

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2020

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

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

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

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

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was remotely called to order by Jennifer Fleming, Chair at 5:02 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Ms. Fleming explained remote participation protocols for this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the July 22, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

A remote caller wanted to see a public meeting where the whole meeting would be on the topic of reopening schools.

4.0 Superintendent's Business Items

4.1 Preliminary Reopening Plans

Ms. Kuehn said that anyone that wants to can be on the district or any school working group and can join anytime. She stated the feasibility plans are due on July 31. Surveys were sent to families and staff. The next School Committee meeting will have input and vote on the preliminary reopening plan. Then August 10 the final plan is due to DESE. She said there is a lot to consider, including:

- One student per seat on buses, looking into walkers and survey for parents driving so enough room on buses
- First week in August meet with Manet Health Community regarding safety for students, staff and school nurses
- Head nurse is working in the SSEC summer school program working out the kinks

- Commissioner talking about shortening the school year
- Updating school calendar when we find out how many extra days for teachers
- EdTech teacher professional development days at beginning of year
- Childcare – if hybrid teachers have the ability to register their own children in Hull so teachers can be here
- If not in shutdown teachers would be at work in their classrooms
- High school and middle school classes can be 3 feet apart and elementary school classes can do 6 feet

Each school principal discusses what their buildings would look like.

Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, said our teachers and staff can be 6 to 9 feet at the front of the room and 6 feet around the faucets, so there is quite a bit of space. Three staff came today, we will be taking items out of rooms and store it. There will be 12-14 students per class. Ms. Cappadona said staff is working on all procedures, mask breaks, three different entrances, traffic flows, quarantine, bathrooms, all health and safety regulations. She said for hybrid model we can do it too. Half Monday and Tuesday and other cohort Thursday and Friday. Wednesday would be half day remote so rooms can be cleaned. If Remote, following a schedule, more time to video with classes, Chromebooks, balance with paper and pencil and reading. Prek-1 would get iPads and use Sea Saw Platform for lower grades. Google for grades 3-5 and Go-to-Meeting. They would have the ability to gather students for social/emotional learning and looking at ways to help students with schedules for week or day-to-day.

Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, said there is a lot of health and safety that we will be doing at all schools. He said he would just highlight the differences at the Memorial School. Mr. Hrivnak stated the school can do 3 feet apart for classes and the school would be full. He would prefer to have everyone back at school. There would be 22 students per classroom. If there needs to be more in 6th grade they would use the large group room and library. Use the gymnasium so there would be 66 students for lunch between the cafeteria and gym. Physical education would be held outside and wellness in the classroom. Traveling would be in grade levels so no mixing. There is a quarantine room near nurse's office. Hybrid is the same at all schools and remote very similar but expectations will be higher. Same level on remote as if we were in school. High level student will be challenged but not frustrating to students.

Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, said with in –person students would be 3 feet apart with 6 feet in the front of the room for teachers and the majority of classes would have 20 students. Teachers will have face masks and shields, plexiglass at desks, and would use large spaces such as the library, auditorium, exhibition room, gymnasium to have students distanced. She said they would move to three lunches a day, moving smaller tables in the lunchroom to be 6 feet apart and mask free. Look at traffic flow, stay to right, arrows, designated stairways up and down, one student at a time in bathrooms with someone on bathroom duty. There is a new check-in window in the lobby so people don't need to walk thru the main office and the nurses area has a quarantine sectioned off space. The hybrid model will be cohort A and B and same all school remote with Wednesday being a half day for teachers to plan. Remote students would use Google and Google Meet and it would be structured more than the spring. End of the day prep, office hours and grading. Grading will be traditional grading. She said she is waiting on additional guidelines for band, chorus and art.

Committee members and community members asked questions. The Committee added a meeting on August 3, 2020 before the plan is due to DESE on August 10th.

Ms. Kuehn said that there is a district-wide working group sent up with representation from the HTA and several staff members from each building. Ms. Nosek said there are teachers, athletic director, school nurse and parents that represent the Hull High School working group. Mr. Hrivnak said there are 16 people on the Memorial School working group and the make-up is the same as the high school. Ms. Cappadona said there are 39 people on the Jacobs School working group and because it is a bigger committee they are broken into 4 groups. Mr. Scott Paine, athletic director, said that the MIAA has pushed back fall sports until September 14. He said he has been appointed to the MIAA subcommittee and there is discussion about shortened seasons and 5 seasons, looking outside the box at different scenarios.

4.2 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement between the Hull Teachers Association and the Hull School Committee.

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that the 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement was ratified by the HTA. Highlights of the agreement included:

- Length of school day
- Change designation of holidays
- Lunch, sick, personal, course reimbursement
- Creation of Affinity Group for Students of Color at each school
- Joint Labor-Management Committee
- Anti-Racism Joint Committee
- 0% increase in salaries
- \$500 in recognition of COVID-19

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement between the Hull Teachers Association and the Hull School Committee.

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

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 30, 2020

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee