

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

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

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Marianne Harte, Chair at 7:04 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the June 2, 2014 agenda as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

4.0 Student Representative
None

- Monday, April 7, 2014 School Committee meeting
- Thursday, May 1, 2014 Budget Sub-committee meeting
- Monday, May 20, 2014 School Committee meeting

South Shore Conservatory Director of Community Partnerships, Ann Smith, discussed the ongoing grant program at the Jacobs School. The program is called Jump Start. Ann goes to the Jacobs School weekly for professional development in arts integrated learning. She said that the teachers are encouraged to do more reflections and are willing to try new things. Next year will be the end of the weekly schedule. Ms Penta added that the teachers are using the skills and the energy of kids in the classes is very positive. She said that Mr. Taylor is working closely with the South Shore Conservatory to build the program. Ms. Kuehn added that Ann is working closely with Dr. Joy Turpie and Dr. Mary Merrigan on data collection and they see students are experiencing greater comfort tapping out words with syllables.

6.2 Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI)

Timothy Mackenzie, Hull High School teacher, along with several students, showed a presentation of past trips to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity and asked the School Committee for approval for them to go to Costa Rica next April with the understanding that Mr. Mackenzie will come back in the fall with the particulars.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to approve the PHI trip to Costa Rica with the understanding that Mr. Mackenzie will come back in the fall with more information.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.3 Chartwells

Chartwells representatives Chris Callahan and Chartwells Food Service Director for Hull Public Schools, Kate Leavenworth presented a symbolic \$1000.00 check to Hull Public Schools. Two deserving Hull High School seniors will each receive a Chartwells scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the donation of \$1000 for two \$500 Chartwells scholarships.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.4 PARCC or MCAS – 2015 Testing Decision

Dr. Tyrell let the Committee know that a decision needed to be made on whether to select to continue to administer MCAS testing or move to the PARCC testing. She stated that the decision is a school by school decision and she has had numerous conversations with Ms. Judith Kuehn and the principals. Dr. Tyrell suggested having the School Committee vote and she is recommending PARCC in grades three to eight, no examination in grade nine, MCAS in grade ten and no examination in grade eleven. Dr. Tyrell noted that it is the collective decision of the whole administrative team. PARCC was piloted at the Jacobs School. She added that the current seventh graders will have to take PARCC to graduate. After some conversation Mr. Twombly said he has been reading about PARCC on the list serves. Ms. Harte stated that the Committee is uncomfortable voting today because they would like to wait until there is a full Committee. Dr. Tyrell will put the item on the June 16 agenda.

6.5 School Committee Calendar

Mr. Hipp requested holding meetings during the summer because of the long break and there may be things to discuss. Mr. Twombly said that July is always busy with vacations and there is a tentative meeting scheduled for August 25, after the School Committee retreat, if necessary. Ms. Harte reiterated that it would be very hard to get everyone together during the summer and added to Mr. Twombly's statement that there is a tentative meeting date already if a meeting is necessary and there is always the possibility to add an emergency meeting if needed.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the School Committee calendar of meeting dates as presented.

Vote: 3-1-0

6.6 Hull High School User Fees

Table until the June 16, 2014 meeting after School Committee members with high school aged children sign the disclosure at town hall and when all School Committee members are present.

Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator, discussed kindergarten fees at Jacobs Elementary School and recommended keeping the tuition the same at \$3000. Mr. Hipp discussed his concern that with 47% of students qualifying for free lunch; the program is being funded by a handful of parents, which strikes him as unfair. Mr. Hipp added that he believes it is a budget issue. Mr. Twombly stated that the tuition is on the lower side. Mr. Hipp asked why this item is on the agenda in June and Dr. Tyrell said the only reason is because the first time it was presented was June and it stayed in June in the tickler file and it can be changed to earlier in the year.

Move to approve the tuition of \$3000 for the kindergarten program.

Dr. Tyrell said that Mr. Timothy MacKenzie, Hull Teachers Association President, asked her to explain to the audience that the teacher will be working 2.5% more hours in the next school year and will be compensated by 2.5% more income. He wanted people to understand that it is not an additional increase; it is compensation for the extra time.

Move to approve the following policies for second 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

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$1,275 from Hull Youth Baseball to Athletic Department
- \$75 from multiple donations to Athletic Department

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

No approval, not enough signatures.

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Committee members thanked staff and students for the following wonderful events.

- High School Art and Music Festival
- Middle School Concert
- Jacobs School Arts Alive and Ice Cream Social
- Eighth Grade Dance

Committee members congratulated the graduating class and wished them luck.

Mr. Devine also mentioned that Friday night will be Scholarship night with over \$76,000 in scholarships being awarded to over 60% of the Senior Class.

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to go into Executive Session at 9:00 pm. for the purpose of negotiations and negotiation strategy with non-union personnel including the Superintendent of Schools and may reconvene in Open Session.

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

Attachments:

1. PHI Presentation
2. PARCC Information

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on September 8, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee