

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

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

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters, Chair at 7:01 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Jennifer Fleming
Move to approve the June 4, 2018 agenda as presented
Vote: 5-0-0

Woman in audience asked if she could bring up a topic not on the agenda. Ms. Peters told her she could do that under new business later in the meeting.

Sophomore Sam Taverna commented on the following:

- Clothing drive for Wellspring
- Lacrosse made the playoffs – will play Wednesday
- Baseball did not make playoffs
- Track looks good

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, March 26, 2018, during Advisory Board meeting
 - Monday, April 9, 2018, regular meeting
 - Tuesday, May 22, 2018, regular meeting
- Vote:** 5-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Jacobs School Handbook

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, stated that the Jacobs School Handbook has three policy updates; student records, homework, and technology. She said the dates, names, times and other routine edits that do not affect the meaning of the handbook have been made.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the Jacobs School Handbook as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, presented the L.M. Jacobs School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Goal 1 – to improve instructional practices to challenge and support all learners
- Goal 2 – to provide positive learning experiences for students during and beyond the academic school day to strengthen the Jacobs Community
- Goal 3 – create joint opportunities for partnerships between parents, community and school

6.3 Memorial School Handbook

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, informed the Committee that the attorney recommended a few changes related to policy, as Ms. Cappadona spoke about, including student records and technology. The Homework policy was also updated. Dates, names and other routine edits that do not affect the meaning of the handbook have been made.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to accept the Memorial School Handbook as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Memorial School – School Improvement Plan

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, brought forward his School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: Family and Community Engagement
 - Objective: Improve communication between parents/guardians, the school and the community.
- Improvement Area Two: Curriculum and Instruction
 - Objective: Continue the implementation of best practices to address the academic needs of students.
- Improvement Area Three: Assessment
 - Objective: To use assessment data to inform instruction.
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture
 - Objective: Incorporation of skills and techniques associated with Social and Emotional Learning.

6.5 Hull High School Handbook

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Assistant Principal, stated that the three policies that changed in each of the other handbooks are also included in the high school handbook; these include student records, homework and technology. The high school also had several changes to the athletic policies to align with MIAA. Dates, names and other routine edits that do not

affect the meaning of the handbook have been made.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the edit to the Hull High School Handbook.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.6 Hull High School – School Improvement Plan

Dr. Paula Girouard McCann, Hull High School Principal, brought forward her School Improvement Plan, which includes the following objectives and strategic plan for improvement:

- Improvement Area One: School Culture
 - Objective: Continue to increase parental awareness and involvement at Hull High School
- Improvement Area Two: Student Achievement
 - Objective: improve the academic transition and social adjustment to the high school for all freshmen
- Improvement Area Three: Student Achievement
 - Objective: Improve the students' college and career readiness
- Improvement Area Four: School Culture
 - Objective: Develop an advocacy-based advisory program
- Improvement Area Five: Instruction
 - Objective: Investigate the feasibility of using "blizzard bags" to prevent loss of instructional time

6.7 Technology Update

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, informed the Committee that the Technology Committee met several times during the course of the year. He stated that they sent out a technology use survey, discussed blizzard bags and ran a Chrome book pilot program at the high school. He said that 95% of the middle school students use their iPad every day and they would like to continue using them but only half of the high school students used theirs. Dr. Paula Girouard McCann, Hull High School Principal, stated that the high school students that participated in the Chrome book pilot program joined Dr. McCann in a luncheon focus group to discuss their findings. She said that the students all loved the Chrome books for a number of reasons. Mr. Hrivnak stated that the end result is that the Technology Committee is recommending Chrome books at Hull High School and the current iPads be recycled down to the middle school. The iPads still have two years on their three year warrantee. The Technology Committee is also recommending purchasing Chrome book carts for the elementary school. Ms. Cappadona, Jacobs Elementary School Principal stated that using the iPads and Chrome books at the elementary level will help when children will eventually have to take the MCAS test using only technology. The principals responded to questions for Committee members.

6.8 Last Day of School

Mr. Devine recommended that schools dismiss early on the last day of school, June 21, 2018 as follows:

Hull High School – 10:50 a.m.

Memorial School – 11:15 a.m.

Jacobs School – 11:45 a.m.

No lunches will be served.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the last day of school as an early release day with no lunches served.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.9 School Committee Calendar Dates 2018-2019

The Committee discussed whether or not to continue Community Outreach Forums or try something different since they are not well attended, if attended at all. It was decided that the two Community Outreach Forums will remain on the calendar and be publicized more. Also, Lucas Patenaude is planning on holding monthly office hours.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to adopt the School Committee Calendar 2018-2019.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Filed Update

Ms. Peters said she wanted to take this time to update the Committee on ongoing discussions happening behind the scenes with the town manager and Board of Selectmen, who still recognize a need for the field in Hull. She said that Mr. Devine and Mr. Hipp have met with the town manager and Boosters and regularly and will continue to meet over the summer. She said that the Pemberton Committee is also interested in hearing about the field. The Committee discussed advertising and rentals and agreed that having a new field would help the town.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues – Miscellaneous First and Second Readings

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the following policies for first reading as presented:

IKB Homework

JRA Student Records

Move to accept the following policies for second reading as presented:

GBB(ACAA) Sexual Harassment

IKF Graduation Requirements

IMD School Ceremonies and Observances

JEB Entrance Age

JH Student Absences and Excuses

JIB Student Involvement in Decision-Making

JIBA Student Government

JIBB Student Member of School Committee/Student Advisory Committee

JIC Student Discipline

JICE Student Publications

JICFB Bullying and Cyber-Bullying

JII Student Complaints and Grievances

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 None

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

10.0 New Business

Ms. Mary Schultz, 7 R Street, discussed her concerns regarding safety with the Satellite program being housed at the Jacobs School. She said she wants the program relocated. She went on to read an article regarding Sandy Hook. Mr. Devine and Ms. Kuehn explained the program and the reason the program is housed where it is, stating that it is a substantially separate program and the students have no interaction with elementary aged students. Ms. Peters told Ms. Schultz that the Committee would bring the issue back at a future meeting.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Fleming mentioned the fun events happening at Memorial School, which included the eighth grade band performing and going to Canobie Lake Park, a field trip to Logan Airport and a great tech program. She said that great things are going on and the middle school doesn't always get the acknowledgement. Ms. Peters said Graduation Day was a great day, kudos to all involved.

13.0 Executive Session

Adjournment

The Committee went into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiation strategy with non-union personnel including the Superintendent of Schools and contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Theatre Arts Director). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee did not reconvene in Open Session.

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: David Twombly

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

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

Attachments

1. Jacobs School Handbook
2. Jacobs School – School Improvement Plan
3. Memorial School Handbook
4. Memorial School – School Improvement Plan
5. Hull High School Handbook
6. Hull High School – School Improvement Plan
7. School Committee Calendar Dates 2018-2019

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 18, 2018

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee