

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

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 J. Gillis, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Marianne Harte, Chair at 7:02 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 April 13, 2015 agenda as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

- Talent Show was held and raised money for music scholarships for seniors
- The Empty Bowls fundraiser has been working great with students making several bowls to sell to raise the money
- The Phones and Goods for a Cause fundraiser is raising money for the charity Dove
- The AP English class is raising awareness of domestic abuse, which coincides with the Dove fundraiser
- The May SAT's will be held at Hull High School

Motion: Michelle Lanner **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the following School Committee minutes.

- Monday, March 23, 2015 Regular Meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

6.1 SEMSBA

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School music teacher, introduced Richard Barone, Hull High School student, who performed in the 2015 Senior SEMSBA Music Festival (Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters Association.) Richard spoke about his experience playing the tenor saxophone in a band that had nearly 80 of the best South Shore high school musicians. Friday was spent rehearsing and then Saturday was the performance. Mr. Barkon added that it has been nearly 20 years since a student musician from Hull was participating in a SEMSBA ensemble.

6.2 Athletic and Drama User Fees

Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator and Mr. James Quatromoni, Athletic Director, presented the Hull High School Athletic Fee Recommendations for FY16. They discussed the following:

- Participation
- Total expenses
- Expenses by category
- Booster's Club donations
- Current fees
- User fees collected
- Gate receipts
- FY15 totals
- Recommend no changes to fee structure at this time

Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator and Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the Hull High School Theatre Arts Fee Recommendations for FY16. They discussed the following:

- 2014-2015 performances
- Financial structure
- Student activity account
- Donations revolving account
- User fees revolving account
- The Addams Family revenues and expenses
- Mary Poppins anticipated revenues and expenses
- User fees
- Recommend no change to fee structure at this time

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Michelle Lanner

Move to accept the recommendation from administration to make no changes to the fee structure at this time for Hull High School athletic and drama fees for the FY16 school year.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.3 Budget Hearing

Ms. Harte opened the budget hearing at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator, told the Committee that the budget document had not changes, it is still in the administrative level, and he added that he recognizes that it is still \$192,000 over the

Town Managers budget. Mr. Gillis gave examples of where the school department was planning to look at to shave off the budget to get to the Town Managers budget. These include: salary variances, not hiring a math coach, not adding a 0.2 FTE adjustment counselor, and piloting middle school textbooks. The budget continues to fluctuate with increased special education expenses and ongoing contractual obligations. Also, there are two ELS students moving into the district and we are mandated to serve them.

Mr. Twombly asked why there were some salary increases but not others. The Superintendent explained that there are step increases in the line items of the budget but no raises because it would not be prudent to add raises in the budget at this time since the three unions are in the middle of open negotiations. She added that it is not good negotiating strategy to show those numbers. Mr. Twombly said that he is frustrated because this is not the budget that we are voting on. There was a discussion about maintaining the school buildings and Mr. Gillis and Dr. Tyrell assured the audience that building maintenance is a priority. Mr. Gillis will add a budget narrative to the beginning of the budget document.

Ms. Harte closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

6.4 Hull High School Program of Studies

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the proposed changes to the program of studies, which included:

- New course descriptions
- Deleted course descriptions
- Graduation requirements
- Credit recovery
- Post secondary planning
- SAT reasoning test
- English course descriptions
- Technology/Engineering course descriptions

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the Hull High School Program of Studies as written
Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 New Business

Ms. Harte asked the Superintendent to share her NEASC visit experience. Dr. Tyrell said she was invited to join a visiting team just like when a team comes to Hull Public Schools. She said it is a great professional development opportunity and being a member of NEASC you should give back. Dr. Tyrell shared that she went to Switzerland with three accrediting agencies. They spent seven days looking at their self studies. She noted that it did not cost the Town of Hull any money; the visiting school pays all expenses. They wanted American schools and accreditation teams because many of their students attend college in America. Mr. Twombly added that the Superintendent made out a waiver and School Committee had to sign the waiver and agree that she did not receive any personal benefits.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:
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

Due to legal updates the revised school discipline blanket policy will replace the following policies.

Policy JK School Discipline
Policy JIA Student Due Process Rights
Policy JK-D Discipline of Students with Disabilities
Policy JKD Student Suspension

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Michelle Lanner
Move to approve the following policies for first reading:
Policy JK School Discipline
Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items
None

10.0 Approval of Warrants
None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
None

12.0 Adjournment
Motion: David Twombly Second: Michelle Lanner
Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.
Vote: 4-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull
School Committee were approved and
adopted by the Committee on June 1, 2015

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee