

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE RETREAT  
L.M. JACOBS SCHOOL LIBRARY  
HULL, MA 02045  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Devine, Superintendent  
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator

In the afternoon the following people arrived:

Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal  
Daniel Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal  
Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal  
Rebecca MacDonald, Memorial School Acting Assistant Principal  
Christine Cappadona, L.M. Jacobs School Principal  
Kyle Shaw, L.M. Jacobs School Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order

Chair Peters called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. in the L.M. Jacobs Elementary School, Library, at 18 Harborview Road.

2. Subcommittees

a) Budget Subcommittee Meetings Discussion

- The committee discussed the function of a budget subcommittee. Members discussed pros and cons of the budget process with a subcommittee and without a subcommittee.
- Members expressed concerns about how much input members not on the subcommittee and members of the public would have in the overall budget process if the committee were to move forward with a subcommittee

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to establish a budget subcommittee

**Vote:** 3-2-0 Ayes: David Twombly, Eric Hipp, Stephanie Peters

**Nays:** Lucas Patenaude, Jennifer Fleming

b) Appointment of Subcommittees

- The committee appointed members to various subcommittees as listed:
  - Custodian Negotiating Team – Eric Hipp, Jennifer Fleming
  - Budget Subcommittee - Stephanie Peters, Jennifer Fleming
  - HTA Negotiating Team - Eric Hipp, Lucas Patenaude
  - Nurses Negotiating Team - Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp
  - Paraprofessional Negotiating Team - Jennifer Fleming, David Twombly
  - Secretaries Negotiating Team – Stephanie Peters, Jennifer Fleming
  - Capital Outlay Committee – Stephanie Peters
  - Wellness Committee - Eric Hipp
  - Communications Subcommittee - Stephanie Peters, Jennifer Fleming

Then next item was taken out of order

4b. HHS Athletic Field/Rear Parking Update

- The committee took this agenda item out of order
- Members discussed the necessity for a turf athletic field at the high school. Chair Peters informed the committee of possible funding streams. Members expressed concern that town money that would be available now may not be available due to other projects in town (e.g. Gunrock Beach Wall, climate change mitigation).

3. Policies

a) SRO/MOA with Hull Police Department

- The committee reviewed the Memo of Understanding between the Hull Police Department and the Hull Public Schools. Mr. Patenaude asked if the School Resource Officer could provide semi-regular updates to the committee on what they are doing and what is going on in the schools.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the Memo of Understanding between the Hull Police Department and the Hull Public Schools.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

b) Homeschoolers and After School Activities

- The committee discussed allowing homeschooled students to participate in extracurricular activities.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the Home Schooling Policy (File IHBG) contingent on Mr. Devine confirming information about the possibility of additional insurance fees to allow home school students to participate in co-curricular's.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

c) Sexual Harassment Policy

- The committee reviewed changes to the district's sexual harassment policy.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve changes to the district's sexual harassment policy (File ACAA, GBB.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

d) Policies on Pregnant Workers

- The committee reviewed changes to the nondiscrimination policy, specifically language that was added to include protections for pregnant workers.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the first reading of the revised non-discrimination policies (Files AC, GBA, GCF and JB).

**Vote:** 5-0-0

4. Facilities Updates

a) MSBA Site Visit 8/21/2018 @ 9:00 am

- Rep. Joan Meschino, Town Manager Phil Lemnios and others will be attending the site visit

b) HHS Athletic Field/Rear Parking Update

- Taken out of order (see above)

c) Summer 2018 Projects Update

- Mr. DeGennaro updated the committee on several summer projects being completed across the district.
  - Key fobs have been installed to enter the buildings
  - The stairs at the Memorial Middle School have been fixed
  - Masonry work is being completed on the high school facade
  - Lights were donated and have been installed at the Memorial Middle School
  - Money was donated to purchase the 15 passenger van that the committee approved the purchase of at the last meeting

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to accept the money donated for the purchase of the 15 passenger van.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to accept the lights were donated at the Memorial Middle School.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

d) Whitsons Culinary Group

- Mr. DeGennaro updated the committee on the new programs and updates the district can expect with the new culinary provider, Whitsons Culinary Group

5. Open Contracts – Teachers 7/30/2019

Contracts are up this year, the committee is waiting to receive the HTA agreement which will be sent out.

6. FY19 Budget

- Mr. DeGennaro updated the committee on the FY19 budget

- Town Meeting approved a 2% increase in the district budget for FY19

7. Technology

a) Update

- Freshman and Sophomores will be issued Chromebooks
- iPads that were previously issued to the sophomores will be issued to the 6th grade students
- 70 Chromebooks (spread across three mobile technology carts) were purchased for 3rd,4th,5th grade students
- 50 students are enrolled in online Foreign Language labs

b) New Website

- The committee was updated on the new district website
- Updates to the site include more electronic forms and a more navigable user interface

8. Discussion with School Committee and School Administration

Review of School Year 2017-2018 by principals. The principals of the three schools in the district updated the committee on the 2017-2018 school year as well as their plans for this coming academic year.

- L.M. Jacobs Elementary School
  - First Year of “Lifeguard Initiative” - 1:1 Program connecting teachers with students
  - Chillzone - Chillzones have been implemented in some classrooms, this is a space students may use to collect themselves if they are overwhelmed or need a space to be by themselves for a minute
- Memorial Middle School
  - Implementation of the WAVES program - program designed to focus on social/behavioral needs and concerns of students
- Hull High School
  - The Hull High School Student Council organized a leukemia and diabetes fundraiser
  - 47 students took the AP exam this past year

Strategic Plan: Goals and Action Steps

Strategic Plan Subcommittee will be finishing their strategic plan in the coming months

At 2:00pm the committee **voted 5-0** to recess until 3:30pm, at which point the committee entered executive session without the intention of re-entering regular session again

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to adjourn at 2:00 pm and convene at 3:30 pm, at which point the committee will enter executive session without the intention of re-entering regular session again.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Additional document:

- SRO/MOA with Hull Police Department

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 17, 2018.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary  
Hull School Committee