

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS 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 6:05 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:** David Twombly
Move to approve the July 10, 2017 as presented
Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Superintendent's Business Items

3.1 Hull High School Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Mr. Timothy MacKenzie, Hull High School history teacher, requested permission to take students to the Dominican Republic in the spring of 2018. He said the purpose of the trip is global learning, cultural awareness and to perform community service. Mr. MacKenzie showed a short presentation and stated that the trip will be very similar to other trips he has setup in the past.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Kelley Huxtable
Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to the Dominican Republic in the spring of 2018.
Vote: 5-0-0

3.2 Hull High School Out-of-State Field Trip Request

Ms. Sheila Blair, Hull High School science teacher, requested permission to take students to the Galapagos Islands in the summer of 2018. She said the purpose of the trip is scientific research, conservation and ecological learning. Ms. Blair showed a video presentation and stated that this will be the first trip for Hull High School Students.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to the Galapagos Islands in the summer of 2018.
Vote: 5-0-0

4.0 School Committee Business Items

Mr. Hipp informed the Committee and audience that there are going to be two candidates interviewing for Superintendent. He explained the process, stating that each School Committee member submitted questions that they would like to ask the candidates, which were funneled to Ms. Ollerhead. Final questions were sent back to each Committee member. There are initials next to each question and the members will ask the same questions to each candidate.

4.1 Interview with Superintendent Candidate – Ms. Judith Kuehn

Mr. Hipp welcomed Ms. Judith Kuehn and asked her to give an opening statement including her educational and work experience.

Ms. Kuehn thanked the Committee for selecting her for an interview. She presented an overview of her educational and working background.

School Committee members identified themselves and asked a total of nineteen questions in the areas of enrollment, educational leadership skills, curriculum development and instruction, communication with parents and community and financial Management.

4.2 Interview with Superintendent Candidate – Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Hipp introduced Mr. Michael Devine and asked him to give an opening statement including his educational and work experience.

Mr. Devine thanked the Committee and presented an overview of his educational and working background.

School Committee members identified themselves and asked a total of nineteen questions in the areas of enrollment, educational leadership skills, curriculum development and instruction, communication with parents and community and financial Management.

Mr. Hipp said he would like to open up the meeting to Committee members for the purpose of discussion about the next steps in the process.

Each Committee member discussed his/her thoughts on the candidate's qualities. Members stated that Hull is very fortunate to have two fabulous candidates. Members stated what they considered the pro's of each and most said it was a difficult decision because of all that the two candidates have to offer. After a lengthy discussion motions were made.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to appoint Judy Kuehn as Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters. Nays: Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

Vote: 2-3-0

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to appoint Michael Devine as Superintendent of Schools pending successful negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable. Nays: David

Twombly, Stephanie Peters.

Vote: 3-2-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to reconsider the vote to appoint Michael Devine as Superintendent of Schools.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stephanie Peters, David Twombly, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to reconsider the vote to appoint Michael Devine as Superintendent of Schools pending successful negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Stephanie Peters, David Twombly, Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming and Kelley Huxtable.

Vote: 5-0-0

5.0 Adjournment

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Stephanie Peters

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:12 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the new Superintendent of Schools. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee may 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
September 18, 2017.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee