

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, 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: David Twombly **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the September 21, 2015 agenda with the following change:
Table item 6.3 Appointment of School Attendance Officers.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Marianne Harte
Move to approve the following minutes as presented.
Vote: 4-0-1 Kelly Huxtable abstained from all minutes prior to May 19, 2015.
- Thursday, January 16, 2014 Nurses negotiations
 - Wednesday, March 4, 2015 HTA negotiations
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2015 HTA negotiations
 - Monday, May 19, 2015 Executive session
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2015 HTA negotiations
 - Monday, June 1, 2015 Regular meeting
 - Thursday, June 11, 2015 Budget subcommittee
 - Monday, June 15, 2015 Regular meeting

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 School Opening

Dr. Tyrell said that the school opening was a success and that the custodians did a great job getting the buildings particularly clean. She added that although it was very warm the first few days it was a smooth opening and the teachers and students were very upbeat and excited to start the new year.

6.2 District Goals

Dr. Tyrell gave a brief overview of the district goals that were voted on by School Committee at the August 17, 2015 retreat. She informed the Committee that the three principals will come before the Committee in October to discuss the particulars of the district goals including key action steps and indicators of success. The goals include:

- Continue to work collaboratively with the Hull Teachers Association in order to improve student outcomes across all grade levels.
- Continue to support 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.
- Identify best practices and resources needed to effectively support students with significant social and emotional needs.
- Educators will increase the use of technology in their instruction as appropriate.

6.3 Appointment of School Attendance Officers

This item was tabled.

6.4 High School Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Mr. Timothy MacKenzie, Hull High School social studies teacher, requested permission to take students to the Dominican Republic. The purpose of the trip is to perform community service. Students from PHI presented an overview of the program and Ms. Courtney Mullins, a representative from EF answered Committee member's questions about the program.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic for Spring 2016 and to report back to School Committee with the dates.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.5 Memorial School Overnight Field Trip

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial Middle School Principal, requested permission for grade six students to attend an overnight field trip at the Museum of Science in Boston on Thursday, October 15, 2015 returning on Friday, October 16, 2015. Mr. Hrivnak stated that it is less expensive to go at this time of year. He added that sixth grade team went on this same field trip a few years ago and had a great experience. He said that what the students will be doing and exploring are directly aligned to the curriculum. Mr. Hrivnak said there will be 14 chaperones plus a staff member assigned as safety officer with the students.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Marianne Harte

Motion to approve an overnight field trip at the Museum of Science in Boston on Thursday,

October 15, 2015 returning on Friday, October 16, 2015 for grade six students.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.6 School Committee MASC Delegate

Dr. Tyrell asked the Committee members if any of them were planning on attending the MASC/MASS Conference in November and if so, the Committee would need to choose a delegate. Kelley Huxtable said that if she is available on the dates of the conference she would be willing to attend. Eric Hipp said that he would be the alternate if his schedule allows.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to nominate Kelley Huxtable as Hull's delegate at the MASC/MASS Conference in November with Eric Hipp as the alternate.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 New Business
None

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues
None

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Superintendent Evaluation – Tabled

9.2 HTA negotiations – 2 full day meetings were held in the summer, the next meeting is Thursday, September 24, 2015.

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Moved to approve the following warrants as presented:

Warrants 8S and 646

Vote 4-0-1 Kelley Huxtable sustained

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Peters said that all three open houses were great. The teachers had high expectations, the buildings were clean and the energy was high. Mr. Hipp agreed that it was a great school opening.

11.0 Executive Session

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the HTA (Teachers). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Marianne Harte and Kelley Huxtable.

Attachments

1. District Goals
2. High school out-of-state field trip information
3. Memorial school overnight field trip information

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull
School Committee were approved and
adopted by the Committee on October
7, 2015

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee