

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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)

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathleen I. Tyrell, Superintendent of Schools
Judy Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp at 7:06 p.m. at Hull High School Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the flag.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** David Twombly
Move to approve the April 25, 2016 agenda as presented.
Vote: 5-0-0
- 3.0 Input from the Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative
No student representative but Mr. Michael Devine, Hull High School Principal, informed the Committee that the Hull High School Boy's Lacrosse team beat Cohasset for the first time ever.
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Eric Hipp
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
• Friday, December 4, 2015 Budget Subcommittee meeting
Vote: 5-0-0
- 6.0 School Committee Business Items
School Committee members and Dr. Tyrell thanked Ms. Harte for her 9 years of service.

Ms. Peters talked about the subcommittee's and negotiating teams Ms. Harte served on and that she cared deeply for the students. Dr. Tyrell also talked about the dedication and commitment Ms. Harte has for the students and especially the special education needs of the district.

6.1 Resolution Regarding Capital Outlay Committee's Debt Exclusion Expenditure Plan

Mr. Hipp read a resolution from Mr. Kevin Richardson, member of the Board of Selectmen, which was written after the April 5th Capital Outlay Committee Presentation to the Board of Selectmen outlining the first 5 year plan if the debt exclusion passes. Mr. Hipp said that the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board signed the resolution that states that these committees are on board with the way the Capital Outlay Committee wants to allocate the funds. He said he is bringing it forward to the School Committee members for their input. Mr. Hipp stated that he is on the Capital Outlay Committee and he supports the allocation or selection of uses of that money. Mr. Twombly added that he definitely supports the resolution as it is a beginning of the process to get the town started moving forward. Ms. Peters and Ms. Harte also stated that they are in support of the resolution. Ms. Huxtable said that there is still a lot of work and when she thinks of the field the crumb rubber is a concern. She thanked the Capital Outlay Committee for the work that has been done but is hesitant.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move that the School Committee supports the resolution of the Capital Outlay Committee plan for the next 5 years.

Vote: 4-1-0

6.2 Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field Discussion

Mr. Hipp stated that this item has been on the agenda for every meeting since October 19, 2016. He said that the working group and a Gale representative opened the bids on Wednesday. He recounted the high school field issues and rehashed the events leading up to the proposed turf field and every step taken from October 19, 2016 to today, which included the reasons for needing a turf field, the process that the working committee has gone through with Gale Associates and the Conservation Commission, the costs associated with the field, the research gone into turf fields and the bid process, among other things. Ms. Peters added that there could be potential revenue from renting out the field to club sports and summer camps and increase the economic development of the town by people spending money in town while they are here. She added that the money could go into a separate, revolving account to be used only for turf maintenance.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to establish a separate account for maintenance or replacement of turf field if the debt exclusion passes.

Vote: 5-0-0

6.3 School Committee Negotiation Team – HTA Teachers

Mr. Hipp stated that Ms. Harte has been on the HTA Negotiation Team since May, 2013

and he would like to see if Ms. Harte could stay on board as one of the two Committee members on the team because it would not be fair to her or to bring someone else up to speed at this point in time. He added that this has happened in the past so it is not unprecedented. Ms. Harte would not vote on the actual contract. Committee members agreed to keep Ms. Harte on the HTA Negotiation Team until the contracts are settled.

6.4 Superintendent Evaluation Mid-Cycle Goals Review

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that it is the six month point in the evaluation cycle and the goals have not changed. She said that now is the time to tell her if she is on track with the goals or if the Committee would like to change the goals. Mr. Hipp read the goals and said there are a multitude of documents showing how Dr. Tyrell has met those goals. Committee members commented that Dr. Tyrell is on target with her goals and is continuing to move the district forward in a positive way.

Motion: Eric Hipp

Second: Marianne Harte

Move to recognize that Dr. Tyrell is on track with her goals and professional practice.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that it is her belief that 3 juniors at Hull High School will be recognized in the fall in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. The three students have met the requirements based on their 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test results. These high performers have shown outstanding academic potential.

7.2 Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant

Dr. Tyrell informed the Committee that Ms. Amanda Davis, Hull High School Art Teacher, received a grant for \$5,000 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the fall of 2015. This funding was used to help fund the new high school mural "Waves of Change" with visiting artist David Fichter. Ms. Davis is inviting the community to the 2016 Festival of Harmony and Artistry at Hull High School on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm to celebrate the end of the school year with HHS music and art students.

7.3 Out-of-State Field Trip to Band Festival

Mr. Andrew St. George, Memorial School Music Teacher, requested permission to take the Memorial School 7th and 8th Grade Band students to the *Trills and Thrills Music Festival – 2016* at Nashua High School South, Nashua, New Hampshire on Friday, June 3, 2016. 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.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kelley Huxtable

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to the *Trills and Thrills Music Festival* in New Hampshire.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.4 Out-of-State Filed Trip to Canobie Lake Park

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, requested permission for the grade eight team to take the grade eight students to Canobie Lake Park in Salem, New Hampshire on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. This is the end of year trip for grade 8 and it supports the “motion” standards of the grade 8 curriculum.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the out-of-state field trip to Canobie Lake Park in New Hampshire.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 FY17 Budget Discussion

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Manager, gave an overview of the System Wide Administration budget, which included the following:

- School Committee expenses
- Central office expenses
- Memberships
- School Committee legal
- Professional development
- Course reimbursement
- Standardized testing
- Nursing supplies
- Food management services
- Insurance premiums
- Medical service
- Tuitions to vocational school
- Central office staffing

Athletic, Drama and Kindergarten Fees

Mr. David DeGennaro, School Business Administrator, informed the Committee that after a meeting earlier in the year, where Mr. Twombly asked that we look at fees closely, the issue of kindergarten fees was brought up again and was brought up at the last Budget Subcommittee meeting. The memo Mr. DeGennaro provided in the School Committee packet shows FY17 projections with and without kindergarten fees and suggests that if the district were to charge tuition (currently \$3,000) they may not be eligible to apply of grant funding. Mr. DeGennaro also stated that when a Hull child attends the Charter School we will lose a significant amount of Chapter 70 funding. The Charter School will be opening up 400 additional slots next year, where kindergarten is free. This could mean that if a student starts at the Charter School and continues his/her education there, which usually happens after a child starts in a particular school, the cost associated with that student is approximately \$181,000 and follows the child. Usually, when one child in a family goes to a certain school other siblings attend the same school. Also, the fact that many of our students are on free and reduced lunch essentially means that only a small portion of our families are paying for kindergarten anyways. DR. Tyrell added that it seems penny wise and pound foolish to continue to charge fees and possibly lose students to the Charter School.

is open to the community and starts at 6:30 pm. Art and music students will be there.

13.0 Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of negotiation strategy with the HTA (Teachers). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Eric Hipp, Marianne Harte and Kelley Huxtable.

Attachments

1. Capital Outlay Committee Presentation to BOS

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 6, 2016.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee