

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

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

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 7:01 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve the December 9, 2019 as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

Junior, Bianca Foresta, updated the Committee on the activities taking place at Hull High School, which included:

- This year's high school rally took place on the new turf field
- Three performances of the play *Elf the Musical* took place over the weekend to sold out audiences
- The high school band concert is next Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. The band would appreciate it if everyone would attend

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- October 24, 2019 Best Educational Use of Facilities Subcommittee meeting
- November 4, 2019 Regular meeting

- November 8, 2019 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- November 18, 2019 Executive Session meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 The MARS Consulting Group

Mr. Devine acknowledged the MARS Consulting Group. The members introduced themselves and handed out an agenda, which included procedures and timeline for the survey. All members in the group had their careers in education from start to finish. Committee members commented on the project and they liked that the consultants all have educational background and focus and that they work with schools of a similar size and enrollment situation as Hull. They also liked that MARS works with The Abrams Group.

6.2 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Mr. Devine told the Committee that the hours the track is open, as voted on at the last meeting, seems to be working out fine at this time. He said it has really been very cold for walking at night but the gates are still unlocked at 6:00 am and locked at 9:00 pm during the week, when custodians are on sight. He said the gates had to be locked one night last week due to snow. He said he spoke to Mr. Twombly about not talking about hours made since and Mr. Twombly agreed that due to Ms. Fleming's absence at this meeting, he recommended that they should hold off for the full Committee for discussion. He said that it is cold now and based on the current hours he hasn't received negative feedback so waiting for the full Committee would make sense. There was a discussion about what will be done if snow and ice is on the track and it was decided that it will melt naturally and the gates will be locked until there is no snow or ice. Mr. DeGennaro will look into a power sweeper. Mr. Devine said that once the gym floor is finished there will be custodians on duty on weekends and the track will be open during those times. It was decided to wait until the next meeting when the full Committee is present to bring back this issue.

Mr. Devine gave a donation update, which included \$35,000 for signage for the field. The signs will be coming down for the winter and put back up in the spring. He said that companies start spending donation and advertising money in January and he will be putting the Advertising Subcommittee back together and reaching out to companies at that time. He also said that the Boosters still have \$74,000 coming to us by the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Peters said she would like to see a push to families in town. Mr. Devine stated that there is already a plan of two big pushes, one in January and one at the start of spring sports.

6.3 Revision of 2019-2020 School Calendar

Mr. Devine stated that in negotiations with the teachers a one year contract was reached, which included adding one more professional development day. He said administrators thought the day after Martin Luther King Day would be good and families would have a four day weekend and it would not be too late in the year. Also, eight early release days at the Jacobs School were negotiated, but due to the timing we have added five days this year. Ms. Cappadona wanted to keep it so that families would know it is consistent so she picked the last week of the months of January, February, March, April and May.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to accept the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.4 Administrations Preliminary FY21 Budget

Mr. Devine stated that this budget represents the work of many. He said it starts with the teachers and those requests make it to his office where the budget is developed based on identified needs. He thanked the principals, Judy Kuehn, Dave DeGennaro and central office staff and said that this presentation and the entire budget book will be posted on the Hull Public Schools website tomorrow morning. Mr. Devine, Mr. DeGennaro and Ms. Judy Kuehn gave a presentation of the FY21 Administrator's Preliminary Budget, which included the following:

- Our mission
- Guiding question
- FY21 budget priorities
- Strategic Plan objective 1
- Strategic Plan objective 2
- Strategic Plan objective 3
- Strategic Plan objective 4
- Military and college acceptances (2015-2019)
- FY21 budget proposal comparison
- Chapter 70
- Student Opportunity Act
- FY21 cost centers
- Sources of funds
- Historical grant funding
- Professional development investment
- FY21 next steps
- Our vision

Committee members thanked the budget team for the comprehensive presentation and budget book. Ms. Peters asked how this information would be communicated with the teachers. Mr. Devine stated that it was discussed during HTA negotiations and we have monthly meetings with HTA where this issue is also discussed.

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Superintendents Evaluation

Mr. Devine stated that when the School Committee met in October he have them his goals and key indicators. He asked the Committee to look at them and they came to a consensus that these are the goals he should be working on. He now needs to make them official goals. The Committee is in agreement of the goals.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for second 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

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

Mr. Hipp announced that the teachers' contract was ratified for one year. He said it was a long process with teachers for a one year contract. The contract was also ratified by School Committee. Negotiations will start up again in January or February. Mr. Devine added that all bargaining units will start negotiations in the New Year.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to accept the following donation:

- \$500 from Jodi Elliott to pay down student meals balance as needed

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Warrants were signed.

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Patenaude asked how the joint letter to the MIAA was received. Mr. Devine stated that he did not bring it up at the last MIAA meeting because they were dealing with the soccer issue. He said he would bring it up at the next meeting.

13.0 Executive Session

Motion: David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:32 pm to discuss contract negotiations with non-union personnel (bookkeeper) and to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

14.0 Adjournment

Attachments

1. 2019-2020 School Calendar
2. FY21 Administrations Preliminary Budget
3. Superintendents Evaluation Goals

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on January 13, 2020

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee