

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

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

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

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 January 14, 2019 agenda with the following change:
Move item 7.2 – Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools to follow
item 6.1.
Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

- First semester ends January 18
- Volley ball games played in Advisory
- Held a Veterans Appreciation Night

5.0 Approval of Minutes

First: David Twombly
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• Monday, November 19, 2019
Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 PHI Dominican Republic Service Trip Request

Students from Project Humanitarian Involvement (PHI), requested approval for a student service trip to the Dominican Republic during April vacation. The dates of the trip are

April 11 thru April 18, 2019. The students would miss two days of school. Mr. Patenaude cited two policies that he thought were not being followed. Policy IJOA – School Sponsored Field Trips and Policy EEAG – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles. Mr. Devine responded saying that Mr. MacKenzie came to him in the summer requesting the field trip but did not send in the field trip request until the December 14th meeting, which was cancelled on that day. Mr. Hipp stated that the students will most likely be driven by their parents and he doesn't believe that the policy requires School Committee having a list of drivers. Ms. Peters requested that the group report back to School Committee after the trip.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the PHI service trip to the Dominican Republic on April 11 thru April 18th, 2019.

Vote: 4-1-0

This item was taken out of order.

7.2 Resolution in Support of Full funding for Our Public Schools

Ms. Deborah McCarthy, HTA President, requested the School Committee to vote on a bill that was filed on January 9, 2019 to change how public schools in Massachusetts are funded. Mr. Devine read the Resolution in Support of Full Funding of Our Public Schools and stated that both the resolution and bill are supported by both the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS).

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to resolve to petition our State Representatives to approve this legislation.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship – Additional Recipient

Mr. Devine informed the Committee that every once in a while there is a glitch and someone is left off the original list of John and Abigail Adams Scholarships and this has happened again. The student that was recently awarded the scholarship is Erica Thornton.

6.3 Structured Alternative Learning Days (Winter Weather Work Day)

Mr. Daniel Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, presented the Winter Weather Work Day Implementation pilot program for the use of structured alternative learning days, which included the following:

- What is a Winter Weather Work Day?
- Frequency of Winter Weather Work Days
- Expectations of Students
- Expectations of Classroom Teachers
- Special Education & Support Staff
- Expectations of Special Education & Support Staff
- Expectations of Paraprofessionals
- Expectations of Administration
- Examples of Grade based assignments

- Summary

School Committee members questioned the frequency of use for the Winter Weather Work Days, asking if it would be after a certain number of days off or days off in a row? The presenters said that they weren't sure just yet and Mr. Devine added that because it is pilot program they would have to see how it plays out and tweak it if necessary. He stated that a day in front of teachers and staff is much better and hopefully they will not need to use this method.

Motion: Lucas Patenaude **Second:** David Twombly
Motion to allow the Superintendent to implement a pilot program for Structured
Alternative Learning Days.
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Lucas Patenaude **Second:** David Twombly
Motion to restrict the use of the piloted Structured Alternative Learning Days program to 2 days for the 2018-2019 academic year.
Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Administration Preliminary FY20 Budget

Mr. Devine stated that this budget has been worked on over the past 4 months. He continued that it starts with teacher needs and requests, then principals present their budget and then the budget committee, which is made up of Mike Devine, David DeGennaro, Judy Kuehn, Diane Saniuk and Maggie Ollerhead and help from Debbie Bennett, put the budget together. Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave a presentation of the FY20 Administrator's Preliminary Budget, which included the following:

- Our mission
- Guiding question
- Meeting the needs of all students
- Pirate Pride
- Partnership with families and community
- Rigorous, comprehensive academic, social emotional curriculum
- Inclusive and respectful culture for all
- Dedication to a safe and secure learning environment
- Essential skills for success in a 21st century global society
- Military and college acceptances (2015-2018)
- FY20 budget proposal comparison
- FY20 budget overview
- FY20 proposed staffing changes
- Recent maintenance projects
- FY20 cost centers
- Sources of funds
- Changing realities
- Comprehensive in-district programs

- Special education in-district program analysis
- Historical grant funding
- FY20 next steps
- Our vision

Committee members and community members made comments and asked questions, which included the following:

- Reasoning for adding adjustment counselor and not filling assistant principal at the middle school
- Maintenance of buildings
- Enrollment
- Special education department
- School security

Ms. Peters stated that there will be plenty of time to talk about each individual piece of the budget at upcoming meetings, when the budget will be broken down into categories and more information is presented.

6.5 MSBA Grant Program

Mr. Devine stated that we have been invited by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to join their eligibility period for needed repairs to Memorial School. He said that when the MSBA was renovated several years ago, little work was done on the outside. He continued, stating that the bricks you see in front of the Memorial School are the same ones that Congressman John F. Kennedy looked at when he dedicated the building in the 1940's. Mr. DeGennaro stated that the MSBA Board of Directors invited us to enter into the eligibility part, which goes thru December 27, 2019. He stated that we have to comply with 8 different deliverables from setting up a building committee, a profile questionnaire, enrollment projections, ask Town Meeting to authorize a feasibility study. After feasibility study, write an agreement if they approve, then have the feasibility study done, procurement process in place to find out costs to get the work done. Mr. Devine added that the repairs need to be done and at this point 47% of the project would be covered by MSBA, which includes the windows, bricks, HVAC and front stairs. Mr. DeGennaro stated that he will be coming back at the next School Committee meeting to ask the Committee to bring an article to Town Meeting to bond funding for a feasibility study.

6.6 Superintendent Evaluation

Ms. Peters stated that Mr. Devine has provided the Committee with a USB with documents on it with his Summative evaluation report on it. Ms. Peters asked the Committee if they wanted to go thru each standard individually or go one by one. She stated that there are 4 standards in front of them which they can talk to. The comments included the following:

- Overall risen to the occasion
- 5 year strategic plan
- Working with town and community

- Changed things that need changing
- Special education director and assistant superintendent into on position
- Budget structure
- Weekly letters
- Writing skills
- Great relationship with administrators
- Communication skills are great
- Staff highlights bios and achievements
- Security issues and forum

Ms. Peters stated that the results are proficient overall with some exemplary mixed in.

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Ms. Peters stated that the School Committee, by vote, should formally request that the Board of Selectmen put a place holder in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a bond authorization for the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field. The amount will need to be provided to the Selectmen by late February. She state that this doesn't mean we have to go thru with it. Mr. Hipp added that it is basically the same project as previous with slight revisions to the alternatives, which are significantly higher because the lighting has changed to LED. Mr. DeGennaro added that the DPW will use the top soil so that will bring the cost down slightly.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to request that the Board of Selectmen put a place holder in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for a bond authorization for the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to authorize the school department to go out to bid on the RFP for the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field.

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Peters discussed asked the Committee to look at the advertising rates page in the packet for signage around the field.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to accept the advertising rates for the Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field, as follows: memorial brick \$125, website advertising \$150 per year, advertising signs \$1,000 (5 year commitment), press box \$3,000 (5 year commitment), and score board up to \$10,000 (5 year commitment).

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools

This item was taken out of order after 6.1.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues
Policies were suspended due to time.

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 None

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

10.0 New Business
None

11.0 Approval of Warrants

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to approve Warrants 819 and 022

Vote: 5-0-0

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly asked Mr. Devine if Hull moved out of the South Shore League in football. Mr. Devine responded saying that yes Hull did move out of the South Shore League and there is correspondence going on but he will need to speak to Mr. Paine for more information.

13. Adjournment

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: David Twombly

Motion to go adjourn at 10:51 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. Structured Alternative Learning Days
2. Administrations Preliminary FY20 Budget
3. Hull Community Walking Track and Field Invitation to Bid
4. Resolution in Support of Full Funding for Our Public Schools

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on January 28, 2019.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee