

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)  
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (absent)  
Jennifer Fleming, Secretary (present)  
Kelley Huxtable, Member (absent)  
David Twombly, Member (present)

Michael F. Devine, Superintendent of Schools  
Judith Kuehn, Assistant Superintendent  
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Eric Hipp, Chair at 7:03 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the salute to the Flag.

**Motion:** David Twombly                                 **Second:** Jennifer Fleming  
Move to approve the January 8, 2018 agenda as presented  
**Vote:** 5-0-0

Seniors Victoria Fuda, Shea Burke and Junior, Charlotte White, commented on the following:

- Freshman, Maeve Donohue, will play the trumpet in the Senior District Music Festival. Hull has not had a student in this festival for over 20 years.
- Because of the Hingham Commuter boat being shut down students were asked to carpool to school, which was a success.
- There is a mandatory theatre arts meeting going on right now for students who want to be in the next high school play, *Legally Blonde*.
- Girls and boys basketball has started
- National Honor Society is putting on a canned food drive, a coat drive and a blood drive
- Homework help will be every Tuesday and Thursday

5.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, November 13, 2017, Regular meeting

**Vote:** 3-0-0

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Mr. Devine informed the Committee that during the week of November 27<sup>th</sup> Hull High School and Memorial Middle School hosted several showings of the documentary Screenagers. Ms. Nosek stated that the documentary was created by a doctor who is also a mother. She had watched her daughter playing video games and using a lot of technology and decided to look into ways to help children navigate this new world of technology. Ms. Nosek showed the Committee a two minute trailer of the movie. After that she explained that leading up to showing the video to students and parents the schools educated teacher so they could talk about screening being everywhere, then after the viewing students went to their advisory and discussed the movie in small groups. The seniors stayed in the auditorium where the discussion was about them going off on their own next year and how they will navigate and regulate their screen time. Seventy to seventy-five parents were shown the video and following the screening a panel was set up for discussion. Ms. Nosek finished by stating that schools and the home must work in a partnership. Mr. Devine added that this also addressed the district goal of holding district-wide events.

6.2 Marijuana Task Force

Mr. Devine reminded the Committee that at the November 2016 election, the voters of Massachusetts passed a referendum requiring the legal cultivation, sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products and now each town must decide if they will allow the sale of marijuana and marijuana products in their community. He continued stating that the voters of Hull will decide this at a Special Town Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and a special election on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Devine said that on January 24<sup>th</sup> the Marijuana Task Force will hold a public meeting to allow residents to hear from elected and appointed town officials their thoughts on the issue and he was asked to be a part of the panel and is looking to School Committee members for guidance.

Mr. Devine, School Committee members and three community members discussed the sale of marijuana and marijuana products, including vaping and edibles such as cookies, hard candies, gummy bears and fruit roll-ups and how the schools will be able to regulate it and detect if we think someone is using marijuana in and vape or edible. They also discussed the costs associated with this issue to the school district, including drug testing students and staff and bus drivers and the cost to maintain an opioid curriculum.

**Motion:** David Twombly                      **Second:** Jennifer Fleming  
Move to adopt the following policies for third reading/adoption as presented.  
Policy IKE                  Promotion and Retention of Students

Policy IL	Evaluation of Instructional Programs
Policy ILB	Testing
Policy ILBA	School System Program Assessments
Policy IMA	Teaching Activities/Presentations
Policy IMAA	Plan Books and Planning
Policy IMB	Teaching About Controversial Issues/Controversial Speakers
Policy IMDA	Pledge of Allegiance
Policy IMDB	Flag Displays
Policy IMDC	Religious Holidays
<b>Vote:</b> 3-0-0	

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees  
None

9.2 Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Motion to approve the following donations:

- \$100 from anonymous to pay down student meals balances
- \$790 from several community members to pay down student meals balances

**Vote:** 3-0-0

10.0 New Business

Mr. DeGennaro informed the Committee that during the long cold spell and storm the heat in the schools stayed on, although a transformer went at the high school. There was a cracked pipe in the Memorial Spanish classroom. The custodians worked tirelessly to keep these building running and warm. They did extra building checks during the cold spell. Mr. Devine said that in addition to the custodians Mr. DeGennaro has been spending a lot of extra time here at night and on the weekends. He thanked Mr. DeGennaro and the custodians for their hard work.

11.0 Approval of Warrants

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm.

**Vote:** 3-0-0

Additional documents:

1. Summary of Findings of Superintendent's Community Meetings, Observations and Data Analysis

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on January 22, 2018.

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee