

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
David Twombly, Secretary (present)
Marianne Harte, Member (absent)
Kelley Huxtable, 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 Eric Hipp, 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:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the June 1, 2015 agenda as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

Zoe Xypteras and Patrick Richardson, juniors at Hull High School, updated the Committee on the following activities:

- Senior Banquet 6/2/2015
- Prom at Venezia 6/4/2015
- Awards and Scholarships 6/5/2015
- Graduations 6/6/2015
- Wednesday, track and field
- Green team composting and sustainable working at lunch time. They are composting and using it for plants in the courtyard
- Girls and boys state in two weeks two girls and two boys attending
- Boys lacrosse made the tournament

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the following minutes as presented.

Vote: 3-0-1 Kelley Huxtable abstained.

- Monday, March 9, 2015 Budget Subcommittee
- Monday, March 16, 2015 Advisory Board
- Monday, April 23, 2015 regular meeting
- Tuesday, May 19, 2015 regular meeting
- Monday, October 21, 2013 Executive Session
- Monday, November 5, 2013 Executive Session
- Monday, January 27, 2014 Executive Session
- Monday, April 7, 2014 Executive Session
- Monday, June 2, 2014 Executive Session
- Monday, June 2, 2014 regular meeting
- Monday, June 16, 2014 Executive Session
- Monday, February 23, 2015 Executive Session
- Monday, March 9, 2015 Executive Session
- Monday, April 27, 2015 Executive Session

6.0 Business Items – Superintendent

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, Hailey Adams. Dr. Tyrell said that Hailey has improved very much since her freshman year. She congratulated Hailey and her family for a job well done.

6.2 Memorial School Spelling Bee

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, informed the Committee that on May 8, 2015 the school had its first spelling bee in several years. The bee was brought back by the advisory program. Each grade level had 5 or 6 students advance to the assembly. 15 students made it to the finals. The second place winner is Lindsey Egersheim, who is a sixth grader. The overall winner of the Spelling Bee was Turner Mitchell, a seventh grader. Mr. Hrivnak thanked Ms. Martha Murphy, English language arts teacher and Mr. Gregory Kelley, Assistant Principal for running the spelling bee.

6.3 Memorial School Robotics

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, introduced Mr. Brandon Sullivan, technology teacher and several students from the Robotics club. They did a brief presentation on a new robotics component added to the grade 6 curriculum, which is based on the Lego Mindstorm EV3 kit. To launch the program and to learn the full capabilities of the Mindstorm kit, Mr. Sullivan created an afterschool Robotics Club. The students demonstrated some of the robots that they constructed. The robots are Bluetooth compatible and controlled by the student's iPads.

6.4 Coordinated Program Review Report Review

Ms. Philippa Young, Director of Student Services and Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent told the Committee that the district received an A Plus for the Coordinated Program Review Report. They said that there was only one point of corrective action and that was to have a parent taking the position of chair of the SEPAC. The corrective action plan was due today and there is now a parent acting as chair of the SEPAC. Ms. Kuehn also

said that the civil rights portion of the report came back and everything in that report was implemented, so there were no concerns. She said the process is very complicated and she is very proud to have it all implemented. Ms. Young and Ms. Kuehn thanked staff for all the work they did preparing for the program review.

The Committee thanked Ms. Young and Ms. Kuehn for a job well done.

6.5 South Shore Educational Collaborative Classroom Usage

Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that currently the collaborative is using 7 classrooms at a rental cost of \$6,000 plus some summer rental costs. The offset is \$42,000 per year. The collaborative is asking for 10 classrooms for next year at \$11,000 each, this includes the summer. This would make a total of 2 at Hull High School, 2 at Memorial School and 6 at Jacobs School. This would be an additional \$68,000 for next year and is money we cannot count on in the future. Dr. Tyrell recommended half the money be used for building maintenance primarily at the high school and the rest to athletics, co-curricula's and drama. She told the Committee that if they agree to this a motion and vote is in order.

Mr. Matthew Gillis told the Committee that when rental money comes in we use the funds for custodial overtime but this money will be used for HVAC work at the high school. The recent commissioning study shows that we need to keep our equipment at an optimal level. Mr. Twombly added that he thinks it is a great idea and people in the public will see we are hiring a firm and do an assessment of town buildings. With the SSEC using more space we are offsetting some of the special education costs because we won't be transporting students elsewhere and kids can go to the school in their town. He said we do need to capitalize on this money. \$25,000 for athletics is a good thing. Mr. Twombly asked if we have insurance from the South Shore Educational Collaborative. He said he wouldn't approve this until we have the insurance. Dr. Tyrell asked if the rental could be approved with the stipulation that we have insurance.

Ms. Peters said that this there was a different proposal earlier in the years and that Dr. Tyrell worked to make sure the classrooms were in the schools where there was room. She added that having the collaborative students in the buildings builds empathy with our kids and that she is a big believer in having them in our schools. The cost avoidance is \$60,000 to transport our children. Mr. Hipp said that it has become clear that this is a good proposal and it brings more kids back to our buildings. He added that this is one time money and not long term. He said he likes that half the money will be used for building maintenance and the other programs because now many of the co-curricular staff or coaches are currently volunteers. He said his only thought about the allocation is that he wondered if \$1,000 could come from what is earmarked for athletics and go to Jacobs School library supplies. He noted that there is only \$500 in this year's line item.

Ms. Huxtable had questions about where the classrooms would be located. Dr. Tyrell answered by saying that some of the teacher would have to move. Ms. Huxtable said that she didn't think the Jacobs School library was supported and maybe more money should be allocated towards that. She said that she thought \$5,000 should be allocated and the library coordinator could help allocate those funds. Mr. Twombly suggested only voting on the rooms with the insurance stipulation and then check with the principal about the needs of the library. Ms. Penta said that we generate money from the Book Fair and the PTO for

books.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the rental agreement of the 10 classrooms by the South Shore Educational Collaborative, subject to insurance and to come back to the next meeting with how the money will be allocated and how dollars will be divided among line items.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.6 Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Peters asked that this agenda item be tabled until the next School Committee meeting due to the fact that Ms. Harte is also on the Superintendent's Evaluation Sub-committee and she is not in attendance at this meeting to make comments or answer questions.

6.7 Last Day of School

Dr. Tyrell requested that the last day of school be an early release day with no lunches served, as been the practice every year.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the last day of school as an early release day with no lunches served.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 New Business

Mr. Hipp said that one of his goals for the summer is to review the budgeting process and have a more in-depth budget narrative. He added that he would like a group working with Dr. Tyrell and Mr. Gillis. Dr. Tyrell initial response was that the budget subcommittee is the perfect venue to do it and if others want to participate that would be OK. Mr. Twombly commented that he thought that would be a good idea and if the public can see the budget and read the narrative they would know more. He added that it is a positive step and the Committee could talk about that at the summer retreat. He also stated that Ms. Huxtable is not on any Committees at this time. Ms. Peters said that now that Mr. Gillis has been here a while now is the time to work on this.

Ms. Huxtable told the Committee that she would like a technology committee. She added that she would like to know the pros and cons of technology in the classroom and overview of what is happening with the iPad pilot program. She said that other schools have a technology committee. Mr. Twombly asked if this could be discussed at the retreat. Dr. Tyrell told the Committee that there is already an internal Technology Committee in place that is and has been working on district technology needs for the past three years. Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, added that the already existing committee has met four (4) times during this school year and has already done a lot of work on an iPad policy and looked into insurance, among other technology matters. Ms. Peters stated that before a new committee is formed or the current one expanded we should get more information from the current committee. Ms. Huxtable said she thinks we can form a new technology committee now and not wait until the retreat. She added that it should be done immediately, before there are purchases of iPads. She also said that the committee will overview and provide technical guidance. Ms. Huxtable wants the committee to be broad and diverse with the makeup of the committee to include a school administrator, a school representative, a parent and a School Committee representative. Mr. Twombly again asked

if this could be tabled until the next meeting and have the current, existing committee do a presentation on what they are already doing. Ms. Peters stated that the biggest impact would be on the budget and she doesn't see anything that this new committee could come up with by September because it would take months before anything this committee comes up with could be incorporated. Ms. Kuehn and Mr. Gillis, both members of the Technology Committee, said that with time they could put a presentation together that explains everything that the committee is doing. Mr. Hipp stated that he agreed that we want to do this in a thoughtful way and asked the Committee members if they would like to table the issue for now.

Motion: Kelley Huxtable

Second: David Twombly

Move that a technology committee be formed. Committee members should be appointed by the school tech director. Membership should be broad and diverse to cover the tasks of the committee and seek members from the following groups; administrative representative, school representative, parent representative and school board representation.

Mr. Twombly made a substitute motion.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to table a new technology committee for now and at the retreat have the current committee go forward:

Vote: 3-1-0 Stephanie Peters – voted no, stating that she doesn't think we need a motion. We have always asked for presentation and done things like this without a formal motion.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

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

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

Stephanie Peters congratulated the class of 2015 and hope the parents and students have a safe week. She also discussed the PTO fundraiser for school supplies on-line. The order forms will be going out and doing it this way will save families a ton of money.

Upcoming events include the following:

- Arts Alive/Ice cream social
- Prom
- Scholarship nights
- Athletic Award nights
- June 11, 2015 the Hull Life Savings Museum is hosting a Learn to Row day

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.
Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments:

1. Coordinated Program Review Report

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull
School Committee were approved and
adopted by the Committee on September
21, 2015

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee