

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS 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 7:00 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 October 6, 2014 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Alexis Gardiner, Senior Class President gave an update of activities at Hull High School which included the following:

- Student government elections
- Open House – NHS provided assistance
- Advisory Day
- Hull Theatre Arts cast The Adams Family
- Student activities underway, PHI, TALK, NHS, etc.
- Class Cup – highest % of class attended football game – seniors won
- Next Class Cup challenge – highest % of class attending Homecoming
- Senior parent college night
- Upcoming – homecoming rally and game, SAT's and grade 8 open house

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- Monday, June 16, 2014

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Dr. Tyrell asked the Committee to change the agenda having the Hull High School AP Scholars moved to the first item so the students could go home to do homework.

6.2 Hull High School AP Scholars

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to eleven (10) Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2014 Advanced Placement examinations:

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Rachel Ashley

Matthew Mullen

Joseph Dunphy

Katherine Pearson

Douglas Gibbons

Joshua Whelan

Jacen Kurciviez

AP Scholar with Honors

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Kathryn Chaney

Taylor Gibson

AP Scholars with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Noah Kellem

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

6.1 Transportation Policy

James Lampke, Esq., Town Counsel and Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator brought forward the updated policies related to student transportation. Attorney Lampke added language to protect the town from lawsuits adding that the policy indemnifies Committee members past, present and future. The Policy makes it clear that parents need to understand that parents and/or students driving to events is not sponsored by the school and it is up to the students not the school. Dr. Tyrell said that the issue arose when the Junior National Honor Society hired a school bus to take a small group of students to an event and the bus cost was half of the \$700 raised to attend the event.

The Committee asked questions and discussed the issue. Mr. Twombly asked that parents pass a CORI and that should be stated in the policy. Mr. Hipp stated that he thought the

policy was very broad and that parents may not understand it. He said he liked the idea of having a policy to allow for other than school buses for small amounts of students when there are plenty of adults willing to drive but he would like to try to simplify the policy. Mr. Gillis will bring the policies back to the next meeting with edits that were discussed, with track changes. Attorney Lampke will be bringing the policy to our insurance company for review.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the following policies for first reading with the edits that were discussed.

Policy IJOAA-E	Parental/Guardian/Student Consent Release From Liability and Indemnity Agreement
Policy EEBB	Use of Private Vehicles on School Business by Employees and Volunteers for Student Transportation and Other Purposes
Policy EEBA	Use of Private Vehicles on School Business for Transportation Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

Vote: 5-0-0

6.3 Testing Presentation

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent informed the Committee that a September Boston Globe article showed that many school districts MCAS scores went down from previous years but that Hull is committed to continuous improvement. She presented the following MCAS information:

■ Performance Level Trends

Grade	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning
Grade 3 ELA	13	49	34	4
Grade 3 Mathematics	41	38	17	4
Grade 4 ELA	18	44	31	7
Grade 4 Mathematics	18	44	26	10
Grade 5 ELA	15	47	31	7
Grade 5 Mathematics	34	30	28	9
Grade 5 Science & Technology/Engineering	21	24	44	11
Grade 6 ELA	19	54	23	4
Grade 6 Mathematics	24	29	36	11
Grade 7 ELA	3	65	25	7
Grade 7 Mathematics	11	31	33	25
Grade 8 ELA	6	68	13	13
Grade 8 Mathematics	17	29	33	20
Grade 8 Science &	3	32	43	22

Technology/ Engineering				
Grade 10 ELA	34	55	8	2
Grade 10 Mathematics	51	28	12	9
Grade 10 Science & Technology/ Engineering	30	49	19	2

▪ Student Growth Percentile – SGP

Each student's rate of change in performance is compared to others

- MCAS student growth – ELA grades 4, 6, and 7
- MCAS in growth range – ELA grades 5, 7 and 10
- MCAS student reduction – ELA grades 8 and 10
- MCAS student growth – mathematics grades 7
- MCAS in growth range – mathematics grades 5, 7, 8 and 10
- MCAS student reduction – mathematics grades 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent discussed the response to data.

The Committee discussed the MCAS results. Ms. Kuehn said that the grade 6 mathematics textbook pilot program will help at the middle school level and she is working to get 2 MCAS tutors at the Jacobs school and 5 before or after school English/math tutors at the middle school. She also said that there is an academic improvement grant in grade 8 for afterschool help. Mr. Hipp said that he wants a better understanding of what is happening at the middle school. Dr. Tyrell said she appreciated the interest and will get back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Advanced Placement Examinations and SAT Scores

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following information on AP and SAT Exam scores:

- Advanced Placement (AP) exams overview
- Hull High School 2014 AP scores
- Number of Hull High School students taking AP exams (2010-2014)
- Number of AP exams taken at Hull High School (2010-2014)
- Number of Hull High School students earning a three or better (2010-2014)
- Percentage of Hull High School students earning a three or better (2010-2014)
- AP trends
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) overview
- Hull High School SAT scores (2012-2014)
 - Hull High School
 - Massachusetts
 - National
- SAT trends

Mr. Devine responded to School Committee questions and concerns. He told the Committee that the numbers have gone down a bit because there are fewer students so the numbers are still in a proper ratio. The Committee thanked Mr. Devine and the staff.

6.4 Grade 6 Mathematics Textbook Pilot Program

6.5 Family Child Care Initial Discussion

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy ADDA Background Checks

Policy ADDA-R DCJIS Model CORI Policy

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

Ms. Peters asked that the School Committee Goals Sub-committee be on the agenda for the second meeting in October.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to accept the following donation as presented:

- \$100 to the Music Program from Ms. Judith & Mr. Vincent Fanuele
- \$5,300 to Athletic Department from Hull Youth Football

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Moved to approve the following warrants as presented:

Warrant 10S, 582, 583, 584 and 585

Vote: 5-0-0

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

The Committee told the community about the following upcoming events:

- Hull Hockey Comedy Night – Thursday October 9, 2014 with recent Hull High School graduate – Kevin DeCoste
- PTO sponsored Sunset Cruise – Friday, October 10, 2014

- Adult Education Courses coming up including woodworking, cooking and others.
- Hullping Hull group want to volunteer to help with anything they can
- PTO is collecting shoes
- Bullyproof your Teen at Memorial Middle School on October 29, 2014, will also be filmed for cable TV. (Ms. Peters saw this presentation and said it was amazing)

12.0 Executive Session

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to go into Executive Session at 8:58 pm. for the purpose of negotiations with Hull School Nurses, Hull School Secretaries, non-union personnel and release of Executive Session minutes and may reconvene in Open Session.

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

Attachments:

1. MCAS presentation
2. AP and SAT presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on November 3, 2014

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee