

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT
L.M. JACOBS SCHOOL LIBRARY
HULL, MA 02045
MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Devine, Superintendent
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator

In the afternoon the following people arrived:

Judith Saide, Director of Technology
Nicole Nosek, High School Assistant Principal
Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal
Kimberly Bothwell, Memorial School Assistant Principal
Christine Cappadona, L.M. Jacobs School Principal
Kyle Shaw, L.M. Jacobs School Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the L.M. Jacobs Elementary School, Library, at 180 Harborview Road.

2. Director of Student Services

Mr. Devine and Ms. Kuehn presented three scenarios to address the vacancy left by Director of Students Services, Philippa Young's resignation. The Committee instructed Mr. Devine to examine all options and move forward.

3. Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator

Mr. Devine discussed the possibility of Athletic Director, James Quatromoni, resigning his position as Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator if he was offered the job in Hingham. He explained that Mr. Quatromoni is currently one of two finalists for the position. The Committee questioned whether it was essential to hire a full-time replacement. Mr. Devine stated that it was and described the different responsibilities of the Community Outreach Coordinator and Athletic Director.

4. SSVT Planning Committee Update

The Committee discussed the desire of the SSVT Planning Committee to hold meetings in the Memorial School to gauge interest. The Committee felt that this was not appropriate.

5. International Baccalaureate

Ms. Huxtable asked if we had ever examined the feasibility of Hull High School becoming an International Baccalaureate school. Mr. Devine reviewed with the Committee the process for becoming an IB school. Mr. Devine presented the financial implications. He stated that with the 10-year NEASC coming in three years that Hull High School did not have the capacity to go through both processes at the same time. Mr. Devine stated that it would be looked at in the Strategic Plan.

6. Blizzard Bag & E-Learning Days

The question was asked by Mr. Twombly whether we could use a virtual snow day program in the event of a snow day. Mr. Devine showed the Committee the advisory from DESE that states that this is only a possibility after three snow days. Mr. Devine stated that the leadership team would examine the feasibility of this.

7. Hull Public Schools Planning

Mr. Devine stated that this year he would begin to work on a Strategic Plan for the Hull Public Schools. He stated that he would come back to the Committee regarding the make-up of the Committee and what format the plan would take. Mr. Devine stated that he wanted to finalize this 5-year plan and present to the community in January 2019.

8. Mike Devine Entry Plan

This item was tabled.

9. Open Contract – Custodians – June 30, 2017

Mr. Devine stated that the contract was open and that negotiations would begin on August 30, 2017.

10. Appointment of Subcommittees

After discussion, the following subcommittees were established:

- Budget Subcommittee: Stephanie Peters and Eric Hipp
- Custodian Negotiating Team: David Twombly and Jennifer Fleming
- HTA Negotiating Team: Eric Hipp
- Nurses Negotiating Team: Stephanie Peters and Eric Hipp
- Paraprofessionals Negotiating Team: Kelley Huxtable and David Twombly
- Secretaries Negotiating Team: Stephanie Peters and Jennifer Fleming
- Capital Outlay Committee: Stephanie Peters
- Wellness Committee: Kelley Huxtable
- Vo-Tech Planning Committee: Kelley Huxtable, Eric Hipp (Alternate)
- Communications Subcommittee: Jennifer Fleming and Stephanie Peters

11. FY18 Budget

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave an update on current spending for FY18. Out-of-district tuitions already above budgeted by salaries coming in lower than expected.

12. RADAR (Resource Allocation and District Action) Reports

Mr. Devine showed the Committee the RADAR reports that will soon be available to the public. These reports look at Hull's spending and achievement and compares Hull to other communities.

13. Technology Update

Ms. Judith Saide, Director of Technology and Ms. Judith Kuehn gave an update on technology use in the district. Each building principal gave an overview of the previous year's use of technology and what the school was planning for the upcoming year. Ms. Kuehn discussed the professional development offered to teachers.

14. Discussion with School Committee and School Administration

Review of 2016-2017 school year provided by Principals.
The principals each presented an overview of the accomplishments of their schools during the 2016-2017 school year.

District Goals

The district goals were presented in draft form. The Committee was told that they would be on the agenda for the September 18, 2017 School Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Documents presented:

- Director of Student Services Scenarios
- Chapter 71 B Section 3A: Administrator of special education; duties; joint appointment
- IB Program information
- HPS Technology Update
- District Goals

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 18, 2017.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee