

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hipp, Chair (present)  
Stephanie Peters, Vice Chair (present)  
Jennifer Fleming, Secretary (present)  
David Twombly, Member (present)  
Lucas Patenaude, Member (present)

OTHERS PRESENT

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Devine, Superintendent at 7:01 p.m. at Hull High School Second Floor Exhibition Room, 180 Main Street with the Salute to the Flag.

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Reorganization

Mr. Devine opened nominations for chair. Mr. Hipp nominated Ms. Stephanie Peters for chair, stating that, while he greatly enjoyed being the chair, he thought Ms. Peters has the knowledge and commitment to the schools and was chair in the past and did a good job.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve Stephanie Peters as chair of the School Committee.

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

Ms. Peters thanked School Committee members for the nomination and welcomed new member, Lucas Patenaude.

Mr. Hipp nominated Mr. David Twombly as Vice Chair, stating that Mr. Twombly has been both chair and vice chair in the past.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve Stephanie Peters as vice chair of the School Committee.

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

Mr. Twombly nominated Mr. Lucas Patenaude as Secretary. Saying it was a good introduction to the committee.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve Lucas Patenaude as secretary of the School Committee.

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

Mr. Devine stated that the Memorial School was placed in lockdown this morning out of an abundance of caution. The police arrived in moments and the situation was handled properly. Once it was over the students went back to class as normal.

#### 6.2 Out-of-State Field Trip

Mr. Hrivnak said this field trip is the eighth grade annual trip to Canobie Lake Park, which ties directly into the science curriculum.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to approve the Memorial School out-of-state field trip to Canobie Lake Park on June 14, 2018.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 6.3 School Choice

Each year, prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, school districts must vote on whether or not to participate in school choice. Mr. Devine said that he did not think school choice makes sense for the Hull Public Schools at this time and recommended not participating. Mr. Devine said that the amount of money coming to Hull is \$5,000 per student unless the student has special educational needs; the money would increase but not enough to cover the costs. He said there are a few south shore towns that participate in limited grades but none are located near Hull. He added that there would be the potential that if we go then other towns could follow suit, which could hurt our enrollment even more. People pass thru other towns on their way to work but no one passes thru Hull. Also, if we allow school choice now and then vote no in a few years, the kids that are already here are able to stay until graduation or if special education, until they turn 22 years old.

School Committee members also discussed their concerns at this time.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to not participate in school choice for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

#### 8.0 School Committee Policy Issues – Policies ADB/GBC and IJNDC

Mr. Hrivnak informed the Committee that the Technology Committee met frequently this year and spoke to town council and a school attorney to update the technology policies to reflect current practices and procedures. He stated that policy ADB – Town of Hull Internet and Other technology Resources Acceptable Use Policy and Acknowledgement had very simple updates. Policy IJNDC – Mobile Computing Device Acceptable use Policy had a few more changes that included adding more to the introduction and to student responsibilities. Also adding a new section related to online educational services.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Move to accept the following policies for first reading as presented:

ADB/GBC Town of Hull Internet and Other Technology Resources Acceptable use Policy

IJNDC Mobile Computing Device Acceptable Use Policy

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Ms. Peters thanked Kelley Huxtable for her service on the School Committee. She also thanked the staff that is getting ready for graduation.

12.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Eric Hipp

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on June 4, 2018

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary  
Hull School Committee