

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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 7:03 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: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the March 9, 2015 agenda as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Angus MacLeod, a junior at Hull High School reported the following:

- It is production week for Hull Theatre Arts. The play, *Mary Poppins*, will be presented March 13, 14 & 15, 2015. There will be four shows, Friday night, Saturday matinee, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon will also be Senior Bows.
- Spring sports officially begin on Monday, March 16, 2015
- The ASVAB Military Career Exploration Exam will be administered to approximately 12 juniors and seniors on March 10, 2015.
- Many seniors continue to receive college acceptance letters. They are also anxiously waiting for their financial aid packages.
- Hull High held the annual Semi-Formal on Saturday, February 28th. Almost half the student body attended the evening and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- Monday, February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

Items were taken out of order waiting for award recipients to arrive.

6.2 Project 351

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal, introduced Benjamin Fenelon, eighth grade student who discussed Project 351 in which 351 students from across the Commonwealth met with the Governor, along with Charlie Baker and Robert Craft. The student ambassadors then went out in the field to volunteer their service to a needy program. Ben's group went to the Greater Boston Food Bank, where they bagged food for the elderly. He is planning and will sponsor his next service project, which will be a clothing drive at Memorial Middle School.

6.3 March Madness

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Mr. Gregory Kelley, Memorial School Assistant Principal, discussed the success of the first March Madness event held at the Memorial School on Friday, February 27, 2015. 173 students attended the event and almost 100% of faculty and staff helped run the event. The evening began in the auditorium at 5:45 pm with comic hypnotist Frank Santos, Jr. Students were thoroughly entertained! At 7:15, students had a choice of activities. In the auditorium, there was music playing for dancing. The gym was open throughout the night and hosted a variety of events including dodge ball, basketball, and floor hockey. Memorial School secretary, Deb Casey provided "tattoos" to students all evening. Two classrooms were set up to play video games. The high school donated the use of their ping pong tables for the night.

There was a movie playing in one classroom. Pizza, water, and baked goods were available for purchase. The entire faculty volunteered to chaperone and participated in many of the events. Mr. Hrivnak thanked the PTO for their support by donating \$400 to the event, which allowed them to keep the cost at \$5 per student. He said that without the donation from the PTO and the efforts of our faculty, this event would not have been possible. He thanked the faculty for their efforts.

6.1 Jacobs Elementary School Read-a-Thon

Ms. Jean Penta, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, gave an overview of this year's Read-a-Thon. She thanked the PTO for sponsoring the event. Students were entered into different raffles, depending on how many minutes they read during the event. The total minutes read for the entire school was 220,000. Ms. Penta presented the winner of each grade level with a certificate.

6.4 Green Team and Composting

This item was tabled and will be presented at a future meeting.

6.5 Snow Day Make Up Options

Dr. Tyrell discussed the options available for snow make up days. She informed the Committee that she has been in constant contact with the HTA President and the School Committee Chair trying to work out the options. Dr. Tyrell made the request to have school in session on the following dates.

- Saturday, March 21, early release with lunch served at the Jacobs and Memorial School's.
- Good Friday, April 3, early release no lunches served.
- Saturday, April 11, early release with lunch served at the Jacobs and Memorial

School's.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to accept the proposal to have school on March 21, April 3 and April 11 and have the Superintendent notify families of the dismissal times.

Vote: 3-1-0

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that, although she does support the 180 day school year with rigorous academics, the extreme weather and unique circumstances have made it possible to ask DESE if they would consider a waiver of three, two or one days. The HTA agrees with the decision to request a waiver. The Committee members agreed that because of the circumstances and the fact that students and business that rely on summer workers would be hurting more than they are now a waiver is a good idea.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to jointly with the Superintendent and the HTA to request a waiver from DESE.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.6 FY16 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell informed the viewing audience that the School Committee and School Administrators will be on the Monday, March 16, 2015 Advisory Board agenda.

7.0 New Business

None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

Policy GDF Support Staff Hiring

Policy GDI Support Staff Probation

Policy GDJ Support Staff Assignments and Transfers

Policy GDK Support Staff Time Schedules and Calendars

Policy GDM Support Staff Career Development Opportunities

Policy GDO Evaluation of Support Staff

Policy GDP Support Staff Promotions

Policy GDQC Retirement of Support Staff Members

Policy GDQD Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff Members

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

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

Policy ADDA Background Checks

Policy GCCD Domestic Violence

Policy JH Student Absences and excuses

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

School Committee Goals

Ms. Peters and Ms. Lanner presented the updated 2013-2-16 School Committee Goals. The topics included curriculum, financial, communication, technology and Human

Resources. Ms. Peters asked that School Committee members take time to look over the document and the Committee can discuss comments and/or concerns at the next School Committee meeting.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Moved to accept the following donation as presented:

- \$2,000 from Friends of Hull Hockey to Athletic Department – Ice Hockey
- \$400 from Hull Girls' Basketball to Athletic Department
- \$1,600 from Hull Youth Basketball to Athletic Department – Freshman Basketball
- \$15,000 from Hull Boosters Club to Athletic Department

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Lanner informed the viewing audience that all School Committee members have their email addresses and telephone numbers on the Hull Public Schools website and if anyone has an issue regarding the school system, rather than using social media, they can contact any member of the Committee and get facts.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on March 9, 2015

Eric Hipp, Secretary
Hull School Committee