

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

Stephanie Peters, Chair (present)
David Twombly, Vice Chair (present)
Lucas Patenaude, Secretary (absent)
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:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the March 11, 2019 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

None

Seniors Markus Kurciviez and Jill Maxwell updated the happenings at Hull High School, which included:

- Pennies for Patients fundraiser, where each class has a jar and gets points for silver and dollars to go to the Leukemia Foundation
- Theatre arts went to festival but didn't compete because of weather on the original date, but they received an award for being a good sport
- Student government going to a SEMAS conference on Schools Coming Together
- Students from student government are going to the state house

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Friday, November 16, 2018 – Budget Subcommittee
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 – Joint meeting with Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board
- Monday, February 25, 2019 – Regular meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 VFW Patriots Pen

Grade 7 student, Victoria Dolan, read her essay that won 3rd place in the VFW's Patriot's Pen contest. VFW members John Coggins, William Henderson and Paul Dunphy explained the contest and explained the process and the judging. It was explained that Victoria came in first place in Hull's Memorial School contest and received \$100. She went on to face 1141 participants in the whole state and from the State Committee and Auxiliary Committee she received \$400. This past weekend she attended the District #12 contest and received \$200. District 12 will be honoring Victoria at the Whitman VFW Post at a dinner.

The representative from Gale Associates was setting up her presentation so the Theatre Arts portion of 6.3 was moved ahead of 6.2.

6.3 FY20 Budget Discussion

• Theatre Arts

Mr. James Sullivan, Theatre Arts Director, presented the theatre arts program, which included the following:

- 2018-2019 Performances
- Financial Structure
- Drama Donations Revolving Account
- Drama Major Fundraisers
- Drama User Fees
- Drama User Fees Revolving Account
- High School Musical – Actual
- Rock of Ages – Actual
- Epic Proportions – Budget
- What's New Since 2018

Committee members thanked Mr. Sullivan for the presentation and for keeping the theatre arts program a success.

6.2 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field with Gale Associates

Ms. Maggie Laracy, Senior Staff Engineer for Gale Associates, presented the Athletic Campus Renovations at Hull High School, which included the following:

- Overview of Project Scope & Bid Results
- Common Synthetic Turf Health Concerns
- Alternative Infill
- Natural Grass Fields

Committee members and community members asked questions related to the field. Ms. Laracy and School Committee members answered community member's questions and concerns. She stated the bids came in with Green Acres as the low bidder. This was also in her presentation. Ms. Peters stated that there is a seven page document in this evening's School Committee packet that answers many questions people have regarding the turf field. She said that the frequently asked questions document will be on the hullpublicschools.org website in the morning and referred people to that document for answers to many of the questions that have arisen about the turf field project.

Mr. Devine recommended establishing an ad hoc committee, similar to the Strategic Plan Committee, to work on fundraising activities. He would like to see Mr. Scott Paine, Athletic Director, and Hull Boosters Club members, along with others on the committee.

He stated that this would provide coordination that is already in place at Central Office. A revolving account for the field, with all money going into the one account, would provide a system and structure. Mr. Devine's recommendation is that this committee be formed and Mr. Scott Paine chairs that committee. Mr. Peters agreed stating that the ad policy and ad rates have been approved by the Committee and this is the next step. Mr. Devine also stated that Mr. DeGennaro spoke to the South Shore Collaborative and they will be signing a three year contract to use the Hull Public Schools classrooms.

Mr. Devine then stated that we have the bids for the field in the packet and Gale Associates made a recommendation to use Green Acres. Mr. Hipp added that there are three alternatives that are added to the base bid. Alternative #1, two foundations for two additional light posts - alternative #2, two poles and fixtures for those lights and alternative #3, add rubber for walking track.

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the base bid and the three alternatives from Green Acres.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.3 FY20 Budget Discussion

- System-wide Administration

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, gave an overview of the items that make up the system-wide administration budget. Items include School Committee expenses, professional development, course reimbursement, standardized testing, nursing supplies, food management services, insurance premiums, medical services and tuitions to vocational schools. System-wide administrative staff salaries include the Superintendent, half of the Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent's secretary, half of the School Business Managers salary, bookkeeper, and two secretaries. Last year transportation was added to the system-wide administration budget. Mr. Hipp asked if transportation and out-of-district tuition could be moved out of the system-wide administration budget, stating that other towns don't have these items in their administration budget. Mr. Devine said that the business department would look into it and come back in April with an answer.

6.4 PSAT

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented the 2018 PSAT 8/9 results for Grade 9, which measures students' college and career readiness, the presentation included the following quick review:

PSAT 8/9 – Grade 9

District Score	State Score	Total Group Score
903	837	860

6.5 Hull High School Program of Studies

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented the proposed changes to the high school program of studies, which included the following categories:

- Graduation Requirements
- English
- Visual Arts
- Foreign Language
- Media/Technology
- Mathematics

- Social Studies
- Special Education
- New course title/updated course description – Probability, statistics and financial literacy

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Jennifer Fleming
Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Program of Studies as presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.6 School Calendar

Mr. Devine had three scenarios for school calendar.

Scenario #1: Pre Labor Day start
2 Professional Days in August (8/26,8/27)
First day for students – 8/28
Graduation – May 30th

Scenario #2: Post Labor Day start
2 Professional Days in September (9/3, 9/4)
First day for students – 9/5
Graduation – June 6th

Scenario #3: Teachers pre-Labor Day start
Student's post-Labor Day start
2 Professional Days in August (8/28, 8/29)
First day for students – 9/3
Graduation – June 6th

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the scenarios and their thoughts on which one would be best. Community members also made statements about the scenarios.

Motion: Eric Hipp **Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Motion to approve scenario #3 for the 2019-2020 school calendar, with a pre-Labor Day start for teachers, student's start after Labor Day, 2 professional days in August (8/28, 8/29) and the first day for students, September 3rd. Graduation day will be June 6.

Vote: 3-1-0 Nay- Stephanie Peters

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

8.0 Old Business Items

8.1 Joint meeting of School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Board of Health to listen to the recommendations of Vaping Committee tomorrow night, March 12th.

8.2 Acceptance of Donations

None

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

The fifth grade boys travel basketball team, 4th seed, won the tournament.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Eric Hipp

Motion to go adjourn at 10:29 pm.

Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments

1. Gale Presentation
2. Theatre Arts Presentation
3. System-wide Administration Document
4. PSAT
5. Hull High School Program of Study changes

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on April 8, 2019.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee