

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephanie Peters, Chair
David Twombly, Vice Chair
Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Jennifer Fleming, Member
David Twombly, Member

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Clinton, Chair	Patricia Cormier	Dan Sullivan
Jay Polito, Vice Chair	Robyn Healey	Peter Larsen
Jason Frady, Clerk	Steve Kiley	
Marcia Bohinc	Robert Carney	

TOWN MANAGER

Philip E. Lemnios

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Michael Buckley

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent
Nicole Nosek, Principal Hull High School
Anthony Hrivnak, Principal Memorial Middle School
Christine Cappadona, Principal Jacobs Elementary School
Dave DeGennaro, School Business Administrator
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent
Diane Saniuk, Finance Coordinator

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

Stephanie Peters opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

7:06 pm. Turf Field Warrant Article

Mr. Clinton, Advisory Board Chair, stated that the order of business would be the Turf Field Warrant Article first, then the School Department FY20 Budget and then the MSBA Warrant Article. Michael Devine introduced the Hull Public School personnel that were present. Mr. Devine discussed the horrible condition of the high school field and the reasons for the turf field warrant article, which included more than 500 uses each year, which is unsustainable on any

grass field, it is the only regulation in town, a grass field would need a year to grow and every fourth year the field would be unusable to regrow, but there would still be just too many uses each year. He added that a natural turf field would have cost 1.2 million dollars three years ago (it would be more today), and with every fourth year not usable there would be no home games, which would be a loss in revenue from gate receipts, snack shack, raffles, etc. and an increase in transportation costs, which in the long run would be more expensive. Mr. Devine also discussed the health concerns, stating that there is no legitimate research-based study that has found any causal connection between crumb rubber and cancer, and many studies out there that say there is no connections, these are science based studies. He continued, stating that environmentally the Hull Conservation Commission okayed the project, we added a wind fence and it is not in a flood plain. He said that all presentations are on the Hull Public Schools website. He then discussed the financing, which would be a split with the town side and school side for 15 years. He stated that there is a group working to generate ad revenue along with other ideas to generate revenue and put that money aside for the carpet replacement. They will use revenue that comes into the building use revolving fund for any maintenance and bond payments. Mr. Devine concluded by stating that his job is to advocate for the students of the Hull Public Schools and he is recommending that the Advisory Board look favorably on this project and give it your recommendation. Mr. Devine answered questions from Advisory Board members and members of the community. Mr. Lemnios and Mr. Buckley answered questions regarding the bonding and Mr. Lemnios stated that the payment information will be memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the town and the school department.

8:23 pm. FY20 School Budget

Superintendent Michael Devine, Assistant Superintendent Judy Kuehn and Business Manager, David DeGennaro, presented the FY20 school budget. The presentation included the following:

- Our Mission
- Our Vision
- Guiding Question
- Meeting the Needs of All Students
- Recent Facilities Projects
- FY20 Budget Proposal
- Sources of Funds
- Historical Grant Funding
- Changing Realities
- FY20 Budget Overview
- FY20 Proposed Staffing Changes
- Special Education Program
- FY19 In-district Substantially Separate Programs
- FY19 Outside District Outside Tuition/Transportation
- Military and College Acceptances (2015-2018)

Mr. Devine reiterated that the FY20 budget shows a 2% increase over the FY19 Administration budget. This percent is the Town Manager's recommendation and will be presented at Town Meeting. Mr. Devine answered questions from Advisory Board members and community members.

9:15 pm MSBA Warrant Article

Mr. DeGennaro stated that the school department has applied for funding from the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) for the past three years for both the high school and middle school and were recently invited to participate in the eligibility phase for the work that needs to be done at the Memorial Middle School. Mr. Devine said that he wanted the public to know that the requested work was not part of the original building renovation and the brick work is the same brick work that was on the building when John F. Kennedy dedicated the building in 1949. Mr. DeGennaro said that there are several deliverables that need to happen in order to go to the next phase of the eligibility process. The warrant article is for the feasibility study. The funding source is the building use revolving funds from the school budget. The school department is not asking for any money to fund the study.

Mr. DeGennaro and Town Manager, Philip Lemnios answered questions from the Advisory Board and community members.

Adjournment

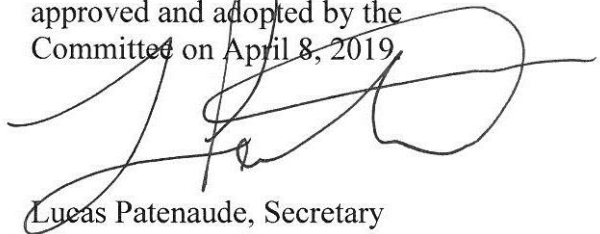
Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to go into The Committee is expected to go into Executive Session 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.

Vote: 5-0-0

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