

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp at 7:05 p.m. at Hull High School Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the March 7, 2016 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
Ben Fenelon, Freshmen Class President reported on recent happenings at Hull High School, which included the following.
 - 11 students recently took the ASVAB Military test a few weeks ago. Results should be available in two weeks.
 - Mrs. Davis and the Art Club are once again participating in the Empty Bowls project to raise money and awareness in the fight to end hunger.
 - The juniors will be taking a trip to the World War II History Museum on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.
 - Class Cup points were awarded based on the percentage of students on the honor roll for term 2. Freshmen had the highest percentage, then sophomores, followed by juniors, and finally the seniors.
 - Seniors are looking over their college acceptances and waiting on financial aid documents. They are also scouring the list of scholarship opportunities available in

the Guidance Office.

- Mrs. Nosek's word of the week is pervasive, spreading widely throughout an area or a group of people.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following minutes with changes:

- Monday, January 4, 2016 regular meeting – delete last sentence of 7.1 and replace with *Mr. Hipp brought up the question of how having the elementary school be a “nut free” school could be negatively impacting the lunch programs financially. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of continuing to be nut free.*

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Tuesday, February 9, 2016 regular meeting
- Monday, February 22, 2016 Budget Subcommittee meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 School Committee Business Items

6.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field Discussion

Mr. Hipp mentioned the Conservation Commission will be hearing the proposal on March 22, 2016. The results of the peer review are expected to be available.

Mr. Twombly asked if Gale associates has contacted other places that have a field close to the water. Mr. Hipp replied yes, Gales has been in contact with 3, Gloucester High School, the United States Coast Guard Academy, and Tabor Academy. All are located very close to the water. In addition, Mr. Hipp has supplied them with a list of 20 more sites to look into that appear to have similar situations to Hull's proposal. Mr. Hipp searched for sites on the East Coast that most likely were impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 Empty Bowls Fundraiser - Ms. Amanda Davis

Students Sarah Ashley and Jessica Batts, along with art teacher Amanda Davis, gave an presented information on the Empty Bowls Fundraiser, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. The fundraiser is being held by The event is sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Hingham Public Library, Old Ship Church and Second Parish Church. The fundraiser will also feature guest speakers from beneficiary organizations, music from Woman Song and Hull High School Ensemble Group and a silent auction featuring artwork from local artists. The students are making the bowls for this event. All proceeds will benefit Hingham, Braintree and Hull food pantries.

7.2 Out of State Field Trip – Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School

Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School music teacher, requested permission for a field trip to the Providence Bruins game on Sunday, April 3, 2016. The Memorial School Concert Choir will be performing between the second and third periods.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the concert choir field trip to the Providence Bruins game.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.3 FY17 Budget Discussion

Dr. Tyrell reported that at this time the FY17 budget is balanced to the Town Manager's recommendation with no layoffs and no reduction in services. The reason the budget is balanced at this point in time is due to several retirements that have been announced and their replacements are anticipated to start at considerably less salary. Mr. Hipp asked about staffing changes in the budget. Overall the budget is up by .9 FTE, which is a .6 library aide paraprofessional and a .3 special educator at the high school. To account for the changing demographics of our student population, two (2) expected classroom teacher open positions will be redeployed as special education teachers.

Special Education Overview and Budget – Ms. Philippa Young

Ms. Young was not able to attend, this has been postponed until the next meeting.

Hull High School Overview and Budget – Mr. Michael Devine

Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the high school budget is put together and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- AP courses offered
- Stipend positions
- Activities offered
- Dues and fees
- Virtual High School/credit recovery
- Supplies
- Tutoring
- Event finance
- Textbooks

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

Policy H Negotiations

Policy HA Negotiations Goals

Policy HB Negotiations Legal Status

Policy HD School Committee Negotiating Powers and Duties

Policy HF School Committee Negotiating Agent

Policy HP Staff Job Actions

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- The second mediating session with the HTA will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.
- The Budget sub-committee met and discussed the current budget.

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

9.3 School Committee Goals

Kelley Huxtable presented a draft of goals. The Committee felt there was a grey area on what is a true School Committee goal vs. what is something the Committee recommends for the school administration to do. Mr. Twombly encourages the administration to look at the social/emotional well being of our students. Members thought it might be a good idea for a School Committee member to be a member of HASC to keep up to date on what the town is doing. Mr. Hipp would like a goal to be to continue to update and reform the budgeting process. While he is pleased with the process to date, he is hopeful the new business manager may have some ideas on improving the process. The Committee agreed that the goals should be an ongoing dialogue. Ms. Huxtable will track member's suggestions for goals and action items. The Committee agreed to take the issue up again at the next meeting.

10.0 New Business

Dr. Tyrell stated that she reached out to Governor Baker to arrange a meeting with General Electric. GE is bringing 700 jobs to Boston, and this is a great opportunity to promote Hull.

An updated brochure was sent out to every school age child not attending the Hull Public Schools encouraging families to be a pirate for a day to see for themselves the amazing things happening.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Saturday March 12, 2016 is Quiz Night and there are two tables available.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Vote 5-0-0

Attachments

1. Empty Bowls flyer
2. Out-of-State Field Trip forms
3. FY17 Draft Preliminary Administration Budget

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on April 4, 2016.

David Twombly, Secretary
Hull School Committee