

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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

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

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:01 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte **Second:** Michelle Lanner  
Move to approve the September 10, 2012 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

- Class Cup challenge
- Third advisory kickoff
- Welcomed new teachers to high school
- Theater production of The Wizard of Oz, December 7-9, 2012
- Class elections
- Hull High School Blue Ribbon awards ceremony
- Humanitarian projects

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                                 **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:  
    • Monday, June 25, 2012 School Committee meeting  
    • Monday, July 9, 2012 School Committee meeting  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes:

- Monday, June 25, 2012 Executive Committee meeting
- Monday, July 9, 2012 Executive Committee meeting

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Dr. Tyrell told the committee that there was an item that was not anticipated or known to the Chair at the time the agenda went out which was Hull High School is a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. This is the most prestigious award in education. Forty-seven (47) high schools in the country received this award. This is an outstanding achievement for our district and our town and speaks to the culture of continuous improvement which permeates our school district. Dr. Tyrell thanked the students, teachers, staff, parents, school administrators, School Committee, and the entire community for their support and commitment to academic excellence. Hingham High School is the only other school in this area to have received this award. Our colleagues from Hingham High School sent flowers to Hull High School. Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal and Ms. Sheila Jacoby, science teacher were selected to accept the award. Ms. Peters congratulated everyone involved for making education a number one priority and said they did a great job hiring teachers. Ms. Harte said her dream finally came true. Ms. Lanner said this was an elite award. Mr. Hipp congratulated everyone and said it was a decade long process. He thanked the past Superintendent and School Committee members along with the town for the renovation of the school buildings. Mr. Twombly said he was glad we stayed the course and gave credit to the taxpayers for allowing the improvements. We are now seeing the fruits of our endeavors. This was a team effort from the students, teachers, taxpayers and citizens of Hull. Dr. Tyrell also thanked the news media for the wonderful coverage of the award ceremony.

7.1 Marching Pirates Preservation Organization - Ms. Jennifer Whelan

Dr. Tyrell said today the eighth grade students are now able to participate in high school band class. The students arrive at the high school at 7:25 a.m. and spend thirty (30) minutes of first period with the grade 8-12 band. They then board the bus back to the middle school. Dr. Tyrell introduced Ms. Jennifer Whelan and Mr. Robert Corcoran from the Marching Pirates Preservation Organization whose donation in the amount of \$2,000 helped make this possible. Ms. Whelan said it was an honor to help out the students and to keep the legacy going. Mr. Corcoran said he looks forward to whatever their success is.

7.2 Capital Improvement Plan - Ms. Judi Saide, Ms. Judith Kuehn and Mr. Thomas Gould

The Capital Improvement Plan was presented by Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Judi Saide, IT Director and Mr. Thomas Gould, Maintenance. After School Committee approval, Dr. Tyrell will forward the plan to the Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Twombly suggested they add a column to the spreadsheet for fiscal year. Mr. Twombly also wanted to have Mr. Gould double check the pricing for a handicapped ramp before it is submitted. Mr. Hipp asked how the previous renovation passed inspection without a ramp. The school

has a mechanical lift which allowed it to pass but that lift has parts that can wear out. A ramp would also be easier for parents with strollers.

Ms. Peters asked if there would be any federal money available for the Memorial Middle School items. Ms. Saide said they are currently looking into that.

Ms. Peters explained the line items regarding artificial turf and replacing the grass. The field is in need of work again. Turf would alleviate scheduling issues as it would be an all game field. Ms. Peters believes it warrants a town discussion. Mr. Hipp agrees and feels the town made a mistake six (6) years ago by not doing it then.

Mr. Hipp asked Ms. Saide if it would be smarter to buy more iPads than SMARTboards and clickers if the iPad program works out. Ms. Saide said the SMARTboards work in conjunction with the iPads. Mr. Devine could see a savings in clickers if every child had an iPad. The high school allows students to connect with iPhones and android devices. Ms. Kuehn thanked the leadership team, Mr. George Whelan, Mr. Thomas Gould and Ms. Cathy Joaquim for their help in preparing this plan.

7.3 Public Hearing - Performance Standards of School Teachers and Administrators as per M.G.L. Ch.71, Section 38

Mr. Twombly opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Dr. Tyrell said that this is an opportunity for the public to give input to the board. Copies of the material were made available for the public. All school districts shall adopt and implement the new educator evaluation systems by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. There were no questions or suggestions from the public.

Mr. Twombly closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Twombly reopened the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

7.4 iPad Acceptable Use Policy - Ms. Judi Saide, Ms. Judith Kuehn and Mr. Anthony Hrivnak

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Judi Saide, IT Director and Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal, presented the proposed iPad Acceptable Use Policy. Mr. Hrivnak thanked Ms. Kuehn, Ms. Saide and Ms. Ollerhead for all their hard work developing the policy for the iPads. Information was gathered from other districts and combined to best support the students in Hull. The iPads will not be password protected so a teacher may be able to check to see if the student is using it appropriately. Dr. Tyrell said we paid for theft tracking so not having a password would allow a thief to be able to log on and we would be able to find the device through GPS tracking.

Mr. Hipp asked about battery life. Mr. Hrivnak said that battery takes three (3) hours to charge and lasts for up to ten (10) hours. They have purchased extra power supplies in case they need to be charged during class.

Dr. Tyrell requested that the School Committee waive the second and third reading of the policies and make a motion to accept the policy for adoption.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Motion to suspend first and second reading of IJNDC and IJNDC-E1

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Michelle Lanner

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Motion to approve for adoption policies IJNDC and IJNDC-E1

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.5 School Opening

Dr. Tyrell announced that the Hull Public Schools had a wonderful opening on August 28, 2012. It does appear that enrollment is somewhat flat. Dr. Tyrell said she would have the official enrollment after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Tyrell thanked the following people for donating time to the Hull Public Schools:

- James O'Brien, and the O'Brien Family, Jake's Seafood Restaurant, for providing the luncheon for new teachers on August 22, 2012
- Robert and Cathy Belyea, North River Bus Company, for donating the transportation for the tour of Hull for the new teachers
- Roger Jackson and Susan Ovans, *The Hull Times*, for the photographs of the new teachers and reporting positive news for the opening of the 2012-2013 school year
- Mr. John Galluzzo, a graduate of Hull High School, for his historical knowledge of the Town of Hull

7.6 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell presented the district-wide goals as voted by the School Committee at the August 13, 2012 retreat. (Attached)

7.7 School Business Administrator Update

Dr. Tyrell asked that the School Committee appoint a search committee to assist the Superintendent on hiring the new business administrator. Mr. Twombly suggested that he would like to appoint the Budget Subcommittee. Dr. Tyrell would like to add others to the subcommittee and asked if she could get back to Mr. Twombly with the names later in the week. Mr. Twombly agreed.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Motion to appoint the Budget Subcommittee to work with the Superintendent on the selection of the business administrator.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

8.0 New Business Items

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy ADDA                      CORI Requirements

Policy ADDA-E                  Information Concerning the Process in Correcting a Criminal Record

Policy BEC                        Executive Sessions

Policy EBCB                      Emergency Plans

Policy JLC                        Student Health Services and Requirements

Policy AC                        Nondiscrimination

Policy GBA                        Equal Employment Opportunity

Policy IJ                          Instructional Material

Policy JB  
Policy JBA

Equal Education Opportunities  
Discrimination on the Basis of Race, Ethnicity, Handicap, Religion  
or Sex

**Vote:** 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

New members were added to some subcommittees at the retreat.

Mr. Twombly is on the Capital Planning Committee. This group may break into subcommittees.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** Michelle Lanner

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the following donation:

\$2,000.00 to be used for transportation of band students

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to accept the following donation:

\$10,000.00 to be used for athletics

**Vote:** 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve school warrant #7S, 386, 387 and 388 as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Executive Session

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss strategy of pending litigation at the Department of Labor Relations between the School Committee and the Massachusetts Teachers' Association (Docket No. MUP-10-5951, 5952, 5953 & 5954) and for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy and negotiations with the Hull Teachers Association (Teachers), Hull Teachers Association (Paraprofessionals), Custodians. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

Attachments:

1. District Goals