

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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 7:32 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:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the November 4, 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: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- Monday, June 17, 2013 Executive Session minutes.
- Monday, June 17, 2013 School Committee meeting minutes.
- Monday, August 12, 2013 School Committee Retreat minutes.
- Monday, October 21, 2013 School Committee minutes.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 Students with Perfect MCAS Scores

Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal recognized students in each school who received perfect MCAS scores in English language arts, mathematics and/or science. The following students received a certificate:

Grade 3 ELA

Larkin Tanner

Grade 5 Math

Olivia Rys

Grade 3 Math

Yahrou Camel

Grade 8 Math

Richard Barone

Louis Gonzalez

James Rosado

Grade 4 ELA

Leah Boyd

Melissa Rymaszewski

Grade 8 Science

Louis Gonzalez

Grade 4 Math

Maeve Donohue

Anthony Scalia

Grade 9 Science

Kaler Diemer

- 6.2 Pathway to Career and College Readiness for 21st Century Learners
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal gave an overview of the Pathway to Career and College Readiness for 21st Century Learners, which included the following:
- Goal 1: All graduates of the Hull Public Schools will have demonstrated the ability to think critically and to problem solve in and out of the classroom.
 - Goal 2: All graduates of Hull Public Schools will have demonstrated the ability to collaborate across networks and lead by influence in and out of the classroom.
 - Goal 3: All graduates of Hull Public Schools will have demonstrated agility and adaptability in and out of the classroom.
 - Goal 4: All graduates of Hull Public Schools will have demonstrated initiative and entrepreneurship in and out of the classroom.
 - Goal 5: All graduates of Hull Public Schools will have demonstrated the ability to effectively communicate, both orally and in writing, in and out of the classroom.

The Committee discussed the goals and strategies to achieve the goals. Ms. Peters Stated that she wanted to make it clear that this document reflects what the district and Committee want for the future but that there is no money available for these things now.

- 6.3 FY15 Preliminary Budget Discussion
Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that, regrettably, the school department is looking at \$200,000 less funds from the SPED 240 and Title 1 grants and reduced circuit breaker money. She said she has grave concerns about the upcoming school year. Dr. Tyrell stated that she does not believe that the FY15 will be a restoration year. She is hoping to be able to maintain services that are now in place. She also said that the Town Manager realizes that we need to maintain services.

Mr. Twombly stated that the Committee has an open dialog with the Town Manager and said that the important part is that we are communicating. He is hopeful that both parties will move closer together and come up with a solution. Mr. Twombly stated that as updates become available the Committee will let the public aware of them.

6.4 Bullying Policy - JBAA

Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services, explained that the law has changed regarding bullying and that is the reason the Committee needs to update the Bullying policy. She said that the law has been update to include staff, not just students.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve policy JBAA – Bullying and Cyber-Bullying for first reading.

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Peters informed the Committee and the public that Norwell Public Schools is hosting a presentation on social media on November 26, 2013. It is free and all parents are encouraged to attend.

7.0 New Business

None

8.0 Old Business Items

8.1 Sub-Committees

- School Committee Goals – Ms. Peters asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting because Ms. Harte was also on the sub-committee and is absent from this meeting.
- Superintendent Evaluation Instrument – Ms. Peters said that Ms. Harte is also a member of this sub-committee and again asked that the item be deferred to the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to defer both items until the next meeting.

- Capital Planning Committee – Mr. Twombly stated that there was a spirited discussion about the middle school at the last meeting and at the next meeting, on November 26, 2013, there will be an open discussion with school and town representatives at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. The Superintendent made it clear that the School Committee makes all decisions on school facilities and want the best thing for education, not the town. She added that anything were to change it would be a very long process. Mr. Twombly added, when you look at consolidating schools, we will still have the same kids and the same teachers. The only savings would be utilities.

8.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

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9.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Michelle Lanner

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve school warrants 11S, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496 & 497 as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to adjourn School Committee meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments:

1. Pathway to Career and College Readiness for 21st Century Learners
2. School Committee Goals
3. Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on December 9, 2013

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee