

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, Chair at 7:02 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the November 21, 2016 as presented
Vote: 5-0-0

None

None

- Thursday, September 15, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Thursday, September 29, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting
 - Change the words *overall support* to **discussion was general** in the third paragraph
 - Change the words *Eric Hipp agrees* to **there was a discussion that** in the fourth paragraph
- Monday, September 19, 2016 Regular meeting
- Monday, October 17, 2016 Regular meeting
- Monday, October 17, 2016 Executive Session

- **Vote: 5-0-0**

6.0 School Committee Business Items

6.1 Advertising

Ms. Peters explained that after the failure of the debt exclusion a private group was formed to help raise funds for a new field. She said that the group did not want to move forward on seeking advertising options from corporate sponsorship without a School Committee discussion on the topic. She suggested maybe putting billboards at the back of the school overlooking the ocean or on the snack shack, as two examples. Mr. Twombly asked if current policies would need to be changed. Ms. Peters stated that she asked for the policies just for discussion and that she was not looking to change anything at this point. Mr. Hipp asked for clarification on the proposed consideration date on policy KHA. Ms. Ollerhead will look into it. Members all supported the idea.

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

Dr. Tyrell announced that twenty-two Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade ten MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Students' receiving this scholarship makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities.

Dr. Tyrell read the following student names receiving this scholarship:

Richard Barone	Jamie Froio	Kiernan Leahy
Brianna Bennett	Jacqueline Gampel	Nolan Palma
Joseph Coffey	Luis Gonzalez	Rachel Richman
John Dahill	Jordan Grubbs	James Rosado
Thomas Dennison	Daria Healey	Erin Shea
Nicole Dreishpoon	Michael Anthony Hogan	Ethan Wagner
Stacia Foresta	Dylan Iorio	
Jason French	Aidan Leahy	

School Committee and Superintendent congratulated students, teachers and parents.

7.2 Professional Development Overview

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, gave an overview of the 2016-2017 Professional Development. The topics included the following:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Instructional Technology Integration
- Safe Supportive School Climate
- Special Education/Regular Education Intervention/English Language Education
- Staff/Teacher Induction Program
- Leadership Retreats

Ms. Kuehn explained that professional development is connected from year to year and is on the website. She said that it is important to know that professional development is not only tied to the district goals but also to the educators' survey at the end of each year.

7.3 School Attending Children Report

Dr. Tyrell presented the following information on school attending children: She started by cautioning that the preschool is not on this report, and there were 55 preschoolers on October 3, 2016. She also stated that 9 new students have enrolled since the October 3, 2016 cutoff date. She informed the Committee that during the past 10 year period the Town of Hull has seen a decrease in the number of all school attending children residing within the town. The decrease in students who attended the Hull Public Schools during this period was 322 students. Since there was a decrease in number of school eligible children, it stands to reason that a comparable decrease in students attending the Hull Public Schools should be expected.

- The number of all school-aged children who reside in Hull has decreased from 1430 pupils in 2017-2018 to 1017 pupils in 2016-2017 or 413 pupils.
- After a low of 83% in 2007-2008, there was a small upward trend of available students attending Hull Public School. The percentage now remains stable near 87%. The actual percentage went from a low of 83% to a high of 87.2%.
- Students attending Jacobs Elementary School has gone from a low of 86% to a high of 91% and now remains stable.
- The percentage of students attending the Memorial School has gone from a low of 83% to last year's high of 87%.
- The percentage of students attending Hull High School has remained fairly stable.
- Overall, the number of students attending vocational technical programs has ranged from 1 through 10.
- There has been a significant decrease in the number of children and the percentage of children attending the South Shore Charter School: however, this year we have seen a slight uptick. It is important to note that the enrollment cap at SSCPS has increased.

Committee members discussed declining enrollment and ways to attract families to the town, which included the following:

- Recent Open House for Realtors
- Upcoming Communications Subcommittee meeting
- Chamber of Commerce involvement
- Free kindergarten
- Greatly improving scores
- Level 1 elementary school
- Look into School Choice again
- Look into exchange programs
- Looking into full-day preschool for 4 year olds

Ms. Huxtable started a discussion about the idea of consolidating and what a K-8 model would look like. The discussion continued with the cons of that idea and reasons why that would not be a good idea at this time. Mr. Hipp reminded the Committee about the Long-term Space Needs report, which had 10 members input into the document and the Report of

Educational Impact of Consolidation from March 2014. Ms. Peters added that although that report was only two years old it could be updated. Administrators will take another look at that report and update it. Dr. Tyrell said she would repeat what she has repeating for several years, which was that she has made it very clear that we do have excess space but not an excess building and has suggested, in the past, that the administrative offices and Hull Family Network space might make a nice library and/or considered for town hall offices.

7.4 Request by Milton Public Schools to Join SSEC

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that the South Shore Educational Collaborative (SSEC) Board of Directors has approved that the Town of Milton be added to the list of members. Each School Committee of member towns must vote on Milton's acceptance. She added that Milton wants to join because other towns are joining and because the Charms Collaborative is closing its doors. When asked, she stated that we do not pay a fee and there is no financial impact of other members, either positive or negative.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the Town of Milton be added to the list of SSEC members.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to accept the following policies for first reading:

Policy IHAF	Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition
Policy IHAM	Health Education
Policy IHAM-R	Health Education
Policy IHAMA	Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education
Policy IHAMA-E	Sample Notice to Parent/Guardian
Policy IHBA	Special Education Programs and Accommodations for Children with Special Needs
Policy IHBB	Challenge and Enrichment Programs
Policy IHBD	Compensatory Education (Title 1)
Policy IHBE	Bilingual Instruction
Policy IHBEA	English as a Second Language
Policy IHBF	Homebound Instruction
Policy IHBG	Home Schooling
Policy IHBG-E	Application for Home Instruction (Also: LBC-E)
Policy IHBH	Alternative School Programs

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

- The South Shore Vocational Technical Planning Committee met on a Thursday and had further discussion on how the Committee wanted to proceed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2016, which will include a list of questions and initial presentation.
- Budget Subcommittee met and are working toward coming up with documents that the Committee could digest.

- Mr. Hipp informed the Committee that he was going to meet with the Town Manager, the Chair of the Board of Selectmen and an employee at DPW, who was a golf course landscaper, to get some advice to help us with maintenance of the high school field, but the DPW has been busy working all over town and have not had a chance to meet. Since the town manager is looking to pool resources it would be nice to speak to the DPW worker and get information from him on how to improve the field.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to accept the following donations:

- \$50 from Katherine & Michael McCaffrey to be used for Student Advisory Day
- \$5,000 from McCarthy & Gratta Realty to be used by the Class of 2017
- \$100 from Local #2324 – United Auto Workers to Hull High School Music Program
- \$100 from Anonymous to be placed on student meals balances
- \$5,200 from HYFA to Athletics – Sub varsity Football
- \$575 from Pat and Trish Henderson to Athletics Sponsor a Student-Athlete Program

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. Professional Development Overview
2. School Attending Children Report

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on December 5, 2016

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee