

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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 7:15 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 April 8, 2019 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0

None

None

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Budget Subcommittee meeting
- Monday, March 11, 2019 Regular meeting
- Tuesday, March 12, 2019 Joint meeting with Board of Selectmen and Board of Health
- Monday, March 25, 2019 Regular meeting

6.1 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Book Discussion with Parents
Ms. Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent, introduced Jane Hardin, M. Ed., one of the authors of the book *Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in the Home*. Ms. Hardin gave a brief description of what she presented to the parents at the workshop that took place right before this meeting. She described what social emotional learning looks like and how parents can work with their children in the home. Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee and the

community that she and grade 5 teacher, Meg King, will be facilitating a book club for parents.

Due to the time item 6.2 – Public Hearing could not start yet.

6.3 Memorial School Out-of-State Field Trip – Grade 8

Mr. Devine stated that Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, was unable to be at this meeting but he said this field trip is the eighth grade annual trip to Canobie Lake Park, which ties directly into the science curriculum. Mr. Devine told the Committee that he supports this request.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the Memorial School out-of-state field trip to Canobie Lake Park on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.4 Memorial School Out-of-State Field Trip – Concert Band

Mr. Devine, on behalf of Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission for Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School music teacher to take the Memorial School 7th and 8th Grade Band students to the *Trills and Thrills Music Festival – 2018* at Nashua High School South, Nashua, New Hampshire on Friday, May 24, 2019. After the festival the students will travel to Canobie Lake Park for the remainder of the day. The festival will give students the opportunity to get feedback on their performance and to listen to other bands. This is now an annual event for the school.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to Nashua and Salem New Hampshire on Friday, May 24, 2019.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.2 Public Hearing – School Department FY20 Budget

Mr. Devine stated that this is the official public hearing to give the community an opportunity to commend on the FY20 budget. He said that this budget shows a 2% increase, which is the town managers budget and the advisory board will use to make their recommendation at town meeting. No audience members spoke. Mr. Twombly stated that two months ago the budget was higher and asked how the school department narrowed the gap. Mr. Devine stated that the elimination of the assistant principal at Memorial School, the addition of two adjustment counselors, one or two paraprofessionals and a literacy coach retiring and positions are not being filled and tightening up the special education budget helped to get to the 2%. Mr. Devine also stated that the budget is always on the agenda until Town Meeting if anyone has questions and people can always call him directly with questions.

6.5 Best Educational Use of Facilities Study

Mr. Devine stated that he told the Committee and the community that he would first work on the Strategic Plan and after going through the lengthy process would look at what we need to accomplish the plan. He informed the Committee that Mr. DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, contacted three companies to look at our space and our programs and see how well we are using the facilities currently and a better use if any. He stated that he will have the three quotes in the School Committee packets for the April 22nd meeting. Committee members and community members discussed the issue.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

7.1 School Building Committee Representative

Mr. Devine stated that per MSBA guidelines a School Building Committee needs to be in place to move forward with the middle school building project. He informed the Committee that at this point, he, Town Manager Philip Lemnios, School Business Administrator David DeGennaro, Memorial School Principal Anthony Hrivnak all need to be on the board. He continued that there needs to be a School Committee member, a Board of Selectmen member and a citizen who know about this project. His recommendation for citizen with experience is Paul Dunphy, who has served before on the building committee and is willing to serve again. Mr. Devine said that the Committee would need to vote on the community member and a School Committee member to be on the School Building Committee tonight.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to nominate Lucas Patenaude and Paul Dunphy to the School Building Committee.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 HTA Negotiations Representative

Ms. Peters stated that Mr. Patenaude is currently on of the two representatives on the HTA negotiations team but due to his work schedule and the times of the meetings he is unable to continue in this role. After discussion Ms. Peter's recommendation was to let Mr. Hipp continue to serve as HTA Negotiations Representative until elections and if any other School Committee member is free on the already scheduled meeting dates they can attend the meetings.

7.3 100% Clean Energy Warrant Article – Judith Van Hamm

Ms. Van Hamm discussed a resolution that would establish a 100% clean and renewable energy climate action task force to develop and make publicly available an operational plan on how to achieve the goal of using 100% clean and renewable energy by 2030 for all public, residential, and commercial energy uses in Hull, including heating and transportation, and report quarterly to the Select board on its progress; and have the Town Manager report to each annual Town Meeting on progress made in this matter.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to support the 100% Clean Energy Warrant Article

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field

Ms. Peters informed the community that the Committee met with the Advisory Board on March 25th and discussed the warrant article. She also stated that there will be an open house scheduled for community members to come and tour the field and see the status of the current field.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

- Advertising Policy – Mr. Devine said that he met with a small group of people who are going out to solicit local advertising and there is another group of six or seven people looking at regional advertising. He said there is a committee group out there working on advertising.

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- The advertising group is meeting Wednesday night

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 Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Teachers). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Eric Hipp, David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Jennifer Fleming and Lucas Patenaude.

Attachments

1. FY20 School Department Budget

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on April 22, 2019.

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee