

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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 27, 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 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- April 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 US News and World Report

Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, informed the Committee that Hull High School has been named a 2020 Best High School, based on rankings that U.S. News & World Report published.

She said that Hull High is ranked 115th within Massachusetts. The AP participation rate at Hull High is 43%. The total minority enrollment is 6%. Hull High is ranked #3,053 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Ms. Nosek said that Hull High School's 4 year graduation rate is 91%.

6.2 Parent/Student Survey – Graduation and Prom

Mr. Dan Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, said he surveyed the senior student and their parents about graduation dates and the senior prom. He stated that 76% of the 71 survey respondents requested August 8th as the back-up date for graduation. Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, said she would make the recommendation of August 8th as graduation with the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the week leading up to that date as the prom date at Lombardo's. Mr. Kuehn said there would also be a remote virtual graduation on the same date just in case. Ms. Nosek added that there will be a virtual Scholarship Night in June.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to have the 2020 Hull High School graduation back-up date on August 8, 2020 either virtual or physical.

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

6.3 Update on Coronavirus

End of Year Events

Ms. Nosek shared the following with the Committee:

- Senior parents ordered and are planning to hang student banners on the light poles throughout town on May 29th. (Seniors last day of school.)
- There is a Class of 2020 Parade scheduled for May 29th thru town.
- Seniors will go to high school and pick up their cap and gown, blue envelopes, transcripts, etc. and exchange what they owe.
- Faculty and staff from all three schools are planning a parade thru town in May.

Ms. Kuehn thanked families and teacher for their hard work, stating that this is week 7 of being home. She said the remote learning plan is being refined as we go. Staff is connection quite well with families. 41 letters were sent out to parents of students who were not engaged and they were able to reach most of them. The SRO did wellness checks on families. Weekly lesson plans are going out now. Deployment of technology thanks to Judi Saide, George Whelan and Janet Scribner and to Cathy Joaquim for calling the families. As of today 34 more devices were deployed. DESE is planning for reentry for fall. A task force will be set up to help us plan for fall in Hull. Waiting for more guidelines for Extended School Year (Summer school). We may push the start date back to July 6th. Not sure if in person or remote.

Lunch Delivery Update

Ms. Kuehn stated that there was meeting with Vinny Harte, Wellspring Director, when it was determined that weekly lunch delivery is working very well and will continue thru the end of the school year and into the summer. They may shift to assembling the Memorial School cafeteria to accommodate all the packaging of the food, since the food is already delivered to the school. Ms. Kuehn stated that Maggie Ollerhead and Patty Gardiner have cross referenced the free and reduced lunch list and will give the list of families currently not receiving home deliveries to the three school nurses who will call to check on these families and ask if they would like to be

added to the list. Last week there were 55 families with a total of 112 children who received 5 days of breakfast and lunch for each child. Mr. DeGennaro stated that he has applied for the No Hungry Grant.

6.4 FY21 Budget Update

Mr. DeGennaro informed the Committee that the town manager has told all town departments to expect a 1% increase instead of the 2% increase that was originally discussed for the FY21 budget. This means the school budget will need to cut \$158,000 from the proposed budget. He said the town estimated local receipts will be 5% less than anticipated and state aid is 7% less. The town manager also said there will be 1% contracts only for all units. Mr. DeGennaro discussed the application for FEMA for Coronavirus and the purchasing of laptops and cleaning supplies. Committee members discussed the budget.

6.5 MARS Consulting Group Date

Ms. Kuehn confirmed the date for the MARS Group to come before School Committee. They will be on the June 15th agenda, either in person or remote. They will come back in the Fall for an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting on the same day to present to town boards and stakeholders. Committee members will be given a hard copy of the report before that June 15th meeting.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

7.1 Naming new facilities policies

The Committee members reviewed School Committee policies and MASC sample policies related to naming of facilities.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve Hull Public Schools policy: Honoring Individuals Within School Facilities for first reading:

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

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve MASC policy: Memorials for first reading:

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

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Eric Hipp

Move to approve policy: Naming New Facilities for first reading:

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

8.0 Old Business Items

None

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Twombly said MASC has been running Zoom Meetings, realizing that school districts are facing the same issues at this time. He said he has been on a few calls and he encourages all to participate if they get a chance. He stated that he got a lot out of it.

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Motion to adjourn at 4:59 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