

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

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

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Judy Kuehn, Interim Superintendent  
David DeGennaro, Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was remotely called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 4:00 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Mr. Twombly explained remote participation protocols for this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the April 16, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

5.1 Update on Coronavirus

District Learning Plan

Ms. Kuehn gave an overview of the District Learning Plan that is currently in place. She also discussed the following:

- In the process of sending "off the grid" letters to families of students that teachers have not been successful contacting

- Re-assessing devices and process for pick up
- Future if school closure is extended
- MCAS cancelled – may have supper retest opportunity
- DESE social distancing guidelines, safety of students and staff
- Town Manager's FY21 budget limiting to 1% cut \$158,000

#### Update from Building Principals

Ms. Nosek, Hull High School Principal, updated the Committee, saying the staff has been contacting students via Go-To-Meeting, Google Meet, Zoom, using online spreadsheets, posting assignments and weekly updates. Work is due on Fridays. She also said that the high school and middle schools are currently scheduling for next year. She said most class participation is good, anywhere from 50 to 100% participation for core classes. Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, added that Schoology was running slow but they quickly switched over to Google Classroom and attendance is very good overall. Mr. Shaw, Jacobs School Assistant Principal, informed the Committee about holding the first virtual all school assembly, which had over 500 views on YouTube. He said it was well received.

#### Lunch Program Update

Mr. DeGennaro updated the Committee on the lunch program, which he said was working out very well. He thanked Vinny Harte, Wellspring Director, for coordinating the program and delivering the food to the families that have signed up to receive weekly breakfasts and lunches. There are currently 47 families with a total of 103 children receiving free, delivered meals. Mr. Hipp showed concern that there are more free and reduced lunch students and that we may not be reaching everyone. Ms. Kuehn said that Maggie Ollerhead will work with Patty Gardiner, HPS Bookkeeper, to make sure that everyone that wants to be included will receive delivered meals weekly.

#### Custodians, Status of Buildings, Current Custodian Schedule

Mr. DeGennaro stated that the custodians are checking the buildings daily, in the morning and in the evening. He said there is painting being done at the Jacobs School. The Memorial School is accepting the food deliveries for the breakfast and lunches. He said the custodians are expected to view OSHA videos at home. He also said there was damage to the windscreen at the high school and the custodians, Frank Campbell and he, fixed it the day after the damage. He said the field itself was in perfect shape with no crumb rubber migration. He told the Committee that Gale Associates came to the field for the close out of the field, which will end that part of the project and we will receive warranties. He said he is still waiting for the height of the track to be fixed before that can be closed out.

#### 5.2 Vote on SC/HTA Memorandum of Agreement for Remote Learning

Ms. Kuehn outlined the Memorandum of Agreement for Remote Learning and pointed out the part of the agreement that shows April vacation being cancelled, along with not holding the half day and early release professional days that were scheduled for the remainder of the year so the remainder of the year will be full days of school with no interruptions.

**Motion:** Eric Hipp

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the SC/HTA Memorandum of Agreement for Remote Learning as presented:

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

5.3 Revised 2019-2020 School Calendar and Back-up Graduation Date

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that the school calendar will need to be revised after the vote to accept the MOA on Remote Learning.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the third revision of the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented:

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

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, stated that most of the principals she is in contact with are setting a backup graduation date in case the original date can't happen. She said that including the prom in the backup is what many others are doing. She said that Lombardo's, the venue of the currently scheduled Hull High School prom is available the weeks of July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and August 10<sup>th</sup>. She would pair that week with graduation. She told the Committee that some towns are thinking of doing a virtual ceremony if they can't do a regular graduation. The Committee discussed an email they received from a community member who was asking about a parade for graduates. Community member, Jen Whelan, asked the Committee if there was any change of reenacting the entire senior week. Ms. Nosek said she was concerned about the money already paid for the prom because it is nonrefundable and they will not give the money back. Mr. Hipp asked Ms. Nosek to survey parents and find out what they have to say and come back to the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5.4 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates

Ms. Kuehn stated that Town Meeting was moved to June 1<sup>st</sup> and Town Elections was moved to June 23<sup>rd</sup> and the School Committee Meeting Dates were scheduled around those dates. She asked the Committee if they would like to make any changes to the calendar. Mr. Twombly suggested leaving the calendar as is for now.

6.0 Old Business Items

6.1 Sub-committees

- MSBA Update

Mr. DeGennaro updated the Committee on the recommendation from the Town Manager to add two articles to the upcoming Town Meeting warrant. The first would be \$400,000 for the Feasibility Study to repair the middle school. The other would be to bond of \$1,600,000 for the repairs without the help of MSBA. He said if the town votes on the second article the repairs could be done earlier and would let the building be used as we want. He said he is waiting until after town meeting to let MSBA know before moving forward in their process. He said he just received the updated report from Thompson and Litchner and will send to the town manager, who will send to the School Building Committee members.

- MARS Consulting Group Update

Mr. DeGennaro said that he and Ms. Kuehn received the draft report from MARS to look at and give corrections where necessary. He said that the MARS Group is on track to give us the final report in June. There will also be two other public meetings to report, one on an afternoon and one in the evening. Mr. Twombly asked if they could schedule that meeting during the June 15<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

7.0 New Business

Ms. Peters said that everyone has thanked the staff and teachers and she wanted to add a thank

you to the parents too. She said that it is clearly a triangle, which includes teachers, students and parents and that it is particularly hard for the younger children and Jacobs School parents.

8.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Patenaude wanted to bring up again, the email from the community member who talked about a graduation parade as an alternate, if necessary. He wanted her to know they talked about it.

9.0 Executive Session

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:34 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(1) – to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than the professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

**Roll call vote:** Ayes Lucas Patenaude, Stephanie Peters, David Twombly, Jennifer Fleming and Eric Hipp

10.0 Adjournment

Attachments

1. District Learning Plan
2. 2019-2020 Revised School Calendar

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on April 27, 2020

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary  
Hull School Committee