

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters, Chair (arrived at 7:10 pm)  
David Twombly, Vice Chair (present)  
Lucas Patenaude, Secretary (present)  
Jennifer Fleming, Member (present)  
Eric Hipp, Member (present)

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Michael Devine, Superintendent of Schools  
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
Dave DeGennaro, School Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Eric Hipp  
Move to approve the November 19, 2018 agenda as presented.  
**Vote:** 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

Seniors Kyle Miller, Marcus Kurciviez and Jillian Maxwell, gave the student representative report, which included the following:

- Powderpuff game will be rescheduled due to weather
- Thanksgiving day football game will be held in Cohasset
- The play *High School Musical* is next weekend, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>

5.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Lucas Patenaude **Second:** Eric Hipp  
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Thursday, November 1, 2018 Regular meeting
- Monday, November 5, 2018 Regular meeting
- Monday, November 5, 2018 Executive Session

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Ms. Peters arrived at the meeting after the minutes were voted on and said that she had a one word change in the Thursday, November 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters **Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to reconsider the vote on the Thursday, November 2, 2018 minutes and change the word *Meeting* to *Election* in the third sentence on page 2.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

## 6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

Mr. Devine thanked those who attended the Hull High Scholarship Fund function at Jake's Seafood Restaurant. He also thanked the O'Brien family, owners of Jake's, for opening up their restaurant for the event and the National Honor Society for volunteering by passing out the appetizers.

### 6.1 Hull High School Lady Pirates Soccer Team

Mr. Devine said that he believes it was the first time in history that the girls' soccer team made it to the Division 4 Eastern Massachusetts finals. He said that Lauren Anastos scored 100 points. The girls on the Hull High School Lady Pirates soccer team went to the podium and were introduced by name. They thanked their coaches and captains for a great season. They also discussed their fundraising activities which included; raising \$3000 for the American Cancer Society, selling t-shirts and admission including t-shirts to the Emma Ryan fund, etc. They thanked everyone who donated to the fundraisers and parents for driving and fans for coming to the games.

School Committee members thanked the girls and coaches for all their hard work to get as far as they did and for being good examples on the field and in the classroom.

### 6.2 School Attending Children Report

Mr. Devine presented the School Attending Children Report and noted that on October 1 the enrollment was 912. He then presented the following information:

- We know there is a decline in enrollment
- Not because fewer students choosing Hull Public Schools
- Fewer school-age children living in Hull
- 362 less school-aged children living in Hull, a 27% decline
- Hull Public Schools percentage of available students has fluctuated between 85% and 87%.
- There was an increase of 9 students attending Jacobs School this year
- 90% of available children grades 6-8 attend Memorial Middle School, which is the highest percentage in 10 years
- 81% of high school students chose Hull High School this year
- 2.8% or 10 children attend Vocational schools, the number fluctuates between a low of 1 to this year's high of 10
- 10 less students attend Charter School this year as compared to last year
- Percentage of students in all 3 remains stable
- Numbers don't include Pre-K (51) or Out-of-district (25)

Ms. Peters asked Mr. Devine to talk briefly about the Strategic Plan, which needs to be completed before any talk about how to deal with declining enrollment. Mr. Devine said that the Strategic Plan will be finalized and presented at a January School Committee meeting. He said that whether we are looking at a school district with 10 students or 10,000 students we need to look at cutting edge for all our students. He said his focus is and will continue to be "what is in the best interest of

the students.” We will look at the resources to get us there and will not do anything without the best interest of students. Committee members had a discussion and agreed with what Mr. Devine said and will wait for the Strategic Plan to come out.

### 6.3 FY20 Budget Discussion

Mr. Devine told the Committee that the budget is being worked on and updated with input from administrators and the finance department is working hard to create the document that will be presented on December 10<sup>th</sup>. He said that he and Mr. DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, have met and are working with Town Manager, Phil Lemnios, and the meetings have been very productive and positive.

## 7.0 School Committee Business Items

### 7.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Ms. Peters said she wanted to publically thanked Town Manager, Phil Lemnios, Conservation Administrator, Chris Krahforst and School Business Administrator, David DeGennaro for all their work in coming up with the appropriate solution to fix the drainage in the back parking lot of the high school. She said that the teachers are thrilled that the water is draining and there is no more flooding. She also informed the Committee that she is waiting for the sign company to get back to the Field4Hull group with pricing and hopefully come forward at the next meeting.

## 8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policies for first reading.

JICB Care of School Property by Students

JII Student Complaints and Grievances

JJ Co-Curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

JJ-R Co-Curricular and Extra-curricular Activities

JJA Student Organizations

JJC Student Performances

JJE Student Fund-raising Activities

JJF Student Activities Funds

JJG Contests for Students

JJH Student Late Night or Overnight Travel

JJH-R Student Travel Regulations

JJI Student Athletics

JJIF Athletic Concussion Policy

JJIF-R Athletic Concussion Regulations

JJJ Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility

JK Student Discipline

JKA Corporal Punishment

JKAA Physical Restraint (Also: GBGB)

JL Student Welfare

JLA Student Insurance Program

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Mr. Devine told the Committee that there was another policy sent them in a separate email regarding the new Multi-Function School Activity Vehicle. He stated that due to a generous donation from a community member through the James and Mary McNamara Foundation, we were given the vehicle. We will be able to transport smaller groups of students to sports, mock trial and other things that we would normally need to pay for a bus to take them. Our employees are able to drive the vehicle.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policy for first reading with one change: in the second sentence of the first paragraph under Vehicle Uses add the words *and staff* after students.  
EEBA Multi-Function School Activity Vehicle Use

**Vote:** 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Subcommittees

- The next Wellness Committee meeting will be held next Thursday

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Patenaude commented that he attended the MASC conference and the sessions were very good and informative and he is now trained and approved by the commonwealth after taking and finishing MASC's "Charting the Course".

Ms. Peters reminded everyone that the high school play *High School Musical* is this Friday and Saturday and tickets are on sale.

Ms. Fleming told the Committee that she was heading to work on the boat last week and Hull High School science teacher, Mr. Donohue, and students were on the boat on a field trip to Cambridge to visit a local business as part of Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation's Career Exploration Day and see how a real lab works.

13. Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Motion to go adjourn at 7:54 pm.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Attachments

1. School Attending Children Report
2. Policy EEBA – Multi-Function School Activity Vehicle Use

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on January 14, 2019.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary  
Hull School Committee