

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

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

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 7:06 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: Michelle Lanner **Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the March 10, 2014 agenda as presented.

Vote: 3-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None
- 4.0 Student Representative

None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes

 - Monday, January 27, 2014 School Committee meeting
 - Monday, February 2, 2014 School Choice Sub-committee meeting
 - Tuesday, February 11, 2014 School Committee meeting
- 6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 Representative Garrett Bradley and Senator Robert Hedlund

Representative Garrett Bradley gave a brief update of the FY15 budget. He said that the Governor’s budget proposes Chapter 70 local aid for Hull at \$3,708,196, but to expect that figure to change because the House of Representatives are scheduled to debate the budget in late April, followed in May by the State Senate.

Senator Helund also discussed local aid by stating that the state commitment to cities and towns downward trend continues as seen in Hull’s state aide as % of local revenues from 27.24% in FY2003 to 20.99% in FY2009 and now 16.85% in FY2014. He said the good news for Hull schools is the FY14 School Safety Grant at \$262,705 for a school safety officer and safety equipment.

The Committee thanked Representative Bradley and Senator Hedlund for all their help, especially with the School Safety grant. Committee members and the Superintendent said they appreciate their support and the increased security in the schools.

6.2 Memorial Middle School Read-a-thon

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, gave an overview of the read-a-thon and recognized the students who read the most in each grade or won other prizes at the event. Standing at the podium with Mr. Hrivnak was the winner of Principal for the Day, Olivia Rys.

6.3 South Shore Science Center

Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, introduced Mr. John Galluzzo, Director of Education at South Shore Science Center and Ms. Jo Frasier, teacher at South Shore Science Center who teaches in Hull. Ms. Frasier told the Committee that there is a grant that allows her to come to the Jacobs School every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and teaches in each classroom once a month from preschool to grade 5. She explained that she does hands on activities, talks about local turtles, conservation, shipwrecks, among other science topics. Ms. Penta concluded that the program has been well received by students and staff and she hopes it continues.

6.4 MASPER Robotics

Mr. John Galluzzo, Director of Education at South Shore Science Center, gave an overview of the grant funded Underwater Robotics after school program at the Memorial School (MASPER). He said that the course was a 6 month course, where the students built an underwater craft from a grant funded kit and brought it to the pool at a local hotel to see how it worked.

6.5 The Ecology of Hull

Ms. Sheila Jacoby and several students from The Ecology of Hull spoke about the new course offered this year at Hull High School. The students discussed the field trip they took of the Town of Hull with Mr. John Galluzzo, Director of Education at South Shore Science Center. The students talked about how much they learned from discussing the town that they are growing up in and have not appreciated. They all said they have a better understanding of the ecology of the Town of Hull and are learning a lot in the class.

6.6 Special Education Overview and Budget

Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services, presented an overview of the special education program by discussing the following:

- The special education process
- The components that drive the budgetary needs
- And reasons why the budget fluctuates

The Committee followed up with discussion and questions, which were answered by Ms. Young, Mr. Gillis and Dr. Tyrell:

- Relationship with South Shore Educational Collaborative and the cost avoidance from housing them in Hull
- Unpredictability of students, enrollment always fluctuates

- Special education is the most difficult part of the budget to develop
- Students needs change – may add a paraprofessional

6.7 Agreement for the South Shore Educational Collaborative and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Dr. Tyrell explained that the document complies with a new law and that the Committee would have to vote to accept it. The Committee recommended that the Superintendent send it to the attorney representing the school system first. The discussion and vote was tabled.

6.8 2014-2015 School Calendar

This item was table due to two Committee members absence.

6.9 FY15 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell said that she was continuing to communicate with the Town Manager and she believes the budget that the Town Manager gave will be what the schools will get. The Committee would like to continue with the budget presentations similar to the special education overview and budget the Ms. Young presented in item 6.6. Dr. Tyrell stated that the public hearing will take place during the April 7, 2014 School Committee meeting.

7.0 New Business
None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Michelle Lanner

Second: Eric Hipp

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

Policy GCIA	Philosophy of Staff Development
Policy GCJ	Professional Teachers Status
Policy GCK	Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers
Policy GCL	Professional Staff Time Schedules
Policy GCMD	Instructional Staff Extra Duty
Policy GCO	Evaluation of Professional Staff
Policy GCO-R	Evaluation of Professional Staff
Policy GCOA-E	Evaluation of Professional Staff/Teachers

Vote: 3-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

Mr. Hipp told the Committee that the Health and Wellness Advisory met last week.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Michelle Lanner

Second: Eric Hipp

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$6,000 worth of office supplies from Office Max to Hull High School
- \$2,672 from gate receipts to Athletics
- \$20,000 from Hull Boosters to Athletics
- \$1,357.40 from drama donations to Hull High School Theatre Arts

Vote: 3-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Michelle Lanner

Second: Eric Hipp

Moved to approve the following warrants as presented:

Warrant 22S, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552 and 553

Vote: 3-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- March 27, 2014 Faculty Basketball Game at Hull High School to support Hull Boosters
- March 27, 2014 Dinner for a Cause at the Ninety Nine restaurant in Hingham to support Hull High School Theatre Arts
- March 29, 2014 Quiz Night at the Knights of Columbus to support all co-curricula's at Hull High School

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Michelle Lanner

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to adjourn School Committee meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Vote: 3-0-0

Attachments:

1. March 2014 Report to the Hull School Committee by State Representative, Garrett Bradley
2. Legislative and Budget Update, Town of Hull, Senator Robert Hedlund

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on April 7, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee