from El Salvador working with Habitat for Humanity
- Theatre Arts will be presenting Charlotte's Web in May
- Underclass course selection
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade step up day
- Spring sports, track and field, softball, baseball and lacrosse
- Seniors acceptance to colleges
- Prom
- Graduation
- 22 days left of school for seniors

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes as Presented

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes as presented:

- ♦ Monday, February 27, 2012 School Committee meeting
- ♦ Monday, February 27, 2012 Executive Session meeting

- ♦ Monday, March 5, 2012 School Committee meeting
- ♦ Monday, March 5, 2012 Executive Session meeting
- ♦ Monday, March 26, 2012 Advisory Board meeting
- ♦ Monday, April 9, 2012 Community Outreach meeting
- ♦ Monday, April 9, 2012 School Committee meeting
- ♦ Monday, April 9, 2012 Executive Session meeting

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Dr. Tyrell recognized Kristen Evans for her contributions to the School Committee over the past nine years always focusing on the needs of the children. Ms. Evans cares passionately about the schools and academic achievement of students. The school district is a better place because of Ms. Evans. We hope Ms. Evans will continue to advocate for the students of Hull.

- Ms. Evans started on the School Committee in May of 2002 with Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen Reynolds.
- She served with three other Superintendents during her nine year tenure, Dr. Gerald Fournier, Dr. Paula Delaney and Dr. Kathleen Tyrell.
- Ms. Evans served on the HTA Negotiating Team from 2005 to present.
- She also served on the Athletic Subcommittee and Cable Channel 22 Subcommittee in 2005.
- Ms. Evans was on the Paraprofessional Negotiating Team of 2005-2008, the Budget Strategy Review Committee in 2010 and the L.M. Jacobs School Art Room Dedication Committee in 2010-2011.
- The High School has completed two successful NEASC accreditations.
- The number of students taking AP classes has increased.
- There has been a steady improvement in MCAS and AP scores.
- We became an AP Honor Roll School.
- We were nominated as a National Blue Ribbon School.
- All three schools were renovated into three state of the art facilities.

Ms. Peters presented Ms. Evans with flowers as a token of appreciation. Ms. Evans thanked the committee and told them it was one of the better boards that she had worked on.

7.1 Legislative Update - Rep. Garrett Bradley and Sen. Robert Hedlund  
Rep. Bradley and Sen. Hedlund have asked to reschedule until May 21, 2012.

7.2 Interim School Business Manager Appointment Confirmation  
Move to confirm the agreement set forth in the draft letter of April 9, 2012 (with revisions - date and grammar) regarding the employment of Mr. Daniel McGonagle as Interim School Business Manager in accordance with his acceptance on April 10, 2012.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Kristen Evans

**Vote:** 3-2-0

7.3 Adult Education Review – Ms. Barbara Stanley  
Ms. Stanley asked to reschedule until May 21, 2012.

Stephanie Peters read the descriptions from the seven areas of Dr. Tyrell’s review based on Massachusetts Association of School Committee categories. School Committee members commented on each area acknowledging Dr. Tyrell’s strengths and suggesting future direction for the district. Dr. Tyrell meets expectations in all areas on review. Eric Hipp did not rate the superintendent in “Relationship with School Committee” and noted that he had issue with three items:

- Ms. Peters explained that there is no category for needs improvement only meets or not meets.

Ms. Penta is ill. This agenda item is tabled.

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee about \$200,000 that may be made available from the House Budget. Chapter 70 may increase approximately \$44,000. Dr Tyrell asked the Town Manager for \$100,000. A portion of this money would go to fund an elementary school teaching position. The Town Manager would not recommend any money go to the school but instead to the stabilization fund. Dr. Tyrell recommended not voting on the budget until we get clarification of the \$200,000.

- \$17,000 in homeless transportation reimbursement
- \$55,000 business manager cost avoidance
- Special Education tuitions may be reduced by one

There was no budget vote.

# 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:** 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committee Updates

None

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to accept the following donations:

\$15,000 to be used for funding the Athletic Program

\$1,000 to be used for funding Baseball in the Athletic Program

**Vote:** 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

Mr. Hipp is still working on process improvement plan.

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Kristen Evans

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy related to union collective bargaining and not to return to Open Session.

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