SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters (present) Marianne Harte (present) David Twombly (present) Eric Hipp (present) Michelle Lanner (present)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools Diane Lassonde, Secretary to the Superintendent

> Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Kathleen Tyrell at 6:04 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

1.0 Reorganization

Dr. Tyrell requested nominations for School Committee Chair.

Motion: Stephanie PetersSecond: Marianne HarteMoved to nominate David Twombly as School Committee Chair.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, Michelle Lanner and Eric Hipp.

David Twombly accepted the position of School Committee Chair and thanked Ms. Peters for the work she had done as Chair. Dr. Tyrell volunteered to chair the meeting until the reorganization was completed. There were no objections.

Motion: David TwomblySecond: Marianne HarteMotion to have Stephanie Peters continue this meeting.Mr. Twombly would take over atthe next School Committee meeting.Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell requested nominations for Vice Chair.

Motion: Stephanie PetersSecond: David TwomblyMoved to nominate Marianne Harte as School Committee Vice Chair.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, Michelle Lanner and Eric Hipp.

Dr. Tyrell requested nominations for Secretary.

Motion: Stephanie Peters Second: David Twombly Moved to nominate Michelle Lanner as School Committee Secretary. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes:** David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, Michelle Lanner and Eric Hipp.

2.0 School Choice

Dr. Tyrell said that each year School Committee members must vote on School Choice.

Motion: David TwomblySecond: Michelle LannerMoved that Hull Public Schools not participate in School Choice for the 2012 - 2013school year.

Mr. Hipp wanted discussion on this issue. He said the schools had an abundance of excess capacity to allow students from other districts to come to our schools and we could use the income.

Ms. Peters suggested that Mr. Hipp could start a sub-committee to look into the benefits of School Choice for next year. Mr. Hipp declined.

- 3.0 South Shore Educational Collaborative Board Member, FY13-Vote Needed
 Motion: David Twombly Second: Stephanie Peters
 Nominate Dr. Tyrell to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative as a Board
 Member for FY13.
 Vote: Ayes: 5-0-0
- 4.0 Dr. Tyrell recommended an early dismissal on the last day of classes, with no lunch served.
 Motion: David Twombly Second: Marianne Harte Move to have an early dismissal for students on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 with no lunch served.
 Vote: Ayes: 5-0-0
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association (Teachers) Contract Extension

Ms. Peters read the Joint Statement attached dated May 21, 2012, which was sent to the Hull Times for publication. Ms. Peters wanted to make clear the reason behind having the vote before the new School Committee member was voted into office. The School Committee tried to meet at numerous other times without success. The only time agreeable to all members was Monday, May 21, 2012. Ms. Evans has worked on contracts for nine (9) years and we wanted her to be a part of the HTA vote. A new member would need time to get up to speed. Four veteran members voted in favor of the contract. Mr. Hipp and the Town Manager voted against it. The new contract adds thirty (30) hours of instructional time for students. Ms. Peters thanked Tim McKenzie for helping to get this contract resolved. Dr. Tyrell thanked the teachers for stepping up.

Mr. Hipp explained the only reason he voted against the contract was because we did not have the money to pay for it. Time in the classroom is good but the cost of the \$187,000

Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Marianne Harte, Stephanie Peters, and Michelle Lanner Nays: Eric Hipp.

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for the 2.5% increase is more than we can afford to pay. On April 23, 2012 we were asked to vote the first night we discussed the HTA contract. Mr. Hipp voted against the HTA contract after learning that other towns including Hingham negotiated 0% raises.

Mr. Twombly said there are always varying factors in a town budget. There could be an upswing in the economy. Negotiating a contract can be very costly. The financial situation is not something that you can actually plan for as evidenced by the additional \$230,000 in funds that just became available to the town that were not available a month ago. Keep in mind this is only a one (1) year contract.

6.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: David TwomblySecond: Marianne HarteMove to approve school warrants 373,374,375,376 and 25s as presented.Vote: 3-0-2 (Michelle Lanner and Eric Hipp abstained)

7.0 Other

Ms. Peters welcomed Michelle Lanner to the School Committee. Ms. Lanner thanked all the voters.

Dr. Tyrell reported that at the next School Committee meeting Mr. Michael Devine will be presenting the NEAS&C report. We received a full ten (10) year accreditation with a one (1) year report.

8.0 Adjournment

Motion: David TwomblySecond: Marianne HarteMoved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 6:45 p.m.Vote: 5-0-0