

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 4:32 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: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the May 4, 2020 as presented.

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

Mr. Twombly stated that due to a personnel issue there is very limited information on recent events related to the Superintendent. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Kuehn or Mr. Twombly, who would direct them to the attorney.

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

None

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 Consider Revision of April 2020 MOA

Ms. Kuehn stated the only change was in #2 of the MOA regarding grading. Ms. Kuehn stated that it was consistent with other towns. She said that the majority of term 3 was in school. Mr. Hipp questioned this as originally the plan was to combine terms 3 and 4. He said he doesn't believe it should be changed halfway thru this period. He said it makes sense at the high school level but middle school students are not as mature. He said he does not think it is fair and he is strongly against it. Mr. Hrivnak said he thinks the only point of credit plus is just to support the students going over and above, to highlight those students. Ms. Fleming said her understanding is that it is to provide an incentive and the teachers wanted it.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the revision of the April 2020 MOA.

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

6.2 Update on Coronavirus

Student Engagement Task Force

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that essential standards will be added to the Remote Learning Plan and student engagement has been strong. She said that Kyle Shaw, Jacobs School Assistant Principal, Mary Merrigan, Instructional Coach and Dan Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, along with adjustment councilors, are starting a task force on student engagement. They will identify students by barriers with targeted data on strategies and supports. Ms. Kuehn said she is still waiting for the Governor for guidance on summer school.

Revised Grading Plan Grades 6-12

Ms. Nosek, Hull High School Principal, explained why the grading plan changed in grades 6-12. Stating that the majority of term 3 was held in school so the term 3 grades will close of May 15 to give students a chance to make up anything they missed during term 3. She said term 4 will go from April 6th to the end of the school year. The terms will rank as follows: term 1-30%, term 2-25%, term 3-20% and term 4-15% with a floor of 59 no one can go below 59, and before determining no credit the guidance staff has to be included to make sure it is not an equity issue.

Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, stated that his school is following along with what the high school is doing and his staff is doing what they can to make sure students are engaged. He reiterated what he said earlier that the only reason for credit plus is for students going above and beyond. He said they are making sure to keep equity to students. Ms. Kuehn added that already having our 1-1 initiative is huge in this. Everyone in grades 6-12 already has a way of accessing their work. It is a credit to our school system that this was already in place. She said Judi Saide and George Whelan have gone beyond that by getting elementary students set up with devices.

Parent/Student Survey – Remote Learning Preliminary Results

Ms. Kuehn shared some preliminary results of the parent survey. She said 62 Jacobs School parents, 43 Memorial School parents and 77 Hull High School parents filled out the survey. She will have a reminder sent out to parents to fill out the survey so hopefully there will be more results. She said that once the survey is close she will have a report.

Lunch Delivery Update

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that Patty Gardiner and Maggie Ollerhead worked on updating the list of students on free and reduced lunch that were not currently receiving breakfast and lunch deliveries. Ms. Kuehn then asked the three school nurses to contact the

families since they have a relationship with them. We were able to add 50 new families with 107 children, adding that to the previous 47 families and 103 children, we doubled the program. She stated that starting tomorrow Wellspring will be moving this operation to the middle school for more space. Mr. DeGennaro will continue ordering food for the program.

Update Extended School Year

Ms. Kuehn stated she is waiting for guidance from the Governor.

6.4 FY21 Budget Update

Mr. DeGennaro informed the Committee that the town manager continues to tell all town departments to expect a 1% increase for the FY21 budget. The Advisory Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2020. When asked about it, Ms. Kuehn explained the Care Act is tied into Title 1 and guidelines and the application should come out soon.

7.0 School Committee Business Items

7.1 Consideration of Superintendent Appointment

Committee members commented on Ms. Kuehn's ability to step into the role of Superintendent after everything that has been going on with the former Superintendent and the Coronavirus pandemic. They agreed that she jumped right in and congratulated her on doing that.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to recommend Ms. Kuehn as the Superintendent pending successful negotiations.

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

7.2 SSEC Board Member

Ms. Kuehn asked the Committee if any of them would like to represent Hull Public Schools on the SSEC Board of Directors. She stated that the representative from each town can either be the Superintendent or a School Committee member and that all other towns in the SSEC are currently represented by Superintendents.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Moved to appoint Ms. Kuehn to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative as a Board Member representing Hull for FY21.

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

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

FF Naming New Facilities

FFA Memorials

FFB Honoring Individuals within School Facilities

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

8.0 Old Business Items

9.1 No word on School Building Committee

Budget Subcommittee is meeting this Thursday

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to adjourn at 5:59 pm.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of
the Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on June 1, 2020

Jennifer Fleming, Secretary
Hull School Committee