

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
Jennifer Fleming, Secretary (present)
Kelley Huxtable, Member (absent)
David Twombly, Member (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, Chair at 7:01 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Jennifer Fleming
Move to approve the March 13, 2017 as presented
Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
None
- 6.0 School Committee Business Items
6.1 Appointment of School Committee member to Marijuana Task Force
Mr. Hipp asked for a volunteer from the School Committee to serve as School Committee representative on the towns Marijuana Task Force. Ms. Fleming volunteered.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to appoint Jennifer Fleming as the School Committee representative on the Hull Marijuana Task Force.
Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 Mathematics Committee Update

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, state that the Superintendent charged the Mathematics Committee to look at the pathways and make sure options could change if necessary. She said the Committee has been meeting since September and they looked at the courses from grade 12 down. The Committee's goal was to be very clear that pathways are a guide for students but they have the opportunity to change the pathways. If a student wants to switch pathways they have to show mastery and give an outline to students and parents letting them know what the student can do to change the placement. Mr. Devine presented the current pathways and what the four new levels will be for students to guide them through the math courses.

7.2 Hull High School Program of Studies

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, outlined the proposed changes to the 2017-2018 high school Program of Studies as follows:

- Policy changes to GPA, waivers and freshman course selection
- New mathematics pathways as discussed in Superintendent's Business Item 7.1
- New courses
- Deleted courses
- Course description (minor changes)
- Information changes – NCAA requirements

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the Hull High School Program of Studies as written.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.3 Out-of-State Field Trip – Concert Choir

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission for Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School music teacher to take the Memorial School chorus to the annual Providence Bruins game on April 9, 2017 to perform during breaks and to watch the hockey game.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to the Providence Bruins game in Rhode Island on April 9, 2017.

7.4 Out-of-State Field Trip – Concert Band

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission for Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School music teacher to take the Memorial School 7th and 8th Grade Band students to the *Trills and Thrills Music Festival – 2017* at Nashua High School South, Nashua, New Hampshire on Friday, May 26, 2017. After the festival the students will travel to Canobie Lake Park for the remainder of the day. The festival will give students the opportunity to get feedback on their performance and to listen to other bands. This is now an

annual event for the school.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to Nashua and Salem New Hampshire on May 26, 2017.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.5 FY18 Budget Discussion

- Jacobs School Overview and Budget

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, gave an overview of how the elementary school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- Dues and fees
- Supplies
- Textbooks/Curriculum

Ms. Cappadona informed the Committee of all the good things going on in the Jacobs School.

- Memorial School Overview and Budget

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the middle school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- Accelerated courses offered
- Stipended positions
- Dues and fees
- Digital learning
- Textbooks
- Other curricular materials
- Supplies

Mr. Hrivnak commented on the exciting things that go on in the middle school.

- Hull High School Overview and Budget

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the high school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- AP courses offered
- Stipend positions
- Activities offered
- Dues and fees
- Virtual High School/credit recovery
- Supplies
- Tutoring
- Event finance
- Textbooks

Mr. Devine told the Committee about the wonderful things happening at the high school.

7.6 School Starting Time Committee – Update

Dr. Tyrell updated the Committee on the first meeting of the School Starting Time Committee. She said there are 14 people on the Committee, including herself and Stephanie Peters, the three assistant principals, three parents, three teachers, the athletic director/community outreach coordinator, the business manager and the secretary to the Superintendent. The committee is charged with seeing if there is a viable way to start the high school later in the morning without much disruption and expense. She stated that the Committee will look into the effect on daycare, sports, employment, buses and other issues. At the next meeting on March 23, 2017 Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Assistant Principal, will bring forward the results of other districts that have gone thru this and why it is important to do it. Dr. Tyrell and David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, will meet and discuss transportation with the bus company and report back. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, will report on the effects of a later start without losing the integrity of the last period of the day and James Quatromoni will discuss what will have to happen with afternoon sports.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

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

Policy IHBI Hull Public Schools/Wellspring Adult Education Diploma

Policy IHBI-E Wellspring Adult Education High School Diploma Granting Report and Recommendations

Policy IHCA Summer Schools

Policy IHCD Advanced College Placement

Policy IIB Class Size

Policy IJ Instructional Materials

Policy IJJ Textbook Selection and Adoption

Policy IJK Supplemental Materials Selection and Adoption

Policy IJL Library Materials Selection and Adoption

Policy IJLA Library Resources

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-Committees

- The Committee will meet with the Advisory Board on March 27, 2017.
- The Budget Subcommittee met on Friday March 10, 2017. The budget is very fluid but the intention is to have an updated budget that meets the Town Managers recommendation at the Advisory Board meeting.
- The Capital Outlay Committee was shown a presentation of the buildings and the only surprising thing regarding the schools is the roof at Memorial School. There are currently no issues with the roof but they were looking at the expected life of a roof. Ms. Peters said she was surprised that the price tag for the town hall was 5.3 million, which is much less than what has been said in public. She said the Committee did not discuss next steps; they are going to look through the entire report. She added that the library and senior center are in great shape.
- The Goals Subcommittee has been put on hold.

Mr. DeGennaro informed the Committee that after changing some of the faucet fixtures the newest water tests came back negative for lead and copper. Because of that all of the other faucets that originally tested positive will now be replaced and retested.

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. Hipp stated that due to the snow storm and cancellation of school for tomorrow, the early release day that was scheduled for tomorrow will probably be changed to mid May. Dr. Tyrell stated that administration will find a date that works and inform the Committee and families of the new date.

13.0 Adjournment
Motion: Stephanie Peters
Motion to go adjourn at 8:26 pm.
Vote: 4-0-0
Second: Jennifer Fleming

Attachments:

1. Mathematics Committee Presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were approved
and adopted by the Committee on
April 10, 2017

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee