SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT
Eric Hipp, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
David Twombly, Secretary (present)
Jennifer Fleming, Member (present)
Kelley Huxtable, Member (present)

OTHERS PRESENT
Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

Call to Order
  The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tyrell, Superintendent at 6:16 p.m. at Hull High
  School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

7.0 Business Items – Superintendent
  7.1 Reorganization
  Dr. Tyrell opened nominations for chair. Mr. Twombly nominated Mr. Eric Hipp for
  chair, stating that it is important to keep the momentum going.

  Motion: David Twombly   **Second:** Stephanie Peters
  Move to approve Eric Hipp as chair of the School Committee.
  Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming
  and Kelley Huxtable.

  Mr. Hipp said he rather enjoyed being chair.

  Mr. Twombly nominated Ms. Stephanie Peters as Vice Chair, stating that it is important
  to keep the momentum going.

  Motion: David Twombly   **Second:** Kelley Huxtable
  Move to approve Stephanie Peters as vice chair of the School Committee.
  Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming
  and Kelley Huxtable.
  Mr. Twombly nominated Ms. Jennifer Fleming as Secretary.

Motion: David Twombly   **Second:** Kelley Huxtable
Move to approve Jennifer Fleming as secretary of the School Committee.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

Ms. Fleming thanked the community for their support in the election and stated that she would be a good contributor to the Committee. She congratulated Mr. Twombly for being re-elected to the Committee.

7.2   School Choice
Each year, prior to June 1st, school districts must vote on whether or not to participate in school choice. Dr. Tyrell said that she did not think school choice makes sense for the Hull Public Schools at this time and recommended not participating. Dr. Tyrell also mentioned that currently, no towns on the south shore participate in school choice.

Mr. Hipp stated that he recommended looking further into School Choice in the past but given the towns desire to look into school consolidation he now is not the time. He stated that in the future if Hull participated in School Choice some of our immediate neighbors might do the same. Ms. Peters agreed and added that a subcommittee could be formed to look into it.

Motion: David Twombly   **Second:** Kelley Huxtable
Move to not participate in school choice for 2016-2017.
Vote: 5-0-0

8.0   Business Items – School Committee
    8.1   Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field Discussion
    Mr. Hipp stated that it was obviously unfortunate the debt exclusion was defeated at the local election, adding that the field is still in very bad shape and there is a group of community members looking into the issue. Ms. Peters said that community members see the need for the turf and there is a plan in place with several things going on and hopefully in the next few weeks they will be ready to go public with a campaign.

13.0   Executive Session
    Adjournment
    Motion: Eric Hipp   **Second:** Stephanie Peters
    Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the HTA (Teachers & Paraprofessionals) and Custodians. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.
    Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 6, 2016

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee