

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)
David Twombly, Secretary (present)
Marianne Harte, Member (present)
Kelley Huxtable, Member (present)

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Clinton	Jill Dennard
George Boylen	Jay Polito
John Tiani	Richard Kenney
Robert Carney	Dan Sullivan
Peter Larsen	

TOWN MANAGER

Philip E. Lemnios

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Devine, Principal Hull High School
Anthony Hrivnak, Principal Memorial Middle School
Christine Cappadona, Principal Jacobs Elementary School
Dave DeGennaro, School Business Administrator
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

The School Committee met as part of the Advisory Board Meeting.

Open Meeting

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to open the School Committee Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Dr. Tyrell introduced the Hull Public School personnel that were present and gave an overview of the FY17 Budget. The School Department is pleased to be at the Town Managers recommended number at this point in time, but cautioned everyone that the budget is fluid. The School Department is hopeful that we will be able to redeploy the 2 regular education teachers and add a .6 library paraprofessional, however, there have been

some recent special education changes that need to be taken into account.

Dr. Tyrell introduced Dave DeGennaro to the Advisory Board. Mr. DeGennaro spoke of being happy to see the efficiencies in the lean budget without the extras like department heads and department chairs.

The Advisory Board asked questions on:

- Building envelope issues – these issues were not addressed during the rehab of the schools. Approximately 50% of the increased SSEC rent goes towards building maintenance. We have been picking away at some of the issues. Funding for bigger capital projects will be addressed by the Capital Outlay Committee.
- Accepting state funds for repairs and effect on possibility of consolidation – Consolidation may still be possible, but the state may want to recoup some of the money for any part of the building not used for education over the life of the bond. For example, the administration area was not built with MSBA funds.
- Any grants we can take advantage of, or places to consolidate work – There are always ongoing things to take a look at, and we will continue to look and act on anything that is appropriate.
- Status of HTA negotiations – Negotiations are ongoing, currently in mediation.
- Test results – SAT scores are hovering right around the national average. 8th grade beat the state average by 16 points and the national average by 23 points. Elementary PARCC results were not as good as we would have liked, but the test was taken on a computer. The Jacobs School does not have the iPad initiative, so they were not as comfortable taking a computerized test.
- South Shore Vocational Technical High School – There is an article on the Town Meeting Warrant about joining the SS Voc. Tech. We are currently in the information gathering stage to see if it is a possibility and what would be required to become a member.
- Food Service Programs – Dave DeGennaro will be doing a cost benefit analysis of outsourcing the program vs. having an in-house program.

Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Vote: 5-0-0

Second: David Twombly

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 19, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee