

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

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

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

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.

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the December 11, 2017 agenda as presented
Vote: 5-0-0

- Football game and rally went well
- Fall sports are over
- Seniors won the Powder Puff game, which is a fundraising event
- Juniors fundraisers included Make a wish and bake sale
- National Honor Society is holding a food drive, coat drive and blood drive, which is open to the public, on December 20th

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• Wednesday, August 30, 2017, Custodian Negotiations

- Wednesday, September 27, 2017, Custodian Negotiations
- Tuesday, October 10, 2017, Custodian Negotiations
- Monday, October 16, 2017, Regular Meeting
- Monday, November 13, 2017 Executive Session
- Friday, November 17, 2017

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Students with MCAS Perfect Scores

Mr. Devine asked the principals to introduce their students who had perfect MCAS scores. Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Dr. Paula Girouard McCann, Hull High School Principal, recognized the following students who received perfect MCAS scores.

William Noonan earned a perfect score in Grade 3 mathematics

Elsie Harper earned a perfect score in Grade 4 English language arts

Parry Harper earned a perfect score in Grade 7 mathematics

Kacee McKinney earned a perfect score in Grade 8 English language arts

Benjamin Fenelon earned a perfect score in Grade 10 English language arts

Daniel Kraus earned a perfect score in Grade 9 Introductory Physics

School Committee members congratulated the students for such an achievement.

6.2 Professional Development Overview

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Curriculum, gave an overview of the 2017-2018 Professional Development. The topics included the following:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Technology
- Safe Supportive School Climate
- Special Education/Regular Education Intervention/English Language Education
- Induction Programs
- Leadership Retreats

Ms. Kuehn explained that professional development is connected from year to year and it is designed to help teacher that have a need for a certain topic. She said that she has learned from staff that they like being able to pick and choose which offerings and modules they will attend at the November 6, 2017.

6.3 Calm Classroom

Ms. Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent and Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, explained that all teachers have been trained in Calm Classroom, which includes activities such as; breathing, stretching, relaxation and focusing. The district wide initiative will start at tier one for all students pre-k to 12, and include an activity two times a day at

each grade level. Counselors are encouraged to use it after a discipline session. Ms. Cappadona lead the School Committee through one of the Calm Classroom activities, which had participants place a penny on their foreheads and concentrate on being calm and still so the penny wouldn't fall off. When the activity was over Ms. Cappadona explained that research shows that 81% of students are more calm and 24% have more focus after doing a calm classroom activity and she is excited about rolling this out.

6.4 Administrations Preliminary FY19 Budget

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave a presentation on the FY19 proposed administration budget, which included the following:

- Continuous progress
- FY19 budget overview
- FY19 proposed budget amount
- Sources of funds
- Historical grant funding
- FY19 forecast by cost center
- Next steps
- Meeting the needs of all students

Committee members commented on the layout of the budget and said they wanted something like it for a long time. Mr. Devine told the Committee that the amount we are requesting of 3.17% is higher than Town Manager's 2.25%. Mr. DeGennaro explained that offsets are less than in the past, including 52% less in grants. Mr. Devine added that they were just informed today that the MSBA denied our application and we will not receive funding necessary repairs at Memorial and Hull High School. Mr. Devine stated that this budget includes one special educator at the middle school and a district-wide .5 behavior specialist, AP Spanish texts and science curriculum.

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 School Committee Goals

The Committee discussed the need for School Committee goals and the pros and cons of having a subcommittee versus the whole committee, along with the difference between Superintendent/staff goals and School Committee goals. It was decided that Mr. Twombly would send Ms. Ollerhead the document that he and Ms. Huxtable worked on and she would include it in the next packet and then at the next meeting the committee could discuss how to proceed.

7.2 Discussion of Budget Planning Committee Model

Ms. Fleming informed the rest of the Committee that she spoke to MASC executive director, Glen Koocher, who stated that he sent a survey to Massachusetts School Committee's asking if they used a subcommittee or full committee for budget and he said 16 districts responded and 12 used full committees and 4 had budget subcommittees. She ask him if he had an opinion and he told her that when you do your budget as a whole it will keep peace in the house and if you present as a full committee you are going to have a stronger budget and be able to defend it. The Committee discussed the pros and cons, including their thoughts and reasons for those thoughts on the topic. It was decided that the Committee would temporarily disband the budget subcommittee meetings for the remainder of this fiscal year and discuss budget as a full

Committee and then discuss the topic again at the summer retreat.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: David Twombly

Move to replace all tentative budget subcommittee meetings with tentative School Committee meetings to discuss the budget, dates to be determined. In the meantime ask the Superintendent to ask other district Superintendents how they structure their budget meetings and to put this issue on the summer retreat agenda to discuss the pros and cons.

Vote: 3-2-0 Nays: Eric Hipp and Stephanie Peters

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adopt the following policies for second reading as presented.

Policy IKE	Promotion and Retention of Students
Policy IL	Evaluation of Instructional Programs
Policy ILB	Testing
Policy ILBA	School System Program Assessments
Policy IMA	Teaching Activities/Presentations
Policy IMAA	Plan Books and Planning
Policy IMB	Teaching About Controversial Issues/Controversial Speakers
Policy IMDA	Pledge of Allegiance
Policy IMDB	Flag Displays
Policy IMDC	Religious Holidays

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- SSVT Feasibility Committee met last week and motion was put forth as a group not to recommend joining SSVT at this time. Ms. Huxtable told Committee members the SSVT Committee looked at the feasibility document and financially Hull would not gain anything by joining and would be putting ourselves at financial risk.
- The Capital Outlay is meeting on Wednesday night and they might be a need for a special town meeting on February 12th for marijuana and a vote at a later date on that. Ms. Peters said they will likely put a debt exclusion on the warrant for that but will discuss it at the meeting on Wednesday.

9.2 Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Motion to approve the following donation:

- \$500 in memory of Audrey Connor to the Jacobs School Music Department

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

Ms. Peters gave kudos to the district for showing the video *Screenagers: Growing Up in the*

Industrial Age. She said it was an hour long movie with discussion after.

Ms. Fleming informed the community that Mr. Devine's last open session to meet with him about what the schools are doing well and what they can do better will be held on Wednesday night at the Jacobs School.

Ms. Huxtable said she noticed a buzz around citizens donating to pay off school lunch debt. Mr. Devine stated that if someone sends in money we will deduct from the most needy families debt first. Mr. Devine added that the schools received donations of coats and jackets from the Knights of Columbus and the Hull/Nantasket Rotary Club. Woman Aid in Hingham donated \$2000 in gift cards to Cumberland Farms and TJ Maxx to be given out the students in need.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Additional documents:

1. Administrations Preliminary FY19 Budget documents

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on January 22, 2018.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee