

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015

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 J. Gillis, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

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.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the April 27, 2015 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

None

None

None

6.1 NESDEC Award

Dr. Tryell presented one of two New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Awards to Hull High School Junior, Patrick Richardson. Dr. Tyrell said that Patrick has improved very much since his freshman year. She congratulated Patrick and his family for a job well done.

Ms. Kate Chicaiese, Memorial School art teacher told the Committee that the six grade students have been working on a new digital art lesson. In this lesson, students used their iPads to create brief stop motion films. Several grade six students “screened” their films for

the Committee. School Committee members commented on the fabulous job and learning experience the students have with art and incorporating their iPads into the art curriculum.

6.3 Grade 8 Canobie Lake Park Field Trip

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission from the Committee to take grade eight students to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, New Hampshire on Friday, June 19, 2015. The trip will support the physical science standards on motion.

Motion: David Towmbly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the grade eight field trip to Canobie Lake Park on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 SSEC Board of Directors Representative

Dr. Tyrell asked the Committee if any of them would like to represent Hull Public Schools on the SSEC Board of Directors. When asked, Dr. Tyrell said that the norm in most school districts is that the Superintendent is the representative.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Moved to appoint Dr. Tyrell to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative as a Board Member for FY16.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 FY16 Budget Discussion

Mr. Matthew Gillis discussed the FY16 budget narrative highlighting the following:

- The FY16 budget began in September with the District Leadership Team.
- Much thought has gone into the budget recommendation by prioritizing needs.
- The Budget proposed in November reflects the administration's best estimate of essential needs at the time.
- The Town Manager's recommended school department budget of \$14,436,980 is 98.7% of the original proposal.
- The collective efforts of the administration and Budget Subcommittee have led to potential reductions, which balance with the Town Manager's recommendation.
 - Staff variances – mainly due to staff turnover, the possible elimination of the instructional math coach position and possibly keeping the HS adjustment counselor as a .8 position.
 - Memorial School Textbooks – in lieu of purchasing new textbooks for the 6th and 7th grade we are able to pilot the online program.
 - System Wide Technology – we are able to reduce the System Technology budget due to deferment of purchases.
 - General Supplies – by continuing to participate in joint purchase bids, we anticipate additional savings in custodial and office supplies.
 - Increases over the FY15 budget include salaries, system wide technology and vocational tuition, special education expenditures and transportation expenses.

Mr. Gillis told the Committee that, while none of these proposals are definite, and all will have some impact or consequence, we believe that these reductions will have the least impact to the current educational program offered by the Hull Public Schools. It must be noted that the budget is an ever-evolving process. Staff turnover, changes in federal and

state grants and changes in Special Education placements may shift some priorities.

7.0 New Business

Dr. Tyrell announced that Jean Penta, Jacobs School Principal will be retiring at the end of June. She thanked Jean for her twenty years of service and all that she has done for the Hull Public Schools. Committee members also thanked Jean for all of her hard work over the last twenty years.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

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

Move to approve the following policy for second reading:

Policy JK School Discipline

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Stephanie Peters wanted the Committee and public to know how much the students do to give back to the community. They have been doing different fundraisers all year and their community projects. Ms. Peters showed the bowl that was made for her by a student. The money goes to the Empty Bowl fundraiser that Ms. Amanda Held, Hull High School art teacher, is working on with other art teachers and students from surrounding towns.

12.0 Adjournment

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

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 15, 2015

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee