

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

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

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

Motion: Lucas Patenaude **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the November 4, 2019 as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

Seniors, Alyssa Healey and Haven Veraguas informed the Committee of the following:

- Powderpuff will be played on November 20th at 6 pm, a week so families can attend
- There have been many fundraisers going on, including Pie in the Face, 50/50 raffle, bake sale and Halloween candy sale
- Last Saturday the Pirates Marching Band went to UMASS for band day
- Hull is hosting the girls soccer game in tournament play on the turf field on Wednesday
- Three performances of play Elf will take place the week after Thanksgiving

Motion: Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting
Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

Mr. Devine announced that eighteen Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade 10 MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. This award makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Mr. Devine read the students names.

Edward Baldwin	Alyssa Healey
Olivia Ball	Isabella McLellan
Shelby Craig	Christina Murphy
Hannah Duran	Paxton O'Reilly
Ashley Dwyer	Luke Robbs
Tess Froio	Olivia Rys
Aryana Gagne	Patrick Turner
Eve Gamble	Haven Veraguas
Kit Hall	Rebecca Whelan

6.2 AP Scholars

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to eighteen (18) Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2019 Advanced Placement examinations:

AP Scholars

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

Alyssa Albert	Alyssa Healey	Charlotte White
Sarah Ashley	Christina Murphy	
James Barone	Emily Reppucci	

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.

Ashley Dwyer	Jessica Goode
Nathan Froio	Haven Veraguas

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.

Krista Carpenter	Michael DelGuidice	Jackson Sordillo
Kyle Cuklanz	Benjamin Fenelon	
Andrew DelGuidice	Sean Healey	

6.3 Hull High School Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School Music Teacher, requested permission for the high school band to attend an out-of-state field trip to the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, RI on Sunday, December 15, 2019 to perform at a Providence Bruins game. Mr. Barkon stated that this experience will give them the opportunity to play before a very large audience in a

different venue.

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Motion to approve an out-of-state field trip to the Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence, RI on Sunday, December 15, 2019 to perform at a Providence Bruins game.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.4 AP/SAT Testing Presentation

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented the following information on AP and SAT Exam scores. Mr. Cooper Marshall, Hull High School English teacher, presented the last three slides as part of his administrative internship:

- Advanced Placement (AP) exams overview
- Hull High School 2019 AP scores
- Number of Hull High School students taking AP exams (2015-2019) in 2019 = 52
- Percentage of Students Taking at Least one AP Exam (2015-2019) in 2019 = 36%
- Number of AP Exams Taken (2015-2019) in 2019 = 111
- Number of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2015-2019) in 2019 = 40
- Percentage of Students Earning a 3 or Better (2015-2019) in 2019 = 77%
- AP Trends – continue to see improvement in AP scores, significant gains in English, US History, Government, Calculus and Biology, a rise in the percentage of students earning a 3 or better and the waiver system has increased opportunities for students to take AP courses and has not led to lower AP test scores.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) overview
- Mean SAT Scores (2016-2019) in 2019 = critical reading -572, mathematics – 567, there is no more writing component
- Mean SAT Scores Comparison (2019) above the national average in both areas
- SAT goals – have HHS students score above the Mass state average, and we have MET that goal. We are well above the national average in both areas.
- Future plans of the Class of 2019 – 59.2% four-year college, 8% two-year college, 1.3% college prep, 2.5% military and 8% professional trade school, 21% work force.
- List of competitive colleges with number who applied, got accepted and attended.

Ms. Nosek responded to School Committee questions and comments. The Committee congratulated staff and students.

6.5 MCAS Testing Presentation

Ms. Keuhn presented the Spring 2019 MCAS & accountability results for grades 3-10, which included the following:

- Overview of Next-generation MCAS (MCAS 2.0)
- 2019 assessments
- MCAS achievement levels
- Proposed competency determination requirements for ELA and math by class
- Accountability indicators
- 2019 accountability results
- 2019 MCAS percentile results, meeting and exceeding expectations
- Graduation cohort data
- Dart comparisons

- Target strategies for improvement
- Committee members discussed the results.

6.6 Shipwreck'd Lease Modification Update

Owners of Shipwreck'd restaurant, Adrian Muir and Susan Regan, presented their updated version of their expansion plan hours to accommodate the recommendation of the School Committee at the last meeting they attended. Ms. Regan said they want to be good neighbors and want to work with the schools to alleviate their concerns. Because of the close proximity to the high school they wanted to make sure the Committee was OK with the plan before they go to the Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday evening.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to support the proposal set forth by the owners of Shipwreck'd for the lease modification for expansion and liquor license as amended by changing the closing time to 4:00 pm during the fringe season, contingent upon coming back to the School Committee a year after licensing.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.7 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Mr. Devine stated that Gale Associates has still not signed off on the completion of the field because there are still punch list items that need to be complete before it can be open to the public. He read an email he received from Gale Associates and said he believes the track and field can be open by next Monday. Mr. DeGennaro updated the Committee on what still needs to be completed before we receive the warrantees. Due to Ms. Peter's absence from the meeting Mr. Devine recommended that as soon as Gale give the OK and has warrantees in hand, we open the track at 6:00 am and close and lock the gate at 9:00 pm Monday thru Friday. If there are events on weekends the track will be open during those times. Mr. Twombly agreed, stating that out of professional courtesy he wants Ms. Peters to whey in on this and so this is the decision now and will be a good trial run until our next meeting on December 9th. He said there needs to be signs posted for community members to see the temporary hours.

The Committee discussed other track and field issues, including security, walking the track during games and winter weather. Ms. Judith Saide, IT Director, presented the option of including a gate lock system on the fence and the cost associated with that. She also talked about the cameras that will be installed, one is up and running and the other is planned to be up and running by the end of this week, weather permitting.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to open the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field after we get the warrantees in hand until December 9th from 6:00 am when custodians com in until 9:00 pm when custodians are leaving on Monday thru Friday and open on Saturdays and Sundays when a custodian is on campus.

Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. DeGennaro presented different lighting scenarios and costs associated with them. Mr. DeGennaro said the lights are currently set at 20% power on the field. Mr. Hipp suggested the Committee go outside and see how the lights function on 20% power and if that would be enough to see and keep costs down.

9:34 pm The Committee took a ten (10) minute recess for the purpose of going out to the field to look at the lights at 20% power.

9:44 pm Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Hipp stated that after just viewing the lighting on the field he believes that 20% is more than sufficient for people to go out and walk. He stated that he explained the scenarios and Mr. DeGennaro go the prices. Mr. Devine suggested waiting for the full Committee to vote on which scenario to go with. Mr. Twombly asked that this item be first on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Devine inadvertently skipped over Donation Update.

6.8 School Attending Children Report

Mr. Devine presented the School Attending Children Report, which included the following:

- The number of school aged children in town has decreased in the ten years
- Not because fewer students choosing Hull Public Schools
- 376 less school-aged children living in Hull
- Hull Public Schools percentage of available students has fluctuated between 85% and 88%.
- 90% of available children grades k-5 attend Jacobs School this year
- 91% of available children grades 6-8 attend Memorial Middle School, which is the highest it has been in these ten years
- 83% of high school students chose Hull High School this year, which is up from 80% two years ago
- 3.9% or 13 children attend Vocational schools, the number fluctuates between a low of 1 to this year's high of 13
- 9 fewer students attend Charter School this year as compared to two years ago
- Numbers don't include Pre-K (55) or Out-of-district (21)
- US Census number of children under 18 from 2000 to 2010 went from 1,500,064 to 1,418,923 in the state (a drop of 81,141) and from 2,442 to 1,780 in Hull (a drop of 662)

The Committee discussed enrollment. Mr. Hipp said the population of K-5 is pretty steady, which is the new normal, we are not losing students. He also said that the Memorial School has been stable for the last three years. Mr. Devine added that you will see a rise at all vocational schools, which is common in every school district now. Mr. Patenaude added that looking at the US Census slide shows that the issue of declining enrollment is state wide. Mr. Hipp stated that he thinks it is generally good news because after a couple of larger high school classes that are bigger graduate they are all similar sized after that. We are adjusting we are going thru the Strategic plan and now we will see what our space needs are. It is a logical process. Ms. Fleming said we are now looking at the Best Educational Use of School Facilities to find out the best plan of action to keep our students in our schools.

6.9 Best Educational Use of School Facilities Study RFP

Mr. DeGennaro discussed the process of selecting a company to work on the Best Educational Use of School Facilities Study, which included the subcommittee looking at them individually using the same criteria for each proposal. Each member gave a rating and out of the three vendors that sent in proposals they determined that MARS was the best fit. After that the

pricing bids were opened. MARS came in at \$38,183. Drummey Rosanne Anderson was \$28,500 and Habeeb was \$52,500. The subcommittee thought MARS had more of an educational slant. The owners are 4 retired Superintendents and the company works closely with Abrahams Financial Group for financial information. They also work with districts with declining enrollment. MARS looks at district in need as a focus and addresses space needs. They also identify areas where we could expand vocational or internship possibilities. All people on the team are educators. They emphasized outreach to the community. Mr. Twombly asked that MARS be invited to the next School Committee meeting and be first on the agenda.

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to award the contract to MARS Consulting Group for the Best Educational Use of School Facilities Study.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.10 MSBA Feasibility Study Update

Mr. DeGennaro stated that he and other staff recently attended an MSBA meeting and they invited us to the next step in the Feasibility Study. He said the first part is to select an owner's project manager. He said he has to draft a proposal and follow the steps laid out.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policies for first reading:

IHB Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations

IHBEA English as a Second Language

IJOB Community Resource Persons/Speakers

ILD Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

IMG Animals in Schools

JLCB Immunizations of Students

JLCC Communicable Diseases

KBE Relations with Parent Organizations

KCD Public Gifts to the Schools

KDB Public's Right To Know

KE Public Complaints

LDA Student Teaching and Internships

Vote 4-0-0

8.0 Old Business Items

Update on HHS gym floor. Work will begin on Wednesday. It should take 4 weeks but if they rip up floor and something wrong with concrete then 6 weeks. It should be ready around Christmas time.

8.1 Economic Development Committee is meeting tomorrow
Budget Subcommittee meeting on Friday

8.2 Acceptance of Donations

The following donations are for:

HHS Field Advertisement – Sign Purchase

\$1,000 from David & Beth Twombly

\$1,000 from Atlantic Tire & Auto

Donations accepted

Mr. Twombly stated that donating isn't just about the larger amounts of money. Even \$25 of \$50 helps as does going to games and giving back to the students as a mentor. If anyone wants to help out call the Superintendent or the schools to contribute to the schools in some way.

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

Warrants were signed.

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Patenaude stated that Committee members should have received a notice from MASC regarding the Superintendent New Evaluation Process. There is a workshop out in Central Massachusetts in Blackstone Valley on the new process.

12.0 Executive Session

Motion: David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:46 pm to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Teachers). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

14.0 Adjournment

Attachments

1. AP/SAT Testing Presentation
2. MCAS Testing Presentation
3. School Attending Children Report

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on December 9, 2019

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee