

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

David Twombly, Chair (present),  
Lucas Patenaude, Vice Chair (present)  
Jennifer Fleming, Secretary (present)  
Eric Hipp, Member (present)  
Stephanie Peters, Member (present)

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools  
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator  
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:40 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:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the September 16, 2019 agenda with item 7.4 Naming Rights tabled.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Seniors, Alyssa Healey, Senior Class Treasurer and Turner Mitchell, Student Body President, informed the Committee of the following:

- Homecoming will hopefully be September 27 on the new turf field. All are looking forward to it.
- Soccer recorded first win of the season vs Cohasset 5-3
- Advisory Day
  - Sophomores – Community Service around town
  - Freshmen – Class bonding events at HHS
  - Juniors – travel to Boston for college tours
  - Seniors – travel to Boston, Walk the Freedom Trail, visit the Aquarium, and other spots.
- Auditions starting soon for *Elf the Musical*

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- April 22, 2019 Executive Session
- May 31, 2019 Best Educational Use of Facilities Subcommittee
- June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
- June 17, 2019 Executive Session
- August 19, 2019 Retreat
- August 19, 2019 Retreat Executive Session

**Vote:** 5-0-0

## 7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

### 7.1 School Opening

Mr. Devine gave an updated on the summer work and the opening of the schools, this included the following:

- This years' message "Be the Light" for your students
- 2 days of professional development focused on personalized learning and cultural proficiency
- Revamping the intern program at the high school
- Successful summer school program
- Portable dust collector installed in the wood shop at the high school
- Changed trash vendor for a savings of approximately \$10 K per year
- Thank you to Wellspring for providing lunches during the summer and to the Hull Lifesaving Museum for rowing program
- Thank you to the custodians for a great job of cleaning and getting the schools ready to open

### 7.2 Discussion of Graduation Date

Mr. Devine explained that for the past 10 years graduation has been at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of June. This year the MIAA All State Track Meet is on the same date in Central Massachusetts beginning at 3:00 pm. Hull High School student, Caitlin Canavan read a letter from the track captains, requesting the time of graduation be moved to 10:00 am to allow athletes to participate in graduation and also compete in the All State Track Meet. Mr. Devine mentioned that may Juniors take the SATs on the first Saturday in June and would not be able to participate in graduation as Marshalls and Ushers if the time was moved to 10:00 am. The Committee discussed the situation and Mr. Twombly suggested that the high school principal meet with Juniors and School Council to get their thoughts and come back to the first October meeting with their input.

### 7.3 FY21 Budget Planning

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, steered the Committee towards the Budget Development Handbook that is in their packets. He discussed what would take place on each of the dates listed in the handbook. Committee members thanked Mr. DeGennaro and said that the budget would continue to be a transparent process. A community member urge the Committee to create a position that is .5 custodian and .5 facilities maintenance to take care of the new turf field and the grounds outside of the high school. Mr. Twombly stated that we have a maintenance person and head high school custodian to do that. Mr. Devine sincerely thanked the community member, who said he weed wacked the property himself, but stated

the hay bales prevented weed waking during the summer. He also stated that there is a plan in place and the field only needs to be groomed 3 times per year. He also said the he realizes the investment the town is making and will take care of it. Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, pointed out the on Advisory Kickoff Day the sophomores will clean up the courtyard and around the school.

#### 7.4 Hull Walking Track and Turf Field

##### a Update

Mr. Devine gave an update on the status of the field, which included the following:

- What is left to do – electricians, finish turf installation, infill, lay sod, add windscreen
- Substantial completion by 9/27. Punch list items may be later
- Thank you to Chico Sestito for volunteering time to week the flagpole area, lifted bricks and rest
- Homecoming game on September 27<sup>th</sup> will be the formal opening, all invited
- HRA took some dirt, the town stepped up, saved a lot of money to truck the dirt out of town
- Community member, Randy Gould, volunteered to spread some of the dirt the town took from the field and came across a section of home plate. He mounted it and engraved a sign he presented to Stephanie Peters
- In negotiations with a local company for advertising on the scoreboard
- Signs have been sold inside and outside the fence and press box
- Have commitments for approximately \$30,000 per year for next 5 years
- Mr. Devine and Mr. Paine acknowledge that there is still more work to be done

##### b Community Use of Schools Policies

Mr. Devine stated that our old policy did not address uses of field because we could not let anyone use it. He explained that the high school would have priority use of the field, youth sports would come next. He said the space is large so multiple teams can practice at the same time. Mr. Devine recommended always having a custodian on duty for games at the front gate, they will put a mat down, set up for games, take care of trash and bathrooms. He recommends the custodians be paid \$45 per hour. He stated that other towns charge between 0 and \$100 per hour to youth teams and some towns require an annual donation for field maintenance. Still other towns may not have custodian fees but require a site supervisor on duty. He also stated that some towns charge extra for lights. The Committee discussed other concerns about field and walking track use, including who is allowed in press box, use of track during non-school hours, whether or not the gates should be locked and lights turned off when the custodians leave for the night. Mr. Devine recommended leaving the field open on weekends for the public to use the field when not in use and the walking track. Mr. Twombly added that it is big decision because the field is our responsibility and cannot be protected if open all the time, on the other hand, we told the town they would be able to use it. It was decided that this discussion needs to be brought back to the next meeting with more information before the Committee can make a decision.

Mr. Hipp stated that he took the proposed policy and tightened up the language and reordered things to flow better. Committee members discussed the policy, using Mr. Hipp's changes and other edits. Mr. Devine stated that since this is the first year with the field it will be a kind of trial and may have to be revisit as we work our way through.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to accept policy KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities and KF-E – School Facilities Use Fee Schedule, as modified by Mr. Hipp and as discussed tonight.

KF-R – Community Use of School Facilities modifications include the following:

#3 adding the words *unless waived at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee*.

#4 delete the words *School Committee* and replace with *Superintendent or his/her designee*.

#12 delete the words *building principal* and replace with *Superintendent or his/her*.

#14 add the word *unless* after the word *fireproof*.

KF-E – School Facility Use Fee Schedule

Use Mr. Hipp's version of this policy.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 8.1 School Committee MASC Delegate

Mr. Twombly asked the Committee members if any of them were interested in attending the MASC conference in November, and if so, to contact Maggie Ollerhead so she can make arrangements.

#### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Lucas Patenaude

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to remove the following policies from the policy handbook:

DJG Vendor Relations

H Negotiations

IHAE Physical Education

IJJ Textbook Selection

IJK Supplementary Materials

IJM Special Interest Materials

JBA Student-to-Student Harassment

JICG Tobacco

JRA-R Regulations on Student Records

KEB Complaints about School Personnel

KEB-R Complaints about School Personnel

KEC Complaints about Materials

KJA Relations with Boosters

Vote 4-0-0 (Ms. Peters stepped out of room)

**Motion:** Lucas Patenaude

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

BBBA/BBBB School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office

BDE Subcommittees of the School Committee

BDF Advisory Committees to the School Committee

BEDG Minutes

BIA New School Committee Member Orientation

BIBA School Committee Conferences, Conventions and Workshops

CBI Evaluation of the Superintendent

DJE Procurement Requirements

GBEA Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest

JFABE Educational Opportunities for Military Children

JFABF Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care

IGB Support Services Programs

Vote 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

**ACE** Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability  
**BBA** School Committee Powers and Duties  
**BEDA** Notification of School Committee Meetings  
**BEDB** Agenda Format  
**BHE** Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members  
**CBD** Superintendent's Contract  
**CHA** Development of Procedures  
**DB** Annual Budget  
**DKC** Expense Reimbursements  
**EB** Safety Program  
**ECA** Building and Grounds Security  
**EEAEA** Bus Driver Examination and Training  
**EFC** Free and Reduced Price Food Services  
**GBA** Equal Employment Opportunity  
**GBEB** Staff Conduct  
**GBGF** Professional Staff Family and Medical Leave  
**GCF** Professional Staff Hiring  
**GCJ** Professional Teacher Status  
**GDQD** Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff Members

Vote 5-0-0

**10.0** Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committees

Mr. DeGennaro mentioned that 9 vendors asked for the RFP for the Best Educational Use of School Facilities Study

**10.2** Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the following donations.

- \$80 from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Connors-Duffy for the **HHS Art Club**
- \$500 from Tseh-Hwan Young & Steven Lee for the **Jacobs Preschool**

The following donations are for **HHS Field Advertisement – Sign Purchase**

- \$1,000 from Attorney Michael Fleming
- \$1,000 from Million & Associates LLC
- \$1,000 from Tuchmann Family
- \$1,000 Michael Devine
- \$3,000 from Prince Lobel Tye LLP
- \$3,000 from Coastal Dealership
- \$3,000 from Jakes Seafood
- \$1,000 from Paragon Entertainment
- \$1,000 J. Truglia Landscape
- \$3,000 from FoxRock Properties

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Mr. Devine stated that some people made donations directly to Booster for field advertising

and those donations will come in one big donation from the Boosters.

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Approval of Warrants

Warrants were signed.

13.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Ms. Peters congratulated Hull High School Art Teacher, Amanda Davis on becoming Secondary Art Teacher of the Year.
- Mr. Patenaude mentioned the Art Walk Opening and encouraged everyone to go see it.

14.0 **Executive Session**

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:05 pm to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Teachers) and negotiation strategy with the Superintendent of Schools. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming, Lucas Patenaude, Stephanie Peters and David Twombly

15.0 **Adjournment**

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on October 7, 2019

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee