SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Marianne Harte, Chair (present) Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present) Eric Hipp, Secretary (present) Michelle Lanner, Member (absent) 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 20, 2014 agenda as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Morgan Leeber, Mark Abatuno and Quinn Whelan, Hull High School Seniors gave an update of activities at Hull High School which included the following:

- Homecoming rally
- Homecoming game lost against Randolph
- Homecoming dance brother and sister won Homecoming King, Cameron Hill and Queen, Kelsey Hill
- Girls soccer made it to the State Tournament

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

• Monday, September 8, 2014

Vote: 4-0-0

7.1 New Business

Dr. Tyrell asked that new business be taken out of order.

Dr. Tyrell introduced Chris Mitchell from Hullping Hands, a new initiative that he started to get volunteers together and clean up the town. The Superintendent stated that Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator, has been communicating with Mr.

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Mitchell and has put a list together of things that need to be done around the schools that could be done by these volunteers. Ms. Mitchell told the Committee that the group is growing very fast. Last week there were 63 members and this week there are 82 members. He said that he is excited to get the projects done and to please like them on Facebook.

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award

Each year the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents provides an award to a senior from every school district in the Commonwealth. The criteria for the selection of this award include cumulative average, class rank, and leadership. This year Dr. Tyrell presented the award to Thomas Saide. Dr. Tyrell read a long list of Mr. Saide's accomplishments during his high school years.

Mr. Saide is a credit to Hull High School and the Hull Community. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Mr. Saide.

6.2 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

Dr. Tyrell announced that twenty-six Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade ten MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Students' receiving this scholarship makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Mark Abatuno Morgan Leeber Flavio Andrade Hannah London Richard Bender Matthew Menice Lindsey Capen Matthew Mullen Kendall Carmody Mark O'Keefe James Cavanaugh Grace Ryan Spencer Gamble Thomas Saide Matthew Saniuk Alexis Gardiner Christopher Geary Kaitlin Shipps Douglas Gibbons Noah Smyth Brendan Holden Erynne Steen Allison Tarnovean Katie Hulverson Aaron Lanner Allison Rosenbaum

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

6.3 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell introduced the three school principals to discuss the district-wide goals as voted by the School Committee at the August 18, 2014 retreat. Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal presented the following goals, along with key actions and indicators of success for each goal:

1. Continue to work collaboratively with the Hull Teachers Association in order to improve student outcomes across all grade levels.

- 2. Continue to work with the Hull Teachers Association to effectively implement the agreed upon evaluation instrument in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines.
- 3. Determine ways to improve the effectiveness of all services provided to students that access the Team Based Learning (TBL), Satellite or Teaching Independence and Decision Making through Educational Support (TIDES) programs.
- 4. In PreK-12 use effective strategies that promote the learning and growth of all students (i.e. differentiated instruction, effective use of technology, early identification, communication between school and home, etc.) to reduce the drop-out rate and prepare all students to be college and career ready.
- 5. Educators will continue to develop and implement District Determined Measures.

Committee members and administrators discussed school culture, teacher evaluations, district determined measures, iPad training and administrators in moderate to severe special education classrooms every day.

6.4 Grade 6 Mathematics Textbook Pilot Program

Dr. Tyrell notified the Committee that she was requesting approval to pilot Glencoe Math 2015 Course 1 in grade six for the current school year. She said that there are no costs associated with the pilot. Ms. Kuehn added that a change usually doesn't happen during the school year but the math consultant that has been working with teachers felt that the old textbook was not sufficient. Committee members commented that if the administrators see something not working like this please bring it forward and they will look at the budget.

Motion: David Twombly Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve Glencoe Math 2015 Course 1 for grade six.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 New Business

7.1 See above – taken out of order

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

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

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

Policy IHAA Supplement, Not Supplant Policy JIE Pregnant/Parenting Students

Policy IJOAA-E Parent/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 EEBBA Use of Private Vehicles on School Business for Transportation by Employees/Volunteers/Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

Policy ADDA Background Checks

Policy ADDA-R DCJIS Model CORI Policy

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

A School Committee Goals Sub-committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2014.

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9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters Second: David Twombly

Moved to accept the following donation as presented:

- \$200 to Athletic Department form Class of 1964 Thanks for Building Tour
- \$2,886 to Athletic Department from gate receipts

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly met with Mr. Hrivnak and Ms. Kuehn to discuss MCAS scores. He said it was nice to talk openly and freely. Mr. Hipp said he did the same thing and he was able to get more detailed information which was helpful.

13.0 Adjournment

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

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments:

1. District-Wide Goals

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

Eric Hipp, Secretary Hull School Committee