

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

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
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The Chair asked the audience to please share in a moment of silence for Bob Simons who was critically injured in a house fire over the weekend.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the January 27, 2014 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

- First day of semester
- Green Geico project – help kids in Cambodia
- Drowned Hogs – students are raising money for it
- New physics club – hover craft
- Science fair coming to Hull High School
- Music program playing at the Providence Bruins
- Juniors and Seniors are working on Semi – February 8.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- Monday, October 21, 2013 Budget Subcommittee minutes.
- Monday, November 4 2013 Community Outreach minutes.
- Friday, December 6, 2013 Budget Subcommittee minutes.

- Monday, December 9, 2013 School Committee meeting.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship – Additional Recipients

Due to a computer error at DESE the following students were recently informed that they have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Diana Perrone

Sean Smyth

Emily Vermilya

Josh Whelan

6.2 School Resource Officer Update

Hull Police Officer Sean Fahey, School Resource Officer and Hull Police Intern and Hull High School student Brendon Sanders, updated the Committee on what has been accomplished so far in the schools since the new SRO position was created. Officer Fahey has accomplished the following;

- Attended SRO training.
- Been a teacher, counselor, police officer and roll model in all three schools.
- Held individual consultations with both teachers and students.
- Ran a Stranger Danger presentation at the Jacobs School.
- Worked on middle school curriculum for drug prevention.
- Gave bomb threat presentation to secretaries and administrators.
- Building relationships with students.
- Will attend ALICE Training – lock down- along with principals.
- Will start joining Gregory Kelley, Memorial School Assistant Principal, for before school breakfast program for high risk students.

Brandon Sanders told the Committee that he was grateful for the opportunity to intern with Officer Fahey. He said that the SRO program has any benefits including;

- Faculty and students feel safer.
- Stops school related violence.
- Gives students a different outlook on the police.
- Sets a good roll model.

Brandon said that the internship made him want to pursue his career path even more and he will be attending the UMass Boston criminal justice program in the fall.

Dr. Tyrell added that Officer Fahey, Police Chief Billings and school administrators meet monthly to keep abreast of the program.

6.3 Middle and High School Music Program

Mr. Ian Barkon, high school music teacher, presented the Middle and High School Music Program, some of the highlights included;

- Goals of the music program.
- Current course offerings (6-8)

- Current course offerings (9-12)
- Accomplishments
- Co-curricular music program
- Hull Pirates Marching Band
- Next steps.

Erynne Steen, high school music student, told the Committee about the great experience that she has had so far in the music program and loves performing at different venues.

6.4 Music Field Trip to Providence, RI

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School music teacher, asked the Committee for permission to take music students to Providence to perform during a Providence Bruins hockey game.

Mr. Barkon stated that the students had a great experience last year and they look forward to playing in different venues like the Providence Bruins hockey game.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the out of state field trip for music students to attend the Providence Bruins game on March 9, 2014 at the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, RI.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.5 Kate's Voice Grant

Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services, discussed the new grant opportunity, Kate's Voice, which is an activities based communication skills and expressive language music therapy program for high school students with significant weaknesses. Hull has been awarded \$1,000 for 11 sessions at \$100 per session. The grant comes from the South Shore Conservatory.

6.6 FY15 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that she and Mr. Twombly would meet with Mr. Kevin Richardson, Board of Selectmen Chair, and Mr. Philip Lemnios, Town Manager, to discuss the FY15 budget and they are hopeful that more money will be available. Dr. Tyrell stated that the House 1 budget is not looking very good. Mr. Twombly added that the budget process is a long process with a lot of steps along the way and there may be more information to share at the next meeting.

6.7 Reschedule January 22, 2014 Professional Development Program/Early Release

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that school was cancelled, due to snow, on January 22 which was scheduled as an early release day so the Committee needs to vote on the new early release date of February 26, 2014.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to reschedule the early release day from January 22, 2014 to February 26, 2014.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 New Business None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Marianne Harte

Second: Michelle Lanner

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No motion

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly brought up the recent editorial in The Hull Times, which talked about taking a vote at Town Meeting to see what town residents thought of using the Memorial School for non educational use. The Committee discussed the following issues:

- Impact on paying back the MSBA
- Transportation
- Science lab costs
- Locker rooms and showers
- South Shore Educational Collaborative rent and transportation savings lost
- Special education costs rise if SSEC students are placed out of district
- Moving costs
- No budget line in town government to take care of building
- What is big plan to maintain the school
- HVAC issues
- The building was built for classrooms not office space, cost to retrofit
- \$60,000 for energy management systems
- High school built for high school only. Would need separate entrance for junior high and senior high among other separations
- School Committee's job is to provide safety in education
- How can Memorial School be surplus less than 8 years after spending \$12 million to renovate it?
- Late 1990's Hull made a commitment to educational excellence by voting to renovate the 3 schools
- Long Term Space Needs Committee in place with 12 members, meeting in 5 public sessions between November, 2009 and June, 2010 recommended against closing the Memorial School
- Significant turnover in administrators and teachers concerned about their future
- Parents and children already concerned about program cuts moved on to private schools
- No one has actually discussed the matter with the School Committee
- Capital Planning Committee invited School Committee to their meeting in November but cancelled the night before and have not extended another invitation
- Want to help and be part of the community discussion
- Send formal request to MSBA

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Motion to have the Superintendent send a formal request to MSBA asking for the ramifications of using the Memorial School for non-educational purposes.

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Harte noted that the Drowned Hog events are this weekend. The Drowned Hog Ball is Friday night and the Drowned Hog swim and Chowder Fest is Saturday. The swim is at 11:00 am not 12:00 pm.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 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. HPS Middle and High School Music Program Update
2. Out of State field trip forms
3. Hull School Committee Goals 2013-2015

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on March 10, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee