

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:00 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:** Stephanie Peters                               **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to approve the October 1, 2012 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items  
None
- 4.0 Student Representative- Sean Perry
- Class elections held, Sean Perry elected Class President
  - Plans are being made by Student Council for rally and homecoming
  - Third advisory kickoff
  - Six (6) new teachers at high school
  - Humanitarian projects
  - Guidance department working with students on college search
  - Naviance, a computer college search aid implemented to improve college and career planning
  - Hull High School Blue Ribbon awards ceremony
- Dr. Tyrell asked Mr. Perry to read a letter from Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, congratulating Hull High School for being selected a Blue Ribbon School. (Attached)
- 5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report  
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes  
None

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent

7.1 M.A.S.S Academic Excellence Award

Each year the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents provides an award to a senior from every school district in the Commonwealth. The criteria for the selection of this award include cumulative average, class rank, and leadership. This year Dr. Tyrell presented the award to Stephanie Nicole Striglio. Dr. Tyrell read a long list of Ms. Striglio's accomplishments during her high school years. Ms. Striglio is a credit to Hull High School and the Hull Community. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Striglio.

7.2 Students with Perfect MCAS Scores

Dr. Tyrell awarded certificates to the following students for receiving perfect MCAS Scores in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The School Committee and Superintendent congratulated all students.

**Grade 3**

**ELA**

Leah Boyd

Emily Glennon

Kacee McKinney

Nolan Tiani

Gavin Zola

**Math**

Leah Boyd

**Grade 5 Math**

Sean Healey

Katherine Seabury

**Grade 6 Math**

Jennifer Boyd

**Grade 8 Math**

Christian Wybieracki

7.3 MIAA District C, Joao Rodrigues Distinguished Service Award- Mr. James Quatromoni

Mr. James Quatromoni, Community Outreach Coordinator/Athletic Director, announced that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Executive Board, on the recommendation of the District Representatives, annually recognizes one individual from each of the eight MIAA athletic districts who have volunteered their services to the schools and communities in their districts. This year's District C's Winner of the Joao Rodrigues Distinguished Service Award is the Hull Boosters' Club. Over the last four years, the Hull Boosters' Club has raised and donated over \$300,000 to athletics, professional development, drama, project humanitarian involvement, field trips, cookouts and all the little things that help enhance the experience of our students. Additionally, these volunteers have contributed over 4,000 hours to game day support, working as ticket takers, in the snack shack, operating scoreboards and scorebooks. Those hours have translated to a savings of over \$60,000 real dollars. Mr. Quatromoni thanked the Boosters for all their contributions to the Hull School System.

Mr. Greg Grey, President of the Hull Boosters Club accepted the award and said it speaks volumes about the way the Boosters enhance the high school experience. For many years the funds raised were for extras. Today the funds are for necessities from sports to drama. Not one team had to be cut due to budget cuts with the funds raised by the Boosters. Mr. Grey thanked Mr. Quatromoni for all he does for the school and the Boosters.

7.4 MCAS Presentation

Dr. Tyrell gave an overview of MCAS results. She presented a PowerPoint presentation. (Attached)

The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and District Analysis Review Tool (DART) were not available to date.

Ms. Jean Penta, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, said that schools receive MCAS results at the end of the school year. Over the summer they received the actual results. They have an online component for Everyday Math. Teachers can access it from home. There are six (6) tests throughout the year. The data can be accessed right away. Students are then put in flexible groups according to skill and ability. Groups can be switched. When additional time was added to the day it was not added to the specialists' schedule. This allows the specialist to take a teacher's class and read to the students. The teachers are then able to meet with the Principal, Assistant Principle and Assistant Superintendent to analyze data.

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal, added that in the Middle School there is a consultant for math. They are continuing with the John Collins Writing Program. Seven (7) teachers took the course in the summer and Mr. Henry Dembrowski is coming in next week to continue training. They may combine grade seven (7) and grade eight (8) for social studies class. With one (1) teacher freed up they may have a session for targeted instruction. They have been able to hire tutors for grade eight (8) students to work in small groups on specific skills from grant 632. They have Homework Zone where the student is invited by the teacher to attend. Teachers call home to inform the parents the student has been selected. They also have added Title I services to grade six (6) and seven (7). The 632 grant will also fund transportation for a late bus.

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, reported that professional learning communities meet once a day. Students were not scoring as well as anticipated on short answer questions. They were able to concentrate on that and it paid off with an increase in this year's scores. Linear equations are not strong so they are reviewing that. There are articulation team teacher leaders in English language arts, social studies, science and math to align and define the curriculum with the Common Core and PARCC assessments.

Dr. Tyrell is pleased that the work is showing results but there is still a lot of work to be done. Mr. Twombly asked if we can track a student through all the grades. Dr. Tyrell replied that we could track a student by grade and we can even break it down by teacher. Mr. Hipp said when looking at the DESE website information it appeared that some of our advanced are below state average.

#### 7.5 National Assessment of Educational Progress

Dr. Tyrell discussed the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) which was developed in 1969 to measure student performance in grades 4, 8, and 10. NAEP provides a national assessment of student achievement. NAEP is administered at random schools to random students who attend public schools across the country. As required by the Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993 and the United States No Child Left Behind Act, a selected school is required to participate. Memorial School has been selected.

In January, a random sample of our eighth grade students will take a 50 minute test in either reading or mathematics. NAEP field staff will visit the Memorial School on the day of testing and administer all test sessions. We do not receive the results of the test scores. They go directly to the field test staff. The only cost to the school would be a mailing home to notify the parents. Mr. Hipp asked why a child would want to do good on this exam. Mr. Hrivnak said that this is addressed in the materials sent to them. The students should treat it the same as MCAS testing. They will be representing the Commonwealth in the results.

- 7.6 School-based Medicaid Report, Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent updated the Committee on School-based Medicaid Payments. There are two major complex categories, Direct Service Claiming (DSC) and Administrative Activity Claiming (AAC), which make up the total claim. Part of the DSC for special education students is completed online by school staff for each student. There is a yearly letter sent to the parent or guardian for permission for the district to claim a student. Health professional credentials must be aligned with the state requirements not just with DESE Licensure. There are quarterly payments made to the town. Ms. Kuehn presented the chart below. Dr. Tyrell said we capture approximately \$150,000 annually in Medicaid payments for the Town of Hull because of the diligent work by our special education staff, Ms. Philippa Young, Ms. Judith Kuehn and Ms. Lynn Peters.

History of Medicaid Payments to Town of Hull FY09 – FY12

Fiscal Year	Claim Payment	New England Medical Cost Invoiced to Hull Public Schools
FY 2009	\$133,675.07	\$9,357.25
FY 2010	\$169,444.66	\$11,861.13
FY 2011	\$150,987.28	\$10,569.11
FY 2012	\$146,776.61	\$10,274.36

8.0 New Business Items

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following policies for second 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 Equal Education Opportunities

Policy JBA Discrimination on the Basis of Race, Ethnicity, Handicap, Religion or Sex

**Vote:** 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Subcommittee Updates

Capital Planning Committee meeting was cancelled.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the following donations:

\$5,350.00 to be used for Sub-Varsity Football

\$100.00 to be used for Student Athlete Program

\$250.00 to be used for Student Athlete Program

\$250.00 to be used for Student Athlete Program

\$250.00 to be used for Student Athlete Program

\$575.00 to be used for Student Athlete Program

\$300.00 to be used for Hull Family Network Program

**Vote:** 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve school warrant #8S, 389, 390 and 391 as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Letter was sent inviting Governor Duval Patrick to the Hull High School regarding the National Blue Ribbon Award. Representative Garrett Bradley's office called to report that they are working on coordinating this event.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. Letter from Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
2. MCAS PowerPoint Presentation
3. School-based Medicaid Report