

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 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

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:01 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 December 9, 2013 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 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, November 4, 2013 School Committee minutes.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

 - 6.1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services, explained that the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan has been updated to reflect MGL c 71, 370, which changed the definition of “perpetrator” to include “a member of a school staff, including, but not limited to, an educator, administrator, school nurse, cafeteria worker, custodian, bus driver, athletic coach, advisor to an extracurricular activity or paraprofessional.”
- 8.0 School Committee Policy Issues – JBAA – Bullying & Cyber-bullying

This policy was taken out of order because it pertains to Superintendent Business Item 6. – Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

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

Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 FY15 Preliminary Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that the FY15 preliminary budget reflects the same school system as is today. Two important positions were not filled this year due to the need for a kindergarten teacher. These positions (secretary and library clerk) have been eliminated from the FY15 proposed budget. The FY15 proposed budget reflects an increase of 4.68%, an increase of \$635,000. Dr. Tyrell said that administration was prepared to come forward with a 3% budget but there was a reduction of \$200,000 in grants, circuit breaker and both the kindergarten and preschool tuition fund.

Mr. Twombly stated that the Committee is committed to continuing working with the town and Dr. Tyrell and Mr. Twombly have met with Mr. Kevin Richardson, Board of Selectmen Chair and Mr. Philip Lemnios, Town Manager. He said it is a difficult procedure but is hopeful that the school department will not have to take a step backwards. He also stated that there are a lot of steps that need to be taken before town meeting. The Committee discussed the issues and decided that the FY15 budget discussion would be a standing agenda item.

7.0 New Business
None

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

School Committee Goals

Ms. Peters and Ms. Harte presented School Committee Goals 2010-2012, with yearly updates from the original document, which included curriculum, fiscal transparency, communication and human resources. Ms. Peters requested the presentation be posted to the School Committee website.

Superintendent Evaluation Instrument

Dr. Tyrell stated that there are twelve (12) indicators in the new Superintendent Evaluation Instrument that correspond to the other administrator evaluation instruments and are in line with the new teacher evaluation that is now in place. She thanked Ms. Peters and Ms. Harte for their work on this sub-committee.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$805 to Athletics from multiple sources
- \$5,373 to Athletics from gate receipts
- \$6,466 to Athletics from gate receipts

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve school warrants 13S, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510 & 511 as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Dr. Tyrell noted that the School Committee and administrators were planning on attending the last Capital Planning Committee meeting because they were going to be discussion consolidating the school facilities, but the night before the meeting was to be held it was cancelled. Dr. Tyrell said that it is unsettling for people to hear that the middle school is not needed. Based on current data there may be some space available and she is willing to work with the town for some of their needs. Mr. Twombly added that there are a bunch of issues that would have to be discussed and the School Committee has to do what is best for the students in Hull. He invited the Capital Planning Committee to a future School Committee meeting where the school department will present facts and the Capital Planning Committee can present their facts. Dr. Tyrell added that it will be a long process.

Mr. Hipp stated that the Jacobs School Turkey Trot was a great event. All the students sang The Star Spangled Banner and it was very moving.

Ms. Harte informed the Committee that Hull High School Theatre Arts will be presenting *Shrek, the Musical* on Friday, December 6, Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2013.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of school security and negotiation strategy with union and non-union personnel. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stephanie Peters, Marianne Harte, David Twombly, Eric Hipp and Michelle Lanner.

Attachments:

1. Draft Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
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 January 27, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee