

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

David Twombly, Chair (present)
 Lucas Patenaude, Vice Chair (present)
 Jennifer Fleming, Secretary (present)
 Eric Hipp, Member (present)
 Stephanie Peters, Member (present-arrived @ 7:07pm)

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 7:03 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 January 13, 2020 as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Lucas Patenaude **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• December 9, 2019 Regular meeting
Vote: 4-0-0

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, stated that it was really nice to be here consistently year after year. He said the middle school feels like they are on a nice role in the last several years. Mr. Hrivnak announced that once again the middle school was above the

national and state average for the PSAT 8/9. He presented the results for current grade eight students, which included the following;

- Massachusetts students consistently perform at or near the top of national standardized assessments!!
- The PSAT 8/9
 - Designed by The College Board, the same organization that creates and scores the SAT.
 - Intended to give students and families an initial indication of college readiness.

	National Average	State Average	MMS Average
2016	814	826	860
2017	805	808	853
2018	806	822	877
2019	810	841	885

Mr. Devine stated that Mr. Hrivnak's leadership at the middle school is a very large factor for these results. Tony has hired many of the teachers that are in the building. Mr. Devine and School Committee members congratulated Mr. Hrivnak, the students and the staff for their accomplishments.

6.2 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Mr. Devine gave an update on the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field, which included the following:

- Infill issues
- Track issues
- Electrical issues
- Windscreen
- Withholding final payment
- Contingency money for
 - Press box windows
 - Stage
 - Snack Shack
- Lost revenue deduction
- Cameras up and working with great coverage
- Some weather related closures

Mr. Devine also informed the Committee that the high school gym floor is ready and the first game was a victory. He said the vinyl flooring in the locker rooms still needs to be replaced and Service Master will be coming soon to clean the dust.

Mr. Twombly read a letter from a community member who asked that the Committee please set hours for the walking track that extends the hours to include weekends.

Mr. Devine referred the Committee back to the documents that they first received in October with the options for walking track hours. He said there were a few caveats to the options, such as when there is football, lacrosse or baseballs games going on we would restrict walking during the games. Mr. Devine continued, stating that he has been traveling to other towns and most of the schools in the area have gone with option #2.

Ms. Fleming liked option #3, stating that the track should be open on weekends but no one needs to be using the field after 10:00 pm. Using the access panel the doors would be locked from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am. Mr. Devine stated that the electronic access would cost approximately \$19,000 to install and Signet told him they will do their best to get the sturdy box, but it won't last for 15 years.

Mr. Hipp liked locking the track when it is dark at night to protect our asset. He said the cost was very minimal with the gate lock. He said it would make the most sense to him to have an electronic lock. He also said that the gate has been unlocked between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm on most days and not 9:00 am to 5:00 pm as the letter from the community member states, so that is a misnomer. He continued no one wants to keep the community out.

Mr. Twombly stated that fundraising is doing a good job but not quite where he would like it to be. He also said that he has heard from teachers that the money used by putting a gate on there will come out of the teacher's raises. He also said that he is very familiar with Signet but in this environment he doesn't think an electronic access panel would work and therefore, his personal opinion is that he doesn't think he would put one on the gate.

Mr. Patenaude said that we have a fence and cameras. He continued saying we have acknowledged this whole process and are going to try some things and see how they work out. He said he would like to pursue an option to keep the track open without the gate locked and if it is necessary in the future we could install the electronic access panel. He said he thinks we should open it and see how the community uses it. He added that there are a lot of other expenses coming up and he would rather not spend it on the gate at this point.

The Committee discussed the funding of the access panel on the gate. Mr. Devine stated that if it was purchased now it would be part of the contingency and the payments would be split with the town and spread out over 15 years. If we did it in two years we would take the money out of the schools' facilities use revolving fund.

Ms. Peters asked for an explanation of option #3. Mr. Devine stated that there would be one code for everyone to get thru the gate, so it would slow people down to get a better camera. Ms. Peters asked what would happen if someone propped the door open. She then stated that she was not a fan of the gate being locked. She said she lives in this area and the weather makes things corrode very fast. She stated that her preference would be to go with option #2 with signage showing hours the track and field is open and a Police Take Notice sign. Mr. Devine stated he would also recommend a sign directing people to the website for game times, so people can plan before they come to the track to walk.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to adopt option #2, the gate remains unlocked 24/7, signs are posted stating the track hours and those on the track and/or field outside of these hours are trespassing. The school administration will use their judgment to close the gate if necessary, due to safety and/or inclement weather.

Vote: 3-2-0 Ayes: Stephanie Peters, Lucas Patenaude and David Twombly Nays: Eric Hipp and Jennifer Fleming

Mr. Devine asked the Committee to consider the lighting options. He mentioned that he has stated in presentations to the community that the track/field would be lit. He explained that the athletic director, maintenance specialist and head custodian can access to the remotely operate the lights from their phone. The Committee discussed hours the lights could be on and the option of leaving them at 20%. They also discussed having winter hours different than the rest of the year. Mr. Hipp referred to the wording of scenario #3 on page 24 of the packet.

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: David Twombly

Motion to go with scenario #3 on page 24, from March to November lights on 7/week from 5:00 am to dawn and dusk to 10 pm and December to February lights on 7/week from 6 am to dawn and dusk to 9 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Mr. Twombly said he is telling the public this, if there are any issues with this then it will come back to the Committee to be reconsidered. He continued, stating that right now the way we plan on opening the track/field is OK but we can change it at any time. Ms. Fleming added that this is a huge investment and it is not to be construed as mistrust of community members or people who live here. Mr. Twombly added that he can see people from out of town coming down to the gut and using the track in the summer time. Mr. Devine suggested that until the signs are made keep the status quo.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

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 5-0-0

8.0 Old Business Items

8.1 Sub-committees

- Budget Subcommittee met on Friday. Administration will start the series of budget presentation at the next meeting.
- Ms. Peters is on the Open Space committee but has not been able to attend. She directed people to a survey on the town website.
- The MARS Group spent their third day in Hull and are very impressed with the administrative team and the shape of the buildings.

8.2 Acceptance of Donations

- \$550 from an anonymous donor to pay down student meals balance for families most in

need and any remaining money should be placed on other accounts for snack, etc.
Donation accepted

9.0 New Business
None

10.0 Approval of Warrants
None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Committee members congratulated Trevor MacDonald for his 1000 points in basketball.
- January 25th Hull High and Hull Youth Basketball will play at the Boston Garden during the Andrew Lawson Foundation Invitational.

12.0 Executive Session
Motion: Stephanie Peters
Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:13 pm 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, Jennifer Fleming and Eric Hipp

13.0 Adjournment

Attachments

1. Memorial School PSAT Scores
2. Options and Scenarios for Walking Track Hours and Lighting

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on February 11, 2020

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee