

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:04 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

Mr. Twombly welcomed David Gardiner, grade eight student, who is working towards achieving his “Citizenship in the Community” badge for Boy Scouts.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the September 9, 2013 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

5.0 Hull Teacher Association Representative's Report
None – Mr. Twombly asked to have this item removed from future agendas.

Motion: Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- School Committee Meeting, June 17, 2013

Vote: 5-0-0

Second: Michelle Lanner

The Superintendent asked the Committee if she could take the agenda items out of order due to the fact that Representative Garrett Bradley had not arrived to the meeting yet.

7.3 School Opening

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that it was a very smooth school opening. She informed the community that there are 10 new teachers and 3 new paraprofessionals that attended the new teacher orientation on August 21, 22, and 23, 2013. North River Bus Company again donated a bus for the new staff to take a tour of town with John Galluzzo as the tour guide telling them the history of Hull. Jakes Seafood treated them as guests and donated lunch. On Monday, August 26 all staff met in the high school auditorium and Representative Garrett Bradley spoke about the new School Security Grant and the new School Resource Officer, Sean Fahey also spoke about his new position in the Hull Public Schools. On Tuesday the staff met for a Teachers 21 Training on the new teacher evaluations. Wednesday the students arrived with a positive attitude and ready to learn. The Superintendent informed the Committee about a few highlights that are going on, which include

- iPad initiative, grades 6 – 8 at the middle school
- iPad training for the teachers – run in-house
- Second year with the South Shore Conservatory in Pre-K and Kindergarten
- Shop at Hull High School
- South Shore Natural Science Center – Science education 1 day per week
- Assistant principal at Memorial School
- Energy efficiency in all buildings, which means there will be more money for education.

7.4 iPad Acceptable Use Policy – IJNDC

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that the revision of this policy was a housekeeping issue. The only change was replacing the words “Grade 6 iPad Initiative” to “iPad” and the section related to iPad Covers was deleted since most children use their own covers. The Committee opted to accept the policy as third reading/ adoption.

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve policy IJNDC for third reading/adoption.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell reported that the School Committee voted and accepted the following district goals at their August 12, 2013 retreat.

1. Continue to work collaboratively with the Hull Teachers Association in order to improve student outcomes across all grade levels.
2. Work with the Hull Teachers Association to effectively implement the agreed upon evaluation instrument in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines.
3. Implement recommendations required for the NEASC 2-year progress report, and implement the recommendations listed in the NEASC Accreditation Report.
4. In PreK-12 use effective strategies that promote the learning and growth of all students (i.e. differentiated instruction, effective use of technology, early

identification, communication between school and home, etc.) to reduce the drop-out rate and prepare all students to be college and career ready.

5. Educators will begin to develop and pilot District Determined Measures.

7.1 Enhanced School Safety

Dr. Tyrell introduced Representative Garrett Bradley, who told the Committee that after Sandy Hook he called the Superintendents in his district and asked them what he could do to help make them safer schools. She said that Rep. Bradley spoke to Chief Billings and herself and they came up with a list of things that would help keep schools safe. Rep. Bradley secured \$262,000 for Hull, exclusively for school safety and a School Resource Officer. Representative Bradley said that he reached out to his local partners and asked what their needs were. He said that other towns already had a School Resource Officer and it was critical to significantly enhance school safety and that he is looking forward to working together moving forward.

7.2 School Resource Officer

Dr. Tyrell introduced Hull Police Officer, Sean Fahey, who is now the Hull Public Schools School Resource Officer. Officer Fahey informed the Committee that he has been in all three schools and getting to know the students. He said it was nice that the novelty of having a police officer in the schools has already worn off and the students are getting used to him being in the buildings.

7.6 School Committee MASC Delegate

Dr. Tyrell asked the Committee members if any of them were planning on attending the MASC/MASS Conference in November and if so, the Committee would need to choose a delegate. Eric Hipp said that he may be able to attend.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michele Lanner

Move to nominate Eric Hipp as Hull's delegate at the MASC/MASS Conference in November.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 New Business

None

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve policy JJF for second reading.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy GBGA	Staff Personal Security and Safety
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Policy GBGB	Physical Restraint (Also: JKF)
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Policy GBI	Staff Participation in Political Activities
<p>1. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from engaging in political activities while on duty or using GBI resources for political purposes.</p> <p>2. The GBI has a policy that requires staff to disclose any political activities to their supervisors.</p> <p>3. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from wearing GBI uniforms or insignia while engaged in political activities.</p> <p>4. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from using GBI email accounts for political purposes.</p> <p>5. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from using GBI facilities for political activities.</p>	<p>1. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from engaging in political activities while on duty or using GBI resources for political purposes.</p> <p>2. The GBI has a policy that requires staff to disclose any political activities to their supervisors.</p> <p>3. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from wearing GBI uniforms or insignia while engaged in political activities.</p> <p>4. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from using GBI email accounts for political purposes.</p> <p>5. The GBI has a policy that prohibits staff from using GBI facilities for political activities.</p>

Policy GBJ	Personnel Records
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Policy GBK	Staff Complaints and Grievances
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Policy GCA Professional Staff Positions

Policy GCBA Instructional Staff Salary Schedules

Policy GCBB	Employment of Principals and Administrators
Policy GCBC	Professional Staff Supplementary Pay Plans
Policy GCC	Professional Staff Leaves and Absences
Policy GCCC	Professional Staff Family and Medical Leave
Policy GCCC-R	Family and Medical Leave
Policy GCD	Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays
Policy GCF	Professional Staff Hiring
Policy GCG	Part-time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment
Policy GCH	Professional Staff Orientation
Vote: 5-0-0	

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-Committees

Stephanie Peters and Marianne Harte will meet to update the School Committee Goals and then bring them forward to the entire School Committee.

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$401 to Theatre Arts from Fiends of Hull High School Theatre Arts
- \$1,326.87 to Theatre Arts from Friends of Hull High School Theatre Arts
- \$10,000 to Athletics from Hull Boosters

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Peters wished Ms. Harte a happy birthday. Mr. Twombly thanked Steven and Laura Avakian for hosting a gathering sponsored by the South Shore Conservatory. They discussed ways to enhance our music program. Dr. Tyrell reminded parents that this year seventh and eighth grade students may participate in band. They would attend band class at Hull High School in the morning and the bus would have them back at Memorial School by first period, so they would not miss and school time.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. District Goals

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on October 7, 2013

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee