

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 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 7:06 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Ms. Fleming explained remote participation protocols for this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the August 5, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Approval of Minutes

None

4.0 Superintendent's Business Items

Ms. Kuehn took the two business items out of turn.

4.2 School Calendar

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that a vote on the student start date of September 16th and the teacher start date of August 31st is necessary. This is due to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Massachusetts DESE Commissioner and the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), which includes 10 planning days at the start of the year for teachers. The three school principals will get together to rework the rest of the calendar events.

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the change in school start date Teachers will begin on August 31, 2020 and students will begin on September 16, 2020.

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

David Twombly

4.1 Presentation of Three Model Comprehensive Re-opening Plans

Ms. Kuehn presented the Charting the Course Together to Re-Open School Preliminary Plan, which included the following:

- Key Points
- Guiding Principals
- Planning Structure to Prepare Our Schools
- Building Management Health & Safety
- Transportation Plan
- Building Readiness
- Custodial Staff
- Cleaning/Disinfecting our Schools
- Food Service
- Planning Structure to Prepare Our Schools
- Family July Survey
- In-Person Models
- Hybrid Models
- Remote Learning Models
- District High Needs Students
- Communications
- Return to School Working Group Members
- District Environmental Health and Safety Committee

The Committee made comments and asked questions. The community then asked questions thru Chat. Mr. Twombly recommended having additional meetings on the books in case we need to pivot. Dr. Martin Iser, doctor for the Hull Public Schools, said that the preliminary plan is an excellent plan to keep everyone safe, with the 6 feet of separation at the Jacobs School and hybrid at the others to keep the 6 feet there. He said that if it were his choice he would do hybrid.

Brian Mullin, HTA co-president, read a statement, saying the teacher want to be fully remote learning for a time then hybrid when time is right.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the Preliminary Plan with a footnote saying we will not do 3 feet.

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

Ms. Fleming asked Ms. Kuehn what her recommendation is at this time to start out the year. Ms. Kuehn stated that this is not something we take lightly and we have to decide what to do at this particular time. Ms. Kuehn said she would like to recommend hybrid at this time.

Jennifer Fleming made the motion to go with the Superintendents recommendation of hybrid at this time. Mr. Patenaude seconded the motion for discussion.

The Committee members discussed going remote or hybrid. There was a lot of discussion on both sides. The Committee recognizes the fluidity of the situation and biweekly meetings to discuss its effectiveness are likely.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and start school in the hybrid model. The Committee will revisit the plan and reassess on a biweekly basis.

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

9.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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