

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters, Chair at 7:00 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve the February 25, 2019 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

None

Nate Froio, Senior, updated the happenings at Hull High School, which included:

- Veterans Appreciation Night at Hull High School basketball game raised \$2,000
- Semi-formal on February 2nd Michael DelGuidice and Kate Punchard were named Prom King and Queen
- General Butch Neil a retired US Marine gave each student a copy of his book to read and then came to school to discuss the book.
- Service projects include raising awareness of HAPSA and Veterans Memorial Walk Scholarship
- Seniors are fundraising for the end of year activities
- Hull/Middleboro hockey team made it to tournament play and play tonight at 6:40 pm

Motion: Lucas Patenaude **Second:** Jennifer Fleming
Move to approve the Monday, January 28, 2019 minutes as presented:
Vote: 5-0-0

6.1MCAS Perfect Scores

Mr. Devine explained that four students earned a perfect scaled score, which is a raw score

between 96-98% and one student scored a perfect raw score of 100%. Mr. Devine asked the principals to introduce their students who had perfect MCAS scores. Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal and Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, recognized the following students who received perfect MCAS scores.

The following students earned a perfect scaled score – raw score between 96-98%:

Elizabeth Kurtz - Grade 6 English Language Arts
Veronica Fleming - Grade 6 English Language Arts
Nina Tiani - Grade 8 English Language Arts
Victoria Rosado - Grade 9 Introductory Physics

The following student earned a perfect raw score – score 100%:

Shelby Craig earned a perfect score in Grade 10 English Language Arts

School Committee members congratulated the students for such an achievement.

6.2 DCAP

Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, presented the District Curriculum Accommodation Plan (DCAP). The plan included the following:

- Possible Curriculum Accommodations
- Elementary School – program and structure characteristics supporting curriculum accommodation for regular education students
- Middle School - program and structure characteristics supporting curriculum accommodation for regular education students
- High School - program and structure characteristics supporting curriculum accommodation for regular education students
- Personnel resources providing consultation/support/intervention in the regular education setting

6.3 FY20 Budget Discussion

- Technology

Ms. Judith Saide, IT Director, listed each line item in the system technology budget and explained the uses and reasons for the expenditures. She stated that the technology budget is mindfully and thoughtfully put together. She told the Committee that the Capital budget has been cut to \$60,000 for FY20.

- Special Education

Ms. Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, presented the special education budget and grant projections, which included the following:

- FY20 proposed special education budget
- FY20 special education in-district program analysis
- Historical grant receipts
- Grant receipts expense details
- Competitive grants
- FY20 special education budget breakdown

Ms. Kuehn stated that she is trying to keep students in district and bring back some that are already out of district with growing special education programs. She also responded to questions about always looking and applying for new grants.

- Athletics

Ms. Scott Paine, Athletic Director and Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, presented the athletic program overview and budget, which included the following:

- Student participation
- Current participation fees
- FY19 sports teams
- VCY19 co-op sports teams
- Funding sources
- Hull Boosters Club, gate receipts and other donations
- Details of Hull Boosters club, gate receipts and other donations
- User fees
- Detail of user fees
- Town appropriation
- Yearly cost to maintain Finlayson Field
- FY18 breakdown of funding sources
- Total cost to run our athletic program

Mr. Paine explained the reason the football league was changing to the Mayflower league. He said the team would be more competitive making the players enjoy playing more. He also told the Committee that the new mini bus is helping keep costs down. He explained that the bus is also used for mock trial, band trips and other trips that don't require a full size bus. He discussed the idea of adding girls hockey and boys/girls skiing in the future. Committee members and an audience member discussed sports and field usage.

- Hull High School Overview and Budget

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the high school budget is composed 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

Ms. Nosek explained that although the budget shows 5.0 science teachers, those teachers also teach math and the 2.0 math teachers in the budget are long-term substitutes because they started after the school year began. Committee members inquired about the wood shop classes and the investment it would take to bring back metal shop.

- Memorial School Overview and Budget

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, passed out a handout and gave an overview of how the middle school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- Accelerated courses offered
- Stipended positions
- Dues and fees

- Digital learning
- Textbooks
- Other curricular materials
- Supplies

Mr. Hrivnak commented on staffing, noting that when looking at the 2.8 social studies teachers there are actually no social studies teachers at Memorial School, but each core subject teacher also teaches a section of social studies. He also stated that the budget includes six paraprofessionals but only five positions are currently filled. Mr. Hrivnak stated that many of the textbooks now are digital. When questioned Mr. Hrivnak explained that teachers don't go to Open Source for textbooks because sites like that have semi complete units that are not very well developed and companies such as Stem Scopes is tailored to the Massachusetts curriculum, which is the benefit of paying the money. The teachers aren't then developing the curriculum but delivering curriculum.

- Jacobs School

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, gave an overview of how the elementary school budget is composed and how the money is spent. The handout included:

- Staffing
- Dues and fees
- Supplies
- Textbooks/Curriculum

Ms. Cappadona informed the Committee that the elective teachers are getting creative and the gym teacher is now also teaching health. She said that some students have an extra physical education and/or technology class. Ms. Cappadona also stated the after-school programs have been so successful this year, 71 students have participated so far this year.

6.4 School Calendar 2019-2020

Mr. Devine stated that he was recommending that school start on Monday, August 26, 2019 for teachers and that Tuesday, August 27th be used as a professional development day. The students would begin on Wednesday and be off on Friday. He said that because Christmas falls on a Wednesday he would recommend that not to open the buildings for one day, which would be Monday, December 23rd. He continued that the buildings would reopen on Thursday, January 2nd. Mr. Devine told the Committee that graduation day could be held on May either Saturday May 31st or Saturday June 6th. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of having school start before or after Labor Day and holding graduation in May or June. Ms. Jill Orpen, parent and business owner, gave reasons why she thinks school should not start until after Labor Day, stating that businesses in town suffer when the students have to return to school before September. After discussion, it was decided that the school calendar will be put on the next agenda and go from there.

6.5 Strategic Plan

Committee members took turns discussing the information they received regarding the Strategic Plan and that it will take some time to digest the information and to see the action items taking place but all are optimistic that if the plan goes as projected it is a good one and there will be improvements in teaching and learning across the district.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to accept the Strategic Plan as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

The Committee looked at the Advertising in the Schools policy and asked Mr. DeGennaro to ask the Town Accountant and other town business managers what others do and what is the best way to set up accounts for field revenue and expenses. Mr. Twombly also asked Mr. DeGennaro to have the Town Manager verify the bond years to ask Gale Associates for an estimate of how long the cover will last and when we will have to replace that. He also requested that Mr. DeGennaro ask the South Shore Collaborative if they would agree to enter into a three year contract for the rental of space. Ms. Fleming asked if letters to advertisers could go out so that at Town Meeting we could have conditional letter from advertisers.

7.2 Foundation Budget Review

Ms. Peters stated that she received a letter from Senator Patrick O'Connor's office regarding the foundation budget review and wanted everyone to know that O'Connor and Representative Joan Meschino have been very active and she wants to make sure the community knows they are working hard on it.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

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

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

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- The Capital Outlay Committee will meet on February 26th at 6:30 pm.
- Special joint meeting on March 12th at 7:00 pm with Selectmen and Board of Health

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

None

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to go adjourn at 10:25 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Attachments

1. DCAP
2. Technology Budget
3. Special Education Presentation
4. Athletics Presentation
5. Hull High School Budget
6. Memorial Middle School Budget
7. Jacobs Elementary School Budget

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on March 11, 2019.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee