

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathleen I. Tyrell, 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 7:04 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 April 7, 2014 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

- Monday, March 10, 2014 School Committee meeting
- Friday, March 21, 2014 Budget Sub-committee meeting
- Monday, March 24, 2014 Advisory Board meeting

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 Memorial School National Junior Honor Society

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, explained the process for being accepted to the National Junior Honor Society and introduced the members of the inaugural class. Students were selected to this organization based on the qualities of scholarship, character, citizenship, service and leadership. All students with a minimum GPA of 3.8 were invited to complete an application. The following students are new members of the NJHS:

Jennifer Boyd

Hailey Cederquist

Sarah Dahill

Andrew DelGuidice

Michael DelGuidice

Faith Devitt

Hannah Diemer  
Benjamin Fenelon  
Aurianne Fitz-Marquez  
Victoria Fuda  
Melaney Jenkins  
Jacqueline Kearns  
Kristen MacDonald  
Emily Menice

Kyle Miller  
Christian Olivieri  
Madeline Richardson  
Maeve Richardson  
Matthew Rymaszewski  
Brian Saniuk  
Jackson Sordillo  
Haley Walsh-Pederson

#### 6.2 Eagle Project at Hull High School

Hull High School student, Brendan Holden, proposed installing a flagpole at the Hull High School football field. The flagpole would have lights to light up the flag at night and would be dedicated to the Veterans of Hull. Brendan is a junior and is in his last year of scouting. After finishing this project he will become an Eagle Scout. Brendan will raise money for the project and ask the suppliers for a discount.

**Motion:** Marianne Harte

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Moved to allow Brendan Holden to install a flagpole at Hull High School under the supervision of Hull High School Principal, Mr. Michael Devine.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 6.3 Public Hearing

Hold off until 7:30 pm.

#### 6.4 Hull High 2014-2015 School Program of Studies

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School principal, brought forward his proposed changes to the Hull High School 2014-2015 Program of Studies, which included:

- New Courses
  - Journalism/Newspaper Design
  - Piano Lab – Basic Level
  - Piano Lab – Chords and Rhythm
  - Performance Arts – Brass and Wind Ensemble
  - Performance Art – Rock Ensemble
  - Foundations of Chemistry
  - Sociology of the Holocaust
  - World History Through Film
  - Algebra II Prep
  - Freshman Presentations
  - Wood IA: Introduction to Wood Manufacturing Technology
  - Wood IB: Small Projects, Toys and Novelties
  - Wood IIA: Fine Furniture Fabrication
  - Wood IIB: Introduction to Woodturning
  - Wood IIIA: Clock Making 101
  - Wood IIIB: Wood Product Design Applications
  - Technology Education Independent Study
  - Survey of Mathematics
  - Algebra I
- Deleted Courses
  - AP Spanish

- Public Speaking
  - Building Construction
  - Technology Education I
  - Computer Repair
  - Algebra – Linear Emphasis
  - Honors Calculus
- Added
  - All students are required to carry a total of 42 credits per school year, regardless of any excess of credits earned in previous years, unless the student has enrolled in the *Statellite program* with the approval of the principal if there are extenuating circumstances.
  - After the first two weeks, students will only be able to drop a class with the approval of the principal.
  - Parents are encouraged to check the Aspen student information system on a regular basis. This will allow parents to monitor their student's progress.
  - Students (freshmen) who earn either "Needs Improvement" or "Warning" on the grade 8 ELA or Mathematics MCAS exam will be placed in a Freshman Math/Freshman Writing class. Students who earn either "Advanced" or "Proficient" on the grade 8 ELA and Mathematics MCAS exam will be placed in an Algebra II Prep/Public Speaking class.
- Deleted
  - Weekly progress reports are available for all students. Students in the program will pick-up the progress report forms from their counselor on Fridays before school. Individual students will be responsible for taking the form to all their teachers throughout the day and delivering the report to their parents.
  - Foreign Language through Cultures: This course is only offered to students enrolled in the Alternative Pathway program or have received permission from the principal.
- Changed
  - Each student will be assessed for his/her level of attainment of these expectations twice each **year (from semester)**.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve the high school Program of Studies with the changes presented.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

### 6.3 Public Hearing

Mr. Twombly called the public hearing to order at 7:35 pm. No members of the public spoke. Mr. Twombly stated that it is a very difficult budget season for many reasons but the budget is the same as was presented at the Advisory Board meeting and the school department will close the \$50,000 gap in a period of weeks as efficiently as possible. Ms. Peters encouraged everyone to ask questions. Mr. Twombly closed the public hearing at 7:40 pm.

### 6.5 Hull High School Overview and Budget

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School principal, passed out a handout and gave an

overview of how the high school budget is put together and how the money is spent. Mr. Gillis, School Business Administrator, was available to answer budget related questions. The handout included:

- Staffing
- AP courses offered
- Stipend positions
- Activities offered
- Virtual High School/credit recovery
- Summer school
- Tutoring
- Supplies
- Event finance
- Textbooks
- Dues and fees

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

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that as requested by the School Committee Atty. James Toomey, of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, council for Hull Public Schools, reviewed the proposed collaborative agreement. He stated that it complies with the collaborative statute and he does not recommend any changes or additions to the agreement.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the South Shore Educational Collaborative Agreement.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

6.7 SSEC Board of Directors Representative

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Nominate Dr. Tyrell to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative as a Board Member for FY15.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

6.8 2014-2015 School Calendar

Dr. Tyrell explained the scenarios for each of the four calendars. First she asked the Committee to decide whether to hold school on January 2, 2015, which falls on a Friday. She added that of the districts surveyed, none were holding school on that day. The Committee decided on no school Friday, January 2, 2015. Dr. Tyrell then explained that the start dates on the other calendars are before Labor Day and after Labor Day because Labor Day is on September 1, 2015.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve calendar #1, school starting August 25, 2014 for teachers and August 26, 2014 for students.

**Vote:** 2-3-0. Motion was not approved.

**Motion:** Michelle Lanner

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve calendar #3, school starting September 2, 2014 for teachers and September 3, 2014 for students.

**Vote:** 3-2-0

7.0 New Business  
None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy GCQA	Reduction in Instructional Staff Work Force
Policy GCQC	Resignation of Professional Staff Members
Policy GCQE	Retirement of Professional Staff Members
Policy GCQF	Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff Members
Policy GCR	Nonschool Employment of Professional Staff Members
Policy GCRCA	Professional Activities of Teachers
Policy GCRD	Tutoring
Policy GDA	Support Staff Positions
Policy GDB	Support Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans
Policy GDBC	Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans
Policy GDBD	Support Staff Fringe Benefits
Policy GDC	Support Staff Leaves and Absences
Policy GDCC	Support Staff and Family Medical Leave
Policy GDD	Support Staff Vacations and Holidays
Policy GDE	Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies

**Vote:** 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

Superintendent Evaluation Mid-Cycle Goals Review

Ms. Peters and Ms. Harte met with the Superintendent and reviewed the cycle. Ms. Peters stated that Dr. Tyrell is in the middle of the yearly cycle and has given evidence of her achievements thus far. Ms. Peters said that they will do her evaluation in November. She believes that the Superintendent is meeting her goals. Ms. Harte added that she has personally seen Dr. Tyrell observing in the classroom.

Capital Planning Committee Update

Mr. Twombly recapped the Capital Planning Committee meeting, saying that they met and discussed the consolidation of the Memorial School. He complemented the administration and parents. The Committee discussed the following:

- Move forward on hiring a consultant
- Whether or not to offer to pay for study
- Do all three studies or educational study only
- Part of the RFP should be the 21<sup>st</sup> Century documents and State mandates
- The people who do a study should be qualified and trained in educational studies
- What about the other town owned buildings
- Too many questions still unanswered
- Meeting ended abruptly and haven't heard anything since

Mr. Twombly will contact the Town Manager to find out when their next meeting is and what the next step will be.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$2,500 from Hull Youth Basketball to Athletic Department
- \$200 (2 flutes valued at \$100 each from John Cotter – Hingham Rotary Club member to band program
- \$2,000 from Wellspring – Drowned Hogs to Athletic Department
- \$2,472 from Gate Receipts to Athletic Department

**Vote:** 5-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Moved to approve the following warrants as presented:

Warrant 26S, 556 & 557

**Vote:** 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Quiz Night raises \$3,600 and was a great time
- Faculty Basketball Game for Boosters – great turnout and fun family night
- Committee members heard from people asking if the April Fool's Day article in the Hull Times was real. The Committee suggested that Ms. Ovens would put something on the bottom of future articles saying that it was an April Fool's joke.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:58 pm. for the purpose of discussing School Safety and not return to Open Session.

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

Attachments:

1. FY15 Draft Administration Budget
2. Hull High School Program of Studies
3. Hull High School Overview and Budget
4. Agreement from the South Shore Educational Collaborative and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were

approved and adopted by the  
Committee on June 2, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary  
Hull School Committee