

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 School Opening

Mr. Devine told the Committee that the opening of school was smooth. He informed them that "magic" is the theme this year and he could feel the magic as he walked through the schools. He said that there were a few new things taking place now and that includes the emergency cards being filled out on Aspen by the parents to keep student information up-to-date. He also told them about the new website www.hullpublicschools.org. Mr. DeGennaro thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for all their hard work over the summer. School Committee members responded to audience member Jill Orpen's concerns about starting school before Labor Day and the effect it has on students jobs and on businesses suffering because of it. School Committee members commented that there is more academic learning going on in September than in June and also there are more and more school cancellations due to weather and electric and power concerns, which extends the school year further toward July. The school system is not allowed to carry over days past June 3th. Ms. Peters suggested that Ms. Orpen attend the January School Committee meeting when the calendar is on the agenda and give her input at that point.

7.2 Ms. Blair and Hull High School Students – Galapagos Islands

Seven students from Ms. Blair's science classes, along with Ms. Blair, went on a 12 day field trip to the Galapagos Islands during the summer. The students presented pictures of their trip and explained what was happening in each picture. They discussed team bonding, exploring, experimenting and learning about tortoises and other species. The students did a lot of fundraising before the trip and any student that wanted to go was able to. Some students who wanted to go weren't able to because of summer job commitments but no one was turned away because they could not afford the trip.

7.3 District/Strategic Goals

Mr. Devine said that because the strategic plan goals are in place that the Strategic Plan Development Committee worked on last year it makes sense that we use those 4 goals that will lead and drive the district. The 4 goals include the following:

1. Students will be creative and enthusiastic learners who embrace diversity and change which will allow them to be successful in their local and global communities.
2. Students will reach their highest academic potential by developing critical thinking, problem solving and collaborative skills to become curios, independent and lifelong learners who are able to work in a 21st century environment.
3. Plan and facilitate timely, relevant and high quality professional learning opportunities for educators to become transformational leaders who ensure that every student has access to teachers that:
 - o Teach, differentiate and facilitate student learning to the levels required by the MA State standards and at the rigor and depth that meets the individual needs of students, and:
 - o Meet students' social and emotional needs in an inclusive environment.
4. HPS will provide all students with high-quality, authentic, relevant and differentiated curricula that prepare students to compete in a global society, while meeting their individual learning goals.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the District/Strategic Goals for the 2018-2019 school year.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Real Estate Open House

Mr. Devine said that we are holding another Real Estate Open House on Wednesday, October 3rd in hopes that realtors will hear the good things that are happening in Hull and they tell their clients. He said that it should be a good day because the book fair will be going on that day also and that administrators will be giving tours of the schools after the event.

7.5 FY20 Budget Planning

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, explained the budget planning timeline, which is documented in the FY20 Budget Manual that each School Committee member received. He explained that this manual is created each year and keeps us on track of the different stages of budget development that were started in late August. Mr. DeGennaro explained that the process will be the same basic schedule and procedures used last year and the Budget Subcommittee and School Committee will be involved in the process and be given additional updates when warranted. Mr. DeGennaro said that the first discussion with leadership team has already taken place and will continue to meet and discuss. Audience member, Randy Gould, asked questions related to end of year spending and primarily the fluctuation in the transportation line item. Mr. DeGennaro explained that regular transportation revolves around the number of busses needed for the elementary school, stating that we need to transport those students so the buses are available for the other schools, which helps make the other school routes shorter. Ms. Kuehn added that special education and homeless transportation can, and do, eat up a lot of money and those numbers fluctuate yearly depending on the amount of special education out-of-district placements and the number and location of homeless students, who may be transported up to an hour away each day. Ms. Peters offered to sit with Mr. Gould and go over the budget and then bring it back to administration if there are any questions she can't answer.

8.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Ms. Peters said she wanted to take this time to update the community 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 in the past 6 to 8 months she and Mr. Hipp have been meeting with the town manager and Board of Selectman member, Kevin Richardson. She said that Mr. Lemnios discussed some future bonds paying off. Mr. Hipp added that he and Mr. Devine attended a Capital Planning meeting. Other members of the group that are working together on this include, Jennifer Olivieri, Booster President, Scott Paine, Hull High School athletic director, and residents Steve White and Jason Freedy. The Committee discussed raising money by advertising revenue, parking revenue, and SSEC rent, as just a few ideas, so there will not be a tax burden to tax payers in town. Ms. Peters said that we need to move forward as a town and get all in a room and say this is the direction we are moving in to make sure everyone is on board and there are no fractures. Committee members were in agreement that something needs to be done about the field. Ms. Peters will reach out to the Board of Selectmen to organize a meeting with them, advisory board members and members of Field for Hull. Audience members Sinead Whelan and Susan Mann asked the Committee to look into the HRA land to build a sports complex that all towns people can use, while Randy Gould said he was opposed to the field because of lack of maintenance.

8.2 School Committee MASC Delegate

Ms. Peters asked the Committee members if any of them were planning on attending the MASC/MASS Conference in November and if so, the Committee would need to choose a

delegate. She suggested that Mr. Patenaude take a look at the agenda and think about going because of the induction program for new School Committee members called *Charting the Course*. Mr. Patenaude will check his schedule and get the information from Maggie Ollerhead to complete a registration form.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to appoint Lucas Patenaude as delegate for the MASC/MASS Conference in November.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the following policies as presented:

For second reading:

AC Nondiscrimination

ACAA Sexual Harassment

ADA School District Goals and Objectives

GBA Equal Employment Opportunity

IK Academic Achievement

JB Equal Educational Opportunities

For third reading/adoption:

IKB Homework

JRA Student Records

Vote 5-0-0

Mr. Hipp asked if there was an answer on the Homeschool policy. Mr. Devine told him that it was looked into and homeschooler are on our insurance policy so there is no additional insurance for them to participate in co-curricular activities.

10.0 Old Business Items

10.2 Acceptance of Donations

\$16,500 from Boosters to HHS Athletics

\$55,000 from McNamara Foundation for multi-functional School Activity Bus and
Jacobs School playground equipment

11 light bollards from Stephen Collins for outdoor lighting/front walkway at MMS

11.0 New Business

Mr. Devine commented on the outside visit from MSBA. He told the Committee that we should get notification by January whether we are accepted or not. Mr. DeGennaro added that the meeting went well and they seemed interested. Mr. Devine stated that Town Manager, Phil Lemnios, made a strong compelling argument for the schools.

12.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jenifer Fleming

Move to approve warrant 2019-AP-009 warrant 807 student activities.

Vote: 5-0-0

13.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mary Shultz, community member asked if anything was put in place regarding safety. Mr. Devine listed safety enhancements which included the following:

- Electronic FOBS
- Film on select area windows
- Replace cameras with upgrades as needed
- Shatterproof glass
- Retraining of emergency hand-held phones in each building
- Changed the use of the SRO – stands out every day on arrival and rotates to all schools throughout the day
- Updated sexual harassment policy and more education
- Continuing to work with social, emotional learning
- Staff standing near gate and central office entrance when at recess, keeping a conscious eye on area
- Satellite students use door in central office when school is in session

14.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. District/Strategic Goals

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on October 1, 2018

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee