

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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

There was a moment of silence for Joan Burke, a food service worker for Chartwell's at Hull High School for many years and Steven Goodyear, a former foreign language teacher at Hull High School.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the October 19, 2015 as presented:
Vote: 4-0-0

None

None

- Monday, October 7, 2015 regular minutes, change 5.0 Monday, April 17, 2015 Budget Subcommittee meeting vote to 3-0-1 Kelley Huxtable abstained.
- Monday, August 17, 2015 Executive Session minutes
- Monday, August 17, 2015 Retreat minutes

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award

Each year the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents provides an award to a senior from every school district in the Commonwealth. The criteria for the selection of this award include cumulative average, class rank, and leadership. This year Dr. Tyrell presented the award to Haley McBride. Dr. Tyrell read a long list of Ms. McBride's accomplishments during her high school years.

Ms. McBride is a credit to Hull High School and the Hull Community. School Committee and Superintendent congratulated Ms. McBride.

6.2 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

This item was tabled.

6.3 Hull High School AP Scholars

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to eleven (11) Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2015 Advanced Placement examinations:

AP Scholars

Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Richard Bender

Matthew Frost

Kendall Carmody

Jake Hague

Daniel Dunphy

Matthew Saniuk

AP Scholar with Honors

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Adeline Nuesse

Grace Ryan

AP Scholars with Distinction

Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Douglas Gibbons

Matthew Mullen

Thomas Saide

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

6.4 Jacobs School Core Values

Ms. Cappadona, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, told the Committee that the Jacobs School Core Values center around respect and each day the staff and students repeat the core values. She said the students receive "Pirate Gold" as awards for following the core

values and there is a monthly assembly to celebrate the core values. Ms. Cappadona showed a video of the last assembly with students and teachers wearing their pirate gold tee-shirts.

6.5 Testing Presentations

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent informed the Committee presented the following MCAS information, stating that PARCC is now the testing method in most grades and the results are due sometime in late November to December:

■ Performance Level Trends

Grade	Advanced	Proficient	Needs Improvement	Warning
Grade 5 Science & Technology/Engineering	9	41	41	10
Grade 8 Science & Technology/Engineering	1	33	53	12
Grade 9 Introductory Physics	39	44	12	5
Grade 10 ELA	52	38	8	1
Grade 10 Mathematics	48	32	15	5

Ms. Kuehn stated that the MCAS scores across most levels did improve.

■ Student Growth Percentile – SGP

Each student's rate of change in performance is compared to others

- Median SGP – English Language Arts – Grade 10 – 63
- Median SGP – Mathematics – Grade 10 – 53

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent discussed the response to data.

The Superintendent and Committee members discussed issues with the PARCC testing and their frustration that the results are not in yet. They will discuss the PARCC issue for the future.

Advanced Placement Examinations and SAT Scores

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, presented the following information on AP and SAT Exam scores:

- Advanced Placement (AP) exams overview
- Hull High School 2015 AP scores
- Number of Hull High School students taking AP exams (2011-2015)
- Percentage of Students Taking at Least one AP Exam (2011-2015)
- Number of AP Exams Taken (2011-2015)
- Number of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2011-2015)
- Percentage of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2011-2015)
- AP Trends

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) overview
- Mean SAT Scores (2012-2015)
- Mean SAT Scores Comparison (2015)
- SAT trends

Mr. Devine responded to School Committee questions and concerns. He told the Committee that the numbers have gone down a bit because there are fewer students so the numbers are still in a proper ratio. The Committee thanked Mr. Devine and the staff.

6.6 Special Town Meeting Article 6 Discussion, Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that she will be meeting with staff members and ask Mr. Matthew Gillis, School Business Administrator, to put together an RFP for the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field project. Committee members voiced their opinions about the way town meeting was handled but realize a vote was taken and they need to move forward on the track and field RFP to see what options are out there, because the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board and the School Committee voted in support of the article. Committee members discussed the issue of the community being split over this but hope everyone can come back together to make the right decisions for the whole town. Safety and health concerns were raised and Mr. Gillis stated that the RFP's will address those issues along with all other issues relating to the project. Mr. Hipp added that one of the benefits of having it passed now is that we have significant time to get all information together before the debt exclusion.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

8.0 Old Business Items

- 9.1 Sub-committees – HTA negotiations continue on November 3 and 23, 2015
The Wellness Committee is meeting on November 4, 2015

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Marianne Harte continues to recuperate after her double knee surgery

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments

1. MCAS presentation
2. 2015 AP Exam and SAT Scores presentation

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

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee