



**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters  
Moved to nominate Eric Hipp as School Committee Secretary.

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

Ms. Harte took her seat and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

## 2.2 FY15 Budget

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that the budget they have in from of them is a balanced budget totaling \$14,016,485, which is the number town meeting voted on. This budget includes:

- 3 kindergarten teacher and 3 paraprofessionals – currently 57 students have registered.
- 4 fifth grades – projected grade five enrollment – 71 students
- Increase of \$14,000 for high school athletics
- Increase of \$2,000 for drama

Dr. Tyrell also said that she is cautiously optimistic that we may have some significant special education cost avoidances during the next two month, in which case she will be adding a middle school foreign language teacher. Dr. Tyrell explained that the reason for low enrollment in next year's kindergarten due to the low birth rate due to the recession, which historically happens. Mr. Hipp stated that he thinks hiring a foreign language teacher should be a School Committee decision. The Superintendent and Ms. Peters felt that the best candidate pool is now and if the Superintendent waited to post the position there may not be high-quality applicants available. Dr. Tyrell suggested voting on foreign language tonight based on available funds. Mr. Twombly added that if it turned out no money the Superintendent would come back to the Committee to discuss reallocating the funds.

**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the FY15 school budget of \$14,016,485 as presented with the memo to School Committee dated May, 16, 2014 and to have the Superintendent come back at the second June meeting if not enough funding for foreign language.

**Vote: 5-0-0**

### 2.3 School Choice

Dr. Tyrell said that each year School Committee members must vote on School Choice. She recommended the Committee vote no. Ms. Harte said that she, Mr. Hipp and Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Building Administrator, were on the School Choice Subcommittee and did research on the subject. The outcome was that Hull is not geographically in a good spot for students from other town to come to Hull and that the State only pays \$5,000 per student each year, which is a lot less than the average per pupil expense and that the district could lose students to other towns. Mr. Hipp added that he has not changed his mind on the subject, stating that Hull has already lost students and although the \$5,000 per student is correct the marginal cost is less. He stated that, given the issue about the middle school space he does not think this is a time to vote for school choice because this could cause more of an overcrowding issue.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Marianne Harte

Move that Hull Public Schools does not participate in school choice for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Ms. Peters and Mr. Hipp thanked the voters of Hull for their support in the town elections. Mr. Hipp urged members of the community to please get involved in town politics.

#### Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Moved to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 634 p.m.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### Attachments:

1. FY15 Budget

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