

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)  
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (absent)  
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

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, Chair at 7:03 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

**Motion:** David Twombly   **Second:** Kelley Huxtable  
Move to approve the January 22, 2018 agenda as presented  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

- Varsity girls basketball game going on now in the gym
- Boys basketball game going on now in Carver
- Theatre arts rehearsal going on now in the auditorium
- Fundraiser going on now at Chipotle 50% goes to senior class from 5-9 pm
- Class cup paring with Wellspring, collecting coins for storm victims
- Semiformal in February, discussing theme
- Basketball game tomorrow, girls against Cohasset

**Motion:** David Twombly                               **Second:** Kelley Huxtable  
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:  
• Monday, December 11, 2017, Regular meeting  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, January 8, 2018, Regular meeting

**Vote:** 3-0-1 Kelley Huxtable abstained

## 6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

### 6.1 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships – Additional Recipient

Mr. Devine informed the Committee that every once in a while there is a glitch and someone is left off the original list of John and Abigail Adams Scholarships and this has happened again. The student that was recently awarded the scholarship is Ava Davis.

### 6.2 Geography Bee Winner

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, told the Committee that this was the 5<sup>th</sup> annual school spelling bee. He explained that the first round took place during social studies classes, where a winner was picked from each class. Round two was held for each grade level winners. Then the winners of that went on to an afterschool semifinal round. On the day before the December vacation the 8 remaining players had a round at the rally, where the questions would pop up on a screen from an iPad and contestants would answer for everyone to see. The winners were whittled down to 3. The absolute final round was held in school on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and the winner was Liz Luggelle.

### 6.3 PSAT Test Scores

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, presented the 2017 PSAT 8/9 results for Grade 8, which measures students' college and career readiness, the presentation included the following quick review:

- Massachusetts students consistently perform at or near the top of national standardized assessments.

- PSAT 8/9 - Grade 8

	National Average	State Average	MMS Average
2016	814	826	860
2017	805	808	853

- PSAT 8/9 - Grade 8 Reading and Writing

	National Average	State Average	MMS Average
2016	407	416	434
2017	405	404	442

- PSAT 8/9 – Grade 8 Math

	National Average	State Average	MMS Average
2016	407	409	427
2017	400	403	411

- PSAT 8/9 – Grade 9

National Average	State Average	HHS Average
870	848	895

- PSAT 8/9 – Grade 9

	National Average	State Average	HHS Average
Reading and Writing	439	423	449
Mathematics	432	425	446

Mr. Hrivnak said that he believes part of the success is due to the enrichment period every day, when teachers can work with individuals or small groups of students who need an intervention if needed or wanted. He also believes that technology also plays a part as teachers can see right away if a student is not getting the information and there are no excuses for missed homework.

#### 6.4 FY19 Budget Discussion

- Technology

Ms. Judith Saide, IT Director, listed each line item in the system technology budget and explained the uses and reasons for the expenditures. She stated that the technology budget has been consistent for over 6 years and is mindfully and thoughtfully put together. She told the Committee that the school website is in the process of being upgraded and you will see it sometime in the spring.

- System-wide Administration

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave an overview of the items that make up the system-wide administration budget. Items include School Committee expenses, professional development, course reimbursement, standardized testing, nursing supplies, food management services, insurance premiums, medical services and tuitions to vocational schools. System-wide administrative staff salaries include the Superintendent, half of the Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent's secretary, half of the School Business Managers salary, bookkeeper, and two secretaries. The only change from last year is that transportation is now in the system-wide administration budget.

- Maintenance of Facilities

Topics discussed included:

- Brief History of Spending
- FY19 Proposed Maintenance Budget
- Recent Projects
- Projects in Process

Mr. Twombly asked about the South Shore Educational Collaborative rent money and how it is being used. He suggested that because it is in a revolving account some of that money should be saved for emergencies, considering that we did not get a favorable answer from MSBA two years in a row. Mr. Twombly also asked about the HVAC manager and thought that someone should talk to Mr. Lemnios, Town Manager, about the opportunity to partner with the town. Mr. Hipp said that he had spoken to the Town Manager about this in the past and he didn't have a need for that type of position.

- Revolving Funds

Mr. DeGennaro discussed the following:

- Established for a particular dedicated service

- Specific revenue sources from fees
- To pay expenses associated with that service
- Fund balance rolled over without further appropriation

Mr. Hipp said he would like to see the same type of report as for the regular budget, which include the opening balance and expected expenses. He also said he was surprised at little fees are collected for the preschool.

#### 6.5 School Calendar 2018-2019

Mr. Devine stated that Ms. Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, will be coming to the February 26, 2018 School Committee meeting to discuss the elementary school switching to trimesters, which is common now for elementary schools. He added that School Committee policy states that grades come out quarterly, so that would also have to be discussed and updated.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar with the understanding that Mr. Devine will be coming back in the future and the Committee will vote on the conference dates.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 7.0 School Committee Business Items

##### 7.1 School Committee Goals

Mr. Hipp stated that the School Committee goals draft presentation is in the packets and included minor changes from Ms. Fleming regarding working with the town to promote Hull. Committee members discussed and agreed on the goals and how to set up the document. Mr. Twombly asked Ms. Ollerhead to update the document from its draft form into something presentable.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the Hull School Committee Goals as presented with minor changes, including bullets on front slide and combining communication goals.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

#### 9.0 Old Business Items

##### 9.1 Sub-committees

- The Marijuana Task Force will meet on Wednesday night. There will be a panel, which will include representatives from town departments. Mr. Devine and Ms. Fleming will be on the panel. The meeting will be televised and broadcast often until the special election.

##### 9.2 Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kelley Huxtable

Motion to approve the following donation:

- \$325 from several community members to pay down student meals balances

**Vote:** 4-0-0

#### 10.0 New Business

Mr. Hipp stated that right before the meeting started he received an email from Judith van Hamm about a 100% renewable energy forum on January 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The email showed Sustainable South Shore would be hosting. He said that he could not make the meeting but was hopeful that someone from the Hull School Committee could make the forum, so please consider attending.

Mr. Devine was asked to speak on the status of the high school principal search. Mr. Devine stated that the posting went out on SchoolSpring, a web based program, and on the school/town website more than two weeks ago. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. DeGennaro, Ms. Kuehn and Mr. Devine will go over all the applicants. There will be a principal search committee made up of teachers, administrators, parents and students. An email was sent out requesting parents. The school council parents will be asked first and if not enough they will open it up to other parents. The interview team will make a recommendation to Mr. Devine after interviewing 5 or 6 candidates on February 1, 2018 to Mr. Devine, of who should move forward in the process. Second interviews will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Devine said that his plan is if there are two candidates there will be a parent meeting with questions and statements on February 27<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Devine will have final interviews on February 28<sup>th</sup> and have the new principal come before School Committee at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

11.0 Approval of Warrants  
None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members  
None

## 13.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** David Twombly

### Second: Kelley Huxtable

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm.

**Vote: 4-0-0**

Additional documents:

1. Technology budget document
2. System-wide administration document
3. Maintenance of facilities presentation
4. Revolving funds document
5. School calendar 2018-2019

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on February 6, 2018

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee