

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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

There was a moment of silence for Isabel (Kit) Connolly, mother of Maureen Connolly, kindergarten teacher at the Jacobs School and Keith Connolly, custodian at the Memorial School.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to approve the October 21, 2013 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Michelle Lanner  
Move to approve the October 7, 2013 School Committee minutes.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell informed the audience that in the executive session before the regular School Committee meeting the Committee ratified the new educator evaluation process. The Committee needs to reconfirm the vote in open session.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters                      **Second:** Marianne Harte  
Move to ratify the new educator evaluation process.

**Vote: 5-0-0**

6.1 National Merit Commended Student

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement provided by the College Board to Hull High School student Kevin Decoste, who placed among the top five (5) percent of more than 1.5 million students who took the 2011 PSAT.

The Committee and Superintendent congratulated Kevin and his parents.

6.2 AP Scholars

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to eleven (11) Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2013 Advanced Placement examinations. In order to receive this national recognition, a student must receive a score of at least three (3) out of a possible five (5) on three (3) or more AP exams.

Class of 2013

Thomas Guiney  
Casey Hague  
Mackenzie Harte  
Andrew Mele  
Taylor Sprague  
Stephanie Striglio  
Molly Weber  
AP Scholar with Distinction – Sam Campbell

Class of 2014

Kathryn Chaney  
Christian Fuda  
Taylor Gibson  
Noah Kellem

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

6.3 District and School Accountability Review - DESE

Dr. Tyrell introduced Dr. John Roper, District Review Coordinator from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, who discussed the upcoming District and School Accountability Review. Dr. Roper informed the Committee that the site visit will take place on December 9 through 13, 2013. Dr. Roper said the purpose for the District Review is to support the district decision-making by providing an objective analysis of how district systems impact teaching and learning and to make suggestions for the district's ongoing improvement efforts. He said the important components are as follows;

- Independent and experienced expert reviewers
- Fair and transparent process
- Data and evidence driven
- Iterative process
- Informative findings
- Helpful recommendations

Dr. Roper detailed the District Review Process as follows;

1. Data and Document Analysis
2. On-Site Visit
3. Findings and Recommendations Development
4. Draft Refinement
5. Report Publication

The Committee will have the opportunity to sit with the District Review team during a focus group on one of the days they are in the district for the review.

6.4 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools – District Improvements and Accomplishments (2009-2013) as Related to District Standards and Indicators

Dr. Tyrell presented the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools – District Improvements and Accomplishments (2009-2013) as Related to District Standards and Indicators. The six (6) District Standards and Indicators are:

1. Leadership and Governance
2. Curriculum and Instruction
3. Assessment
4. Human Resources and Professional Development
5. Student Support
6. Financial and Asset Management

She outlined the following improvements using the above standards and indicators categories;

- Improvements in Staffing Levels (4 & 5)
- Improvements in Curriculum (2, 4 & 6)
- Improvements in Assessment (3)
- Improvements in Technology (2 & 5)
- Improvements in Facilities (5 & 6)
- Improvements in Co-Curricular Activities (5 & 6)

Dr. Tyrell discussed the professional development that is taking place and the recognition that the district has received.

The Committee thanked everyone for their hard work on such a large task and said that it is good for the district and the public to see what has been going on. Dr. Tyrell said that the document will be shared with Dr. Roper.

6.5 Advanced Placement Examinations and SAT Scores

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following information on AP and SAT Exam scores:

- Advanced Placement (AP) exams overview
- Hull High School 2013 AP scores
- Number of Hull High School students taking AP exams (2009-2013)
- Number of AP exams taken at Hull High School (2009-2013)
- Number of Hull High School students earning a three or better (2009-2013)

- Percentage of Hull High School students earning a three or better (2009-2013)
- AP trends
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) overview
- Hull High School SAT scores (2011-2013)
- SAT scores 2013
  - Hull High School
  - Massachusetts
  - National
- SAT trends

Mr. Devine responded to School Committee questions and concerns about AP calculus. Mr. Devine said that a new teacher was trained in AP calculus and we should see an improvement in the scores.

7.0 New Business  
None

8.0 **Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

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 subcommittee met. The goals will be updated for next few years and brought to future meeting.
- The Superintendent Evaluation Instrument subcommittee met earlier in the day. The evaluation process is similar to what the teachers are doing.
- The Budget Subcommittee met earlier in the day to see where we are and how to move the district forward.
- The Capital Planning Committee will be meeting tomorrow night. Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

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9.2 Acceptance of Donations  
None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve school warrants 10S, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, & 491 as presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:28 p.m.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools – District Improvements and Accomplishments
2. AP & SAT Scores presentation
3. The District Review - DESE

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on November 4, 2013

Eric Hipp, Secretary  
Hull School Committee