

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

Marianne Harte, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
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

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Marianne Harte, Chair at 7:01 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:** David Twombly
Move to approve the June 16, 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
None
- 6.0 Business Items – Superintendent
- 6.1 Fire Prevention Video Presentation
Hull Fire Chief, Robert Hollingshead told the Committee that the Department of Fire Services recently held the YouTube Burn Awareness Video Contest for high school students. He said he approached Mr. Peter Seitz, Hull High School teacher to let him know about the contest. There were 42 entries from ten schools competing. Although Hull High students did not win Chief Hollingshead presented Certificates of Creativity to students, Kaler Diemer, Morgan Leeber and Danielle Hooper, for their participation in the contest.
- 6.2 School Discipline Policy
Mr. Scott Sivo presented the updated School Discipline Policy as required by Chapter 222 of the Acts of 2012-603 CMR 53.00.
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly

Moved to suspend the three readings and approve the adoption of the School Discipline Policy – JK.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.3 Jacobs School Handbook

Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal, presented the Jacobs School Handbook with only minor changes, including staff changes and school end times. The only major changes was adding the new School Discipline Policy.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the Jacobs School Handbook as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Jacobs School - School Improvement Plan

Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal, presented the L.M. Jacobs School Improvement Plan Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal, brought forward her School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Goal 1 – to improve student performance in the area of English/Language Arts.
- Goal 2 – to improve student performance in the area of mathematics.
- Goal 3 – to increase faculty and student access to technology.
- Goal 4 – to provide positive learning experiences for students during and beyond the academic school day and to create a positive school culture.

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be approving the Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan.

6.5 Memorial School Handbook

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, informed the Committee that the changes he would like to make to the handbook included the following:

- General updates due to Aspen
- General school contact information
- End of school day time change
- iPad Initiative information
- Parent Conferences
- Summer Reading and Math Projects
- Code of Conduct
- Bullying and Cyber Bullying

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the Memorial School Handbook as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.6 Memorial School – School Improvement Plan

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, brought forward his School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: Communication
 - Objective: Improve communication between parents, the school, and the community.

- Improvement Area Two: Curriculum and Instruction
 - Objective: Continue the implementation of best practices to address the academic needs of students.
- Improvement Area Three: Assessment
 - Objective: To use assessment data to inform instruction.
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture
 - Objective: Provide students with increased enrichment opportunities.

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be approving the Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan.

6.7 Hull High School Handbook

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, informed the Committee that the changes he would like to make to the handbook included the following:

- Revitalized Expectations for Student Learning – condensed expectations
- Changing end of day time
- Removed academic eligibility language
- Removed credit recovery language
- Changed attendance policy
- Removed attendance review board and credit recovery
- Changed tardy policy
- Changed Code of Conduct policy
- Changed food and beverage policy
- Updated district Bullying policy
- Updated athletic code.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the Hull High School Handbook as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.8 Hull High School – School Improvement Plan

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, brought forward his School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: Communication
 - Objective: Increase parental involvement at Hull High School.
- Improvement Area Two: Student Achievement
 - Objective: Continue to increase the number of students who graduate from Hull High School in four years.
- Improvement Area Three: Assessment
 - Objective: Increase scores on the SAT and MCAS exams.
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture
 - Objective: Examine ways to enable Hull High School to more effectively meet the social and emotional needs of the students.
- Improvement Area Five: Instruction

- Objective: Improve the quality of the instruction that takes place at Hull High School.

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be approving the Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan.

6.9 Hull High School Electives

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, discussed the reasons for adding two new electives, Physics in Literature and Exploring the Law through Literature to the Program of Studies.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the new electives, Physics in Literature and Exploring the Law through Literature to the Program of Studies.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.10 High School User Fees

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, discussed the athletic and drama user fees at the high school, recommending the fees to stay the same for the FY15 school year. Committee members asked that the Superintendent update the Committee on the actual user fees in the fall.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to keep the athletic and drama user fees the same for FY15.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.11 PARCC or MCAS – 2015 Testing Decision

Dr. Tyrell updated the Committee on the PARCC or MCAS discussion that was had at the June 2, 2014 School Committee and told 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.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Moved to administer the PARCC testing in grades 3 through 8 and no change at the high school.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.12 Middle School Foreign Language Program

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, discussed the middle school foreign language program at Memorial School, which will be restored in grades seven and eight in September. Committee members were glad that the district is restoring the program and hopeful that this will keep students in the district that may have gone to other schools fearing that they would not receive enough foreign language to be accepted into the college of their choice.

7.0 New Business

None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

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

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

None

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the following donations as presented:

- \$3,000 from Sail Nantasket to Athletic Department
- \$209 in gate receipts from multiple donations to Athletic Department
- \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim – through efforts from Mary Ellen Butts to Athletic Department

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:55 pm. for the purpose of strategy for collective bargaining (HTA) and negotiation and negotiation strategy for collective bargaining (Secretary). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

Attachments:

1. Fire Prevention information
2. School Discipline Policy
3. Jacobs School Handbook
4. Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan
5. Memorial School Handbook
6. Memorial School – School Improvement Plan
7. Hull High School Handbook
8. Hull High School – School Improvement Plan
9. PARCC information

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on October 6, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee