

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp at 7:03 p.m. at Hull High School Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the June 20, 2016 agenda as presented.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Kelley Huxtable
Move approve the following minutes as presented:
 - Monday, April 4, 2016 regular meeting.
 - Monday, June 6, 2016 regular meeting.
 - Monday, June 6, 2016 Executive Session.**Vote:** 4-0-0

Mr. Timothy Mackenzie, Hull High School history teacher and member of the HTA (teachers) Union stated that the teachers voted to ratify a one (1) year contract but not a

three (3) year contract. He said that he hopes you (School Committee) will also ratify the one year contract. Mr. Hipp stated that the two sides have been negotiating this contract since October of 2015. The School Committee requested a mediator come in to resolve the contract. He said there have been many sessions this year that lead to an agreement but a single year contract has never been in the offer and this is the first the Committee has heard of a one year contract. The School Committee ratified the four year contract on Friday. He continued by saying he was not in favor or reopening the contract and it is puzzling that the HTA is doing this now. He stated that Mr. Lemnios, Town Manager, said the town will not encumber funds without a ratified contract. When questioned about the HTA ratifying the four year contract on Friday, Ms. McCarthy stated that they did ratify but it was oral, and they came to an agreement in writing when Brendan Sharkey, HTA Representative, looked it over and saw some misunderstandings. Mr. Hipp agreed that there were misunderstandings because in the year and a half of negotiations there was never discussion of a single year deal or of appendix C and D and now it is in the MOA.

6.0 School Committee Business Items

6.1 School Committee Meeting Dates 2016-2017

Dr. Tyrell gave the Committee her draft list of School Committee dates for the 2016-2017 school year, which included a summer meeting on August 24, 2015 if needed. Mr. Hipp asked that a meeting be scheduled in July if needed. The Committee discussed adding a meeting in July.

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to accept the 2016-2017 School Committee Meeting Calendar with the following addition:

- Add Monday, July 11, 2016 (if needed).

Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 NESDEC Award

Dr. Tyrell presented this year's New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Awards to Hull High School Junior, Thomas Nutsongtat. Dr. Tyrell said that Thomas has improved very much since his freshman year. She congratulated Thomas and his family for a job well done.

7.2 PHI Presentation

This item was deferred.

7.3 School Lunch Program

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave an update on the school lunch program. He told the Committee that the Chartwells lunch program has been losing money and he is trying to find ways to increase breakfast and lunch participation. Mr. DeGennaro, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Mr. Kyle Shaw, Jacobs School Principal, visited Brockton Public Schools to see how their breakfast program runs to see if it would be a good idea to incorporate the same program in Hull. Brockton also uses Chartwells. Mr. Twombly suggested periodic updates of the program to School Committee.

7.4 AP Government Textbook Adoption

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, recommended adoption of the AP Government textbook *Government in America* by Edwards and Wattenberg. The Committee already approved the AP Government course at the last meeting.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to adopt the recommended AP Government textbook *Government in America* by Edwards and Wattenberg.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.5 FY16 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell gave her recommendation for end of year expenses as discussed at the budget subcommittee meeting, stating that money was tight this year and therefore she put a budget freeze in place early in the school year. She recommended allocating the surplus funds as follows:

- Jacobs School Kiln \$7,970
- MMS Upgrade Computer Lab \$23,053
- JES Sidewalk Repair \$4,000
- District Wide Truck \$34,216

Dr. Tyrell said the truck is used daily for moving equipment, tables and chairs, lawn mowers, waxing machines, along with plowing all three schools.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve end of year expenditures recommendation by the Superintendent.

Vote: 4-0-0

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following policy for second reading:

Policy IA	Instructional Goals
Policy IB	Academic Freedom
Policy IC	School Year/School Calendar
Policy ID	School Day
Policy IE	Organization of Instruction
Policy IGA	Curriculum Development
Policy IGD	Curriculum Adoption
Policy IHA	Basic Instructional Program
Policy IHAA	Supplement, Not Supplant
Policy IHAE	Physical Education

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- Budget Subcommittee met last week, which was just discussed in 7.5.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

- 10.0 New Business
None
- 11.0 Approval of Warrants
None
- 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
- Mr. Twombly would like an update on FY17 free full-day kindergarten implications in the fall, once all hiring is finished.
 - 100% of the staff has been fingerprinted. We are in 100% compliance with the new law.
 - Ms. Huxtable read a letter regarding LGBTQ, which included questions about what the school department is doing to support it, if we have current policies in place and are we accepting and supporting. Dr. Tyrell gave assurance that we have been quite responsive in this area. Mr. Devine said the high school and middle school are definitely addressing the issues in wellness classes and advisory. Ms. Kuehn said there is a safe school initiative going on now. Mr. Hipp suggested Ms. Huxtable spearhead the issue and meet with Ms. Kuehn and Mr. Devine and look into it.
- 13.0 Executive Session
Adjournment
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the HTA (Teachers and Paraprofessionals) and non-union personnel including the Superintendent. 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 and Kelley Huxtable.

Attachments

1. Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on September 19, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee