

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

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

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

The meeting was remotely called to order by Judy Kuehn, Superintendent at 5:05 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Ms. Kuehn explained remote participation protocols for this meeting. She then took the opportunity to thank Eric Hipp for all he did on the School Committee. She welcomed Ernest Minelli and stated that he has not been sworn in so cannot vote at this meeting.

Ms. Kuehn opened nominations for chair. Mr. Twombly nominated Jennifer Fleming for chair and that he would help her, especially during this difficult time of COVID.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Lucas Patenaude
Move to approve Jennifer Fleming as chair of the School Committee.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: David Twombly, Lucas Patenaude and Stephanie Peters

Ms. Peters thanked School Committee members for her time as chair.

Ms. Fleming nominated David Twombly as Vice Chair, stating that it would be great to learn from his experience.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve David Twombly as vice chair of the School Committee.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Jennifer Fleming, Stephanie Peters, Lucas Patenaude and David Twombly.

Ms. Fleming nominated Lucas Patenaude as Secretary.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Stephanie Peters

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

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

2.2 Update on Corona Virus

Ms. Kuehn stated that no guidelines have come out from the Governor or DESE yet. She said there is a District-wide Back to School Working Group along with building level working groups. She said final guidelines will be out in July. She is also looking at feedback on the remote learning survey and teachers are taking advantage of professional development to prep for fall.

2.3 MABA Update

Mr. DeGennaro told the Committee he had a call with MSBA and the Town Manager in June. He said Mr. Lemnios did most of the talking and asked about next steps. We were told we need to send a letter stating we are removing our application. Following receipt of letter we will be removed from the MSBA process. After that we will go through a removal certification process. Mr. DeGennaro said he was starting the bid process for 3 projects that the town will be bonding for at Memorial School, which are window envelope, brick work and HVAC on roof.

2.4 Central Office Reorganization

Ms. Kuehn stated that with the shift of her becoming Superintendent it created other necessary steps that will affect the Central Office. She said she will continue to do professional development, curriculum and public records requests. There is now a need to hire a Director of Student Services. There is also a need for David DeGennaro to become Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities, because he will have to take over other responsibilities. To do all these moves there is a need to reduce a staff member to half time.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to appoint David DeGennaro as Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities

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

3.0 School Committee Business

3.1 Resolution: Anti-racism

Mr. Twombly said School Committee around Massachusetts are supporting this resolution.

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to accept the Anti-racism resolution.

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

3.2 School Committee Meeting Dates 2020-2021

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the School Committee Meeting Dates 2020-2021.

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

4.0 Old Business Items

4.1 Sub-committees

HTA Negotiations met last Thursday from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm and everyone walked away satisfied. There is a one year contract.

4.2 Acceptance of Donations

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the following donation.

- \$25 from Ernest for HHS Class of 2020 Banners

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

5.0 Executive Session

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:45 pm to discuss negotiations strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Teachers. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

Attachments

1. Hull School Committee Anti-racism Resolution

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 16, 2020

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee