

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Marianne Harte, Vice Chair (present)
Eric Hipp, Secretary (present)
Michelle Lanner, Member (present)
Stephanie Peters, Member (present, arrived at 7:12 pm)

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

- 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: Marianne Harte **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the October 7, 2013 agenda as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Marianne Harte **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the September 9, 2013 School Committee minutes.
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Eric Hipp **Second:** Marianne Harte
Move to approve the September 25, 2013 Budget Sub-committee minutes.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 6.0 Business Items – Superintendent
 - 6.1 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 Kathryn Nicole Chaney. Dr. Tyrell read a long list of Ms. Chaney’s accomplishments during her high school years.

Ms. Chaney is a credit to Hull High School and the Hull Community. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Ms. Chaney.

6.2 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Dr. Tyrell announced that twenty Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade ten MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Students' receiving this scholarship makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Hailey Adams	Julia Heavern
Rachel Ashley	Joseph Hulverson
Marco Caparrotta	Calvin Karski
Kathryn Chaney	Noah Kellem
Cassidy Dahill	Joanna Larsen
Kevin Decoste	Joshua Marcel
Joseph Dunphy	Katherine Pearson
Christian Fuda	Isabelle Seal
Mark Genninger	Michael Warren
Taylor Gibson	Stella Willis

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

6.3 Pirate Pride Grant

Hull High School teacher, Ms. Sheila Blair, introduced the three student advisors, Stella Willis, Kate Pearson and Samantha Brown, who updated the Committee on The Real Friends Project: Real Pirate Pride, which included the following:

- The Philosophy
 - Students with and without disabilities have much to offer in friendships and each student should be recognized for the traits that make them enjoyable individuals to be around.
- The Mission
 - To facilitate and enhance authentic friendships between students with and without disabilities.
 - Expand these friendships to out of school activities such as going to the movies or to watch a sports event.
- Their first event – Ice Cream Breaker
 - 32 students
 - Food and drink
 - Introduction Activity – name and hobby
 - Successes – laughing, conversation and involvement
 - Misses – separation and unfamiliar territory
 - Fixes - training
- Future Ideas
 - Onsite Activities – volleyball, football, board games, crafts, other social events.
 - Offsite Activities – walk/hike, movies, sporting events, independent interaction.

The students thanked Ms. Harte for helping to get the grant and Ms. Blair for guiding them.

6.4 Emergency Operations Center

Dr. Tyrell introduced Deputy Fire Chief, Christopher Russo, who informed the Committee that there is now a room at the Memorial Middle School that is dedicated to the Emergency Operations Center. He said he would come back to a future School Committee meeting with pictures of the set up. He stated that there is new technology in the room and thanked Judi Saide and Dr. Tyrell for the successful collaboration.

6.5 MCAS Presentation

Dr. Tyrell congratulated the Jacobs School for being a Level 1 school, which is the highest distinction. She said she was very pleased to report the growth in the MCAS scores at the Jacobs School. Dr. Tyrell presented the following MCAS information:

- Student Growth Percentile – SGP
 - Each student's rate of change in performance is compared to other students' performance with a similar test score history
 - Examples of ELA student growth percentile
 - Examples of student growth percentile performance
 - MCAS student growth – ELA grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10
 - MCAS student growth – mathematics grades 4, 6, 8
 - MCAS student reduction – mathematics grades 5 and 7
- Performance Level Trends

Grade	Advanced/ Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning
Grade 3 ELA	80%	18%	2%
Grade 3 Mathematics	86%	11%	3%
Grade 4 ELA	58%	28%	14%
Grade 4 Mathematics	62%	27%	11%
Grade 5 ELA	76%	22%	1%
Grade 5 Mathematics	72%	24%	5%
Grade 5 Science & Technology/Engineering	53%	42%	5%
Grade 6 ELA	65%	24%	11%
Grade 6 Mathematics	39%	43%	18%
Grade 7 ELA	62%	25%	13%
Grade 7 Mathematics	50%	33%	17%
Grade 8 ELA	74%	20%	6%
Grade 8 Mathematics	59%	24%	18%
Grade 8 Science & Technology/Engineering	44%	41%	15%
Grade 9 Introduction to Physics	82%	17%	1%
Grade 10 ELA	94%	5%	1%
Grade 10 Mathematics	78%	17%	5%

▪ MCAS Improvement Efforts

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal and Ms. Jean Penta, L.M. Jacobs School Principal, presented the individual schools MCAS improvement efforts for the 2013-2014 school year. Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent discussed the District MCAS improvement efforts for the 2011-2012 school year.

7.0 New Business
None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve policy JJF for third reading/adoption.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy GBGA	Staff Personal Security and Safety
Policy GBGB	Physical Restraint (Also: JKF)
Policy GBI	Staff Participation in Political Activities
Policy GBJ	Personnel Records
Policy GBK	Staff Complaints and Grievances
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

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

The Goals committee will meet on October 10, 2013.

HTA has successfully concluded negotiations.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$104.48 to Athletics from My Locker
- \$5,200 to Athletics from Hull Youth Football
- \$300 to Athletics from the Class of 1973.

Vote: 5-0-0

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10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve school warrants 9S, 484 and 485 as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly told the Committee that he spoke to Mr. Kevin Richardson, Board of Selectmen Chair, and they are meeting to discuss the FY15 budget. He also stated that there is no schedule yet for the Capital Planning Committee meeting.

13.0 Executive Session

None

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. The Real Friends Project: Real Pirate Pride
2. MCAS Presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on October 21, 2013

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee