

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 6:36 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Ms. Fleming explained remote participation protocols for this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the September 16, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following minutes, as presented.

- Monday, March 30, 2020 open session before executive session
- Monday, June 15, 2020 regular meeting
- Wednesday, June 24, 2020 regular meeting
- Monday, July 13, 2020 regular meeting

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

5.1 Opening of School

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that today, the first day of school, went well. She said she

saw students getting off the buses with excitement to be back in the building at Jacobs School. There were grab-n-go breakfasts waiting for students who wanted one. The staff and students practiced social distancing and every student that got off the bus was wearing a mask and received a squirt of hand sanitizer before entering the building. She said cohort A will start school at the middle and high school tomorrow and cohort B will start on Friday. She said the energy was contagious and everyone was excited to be in the buildings.

5.2 Update from Each Principal

Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, gave the highlights of the week, which included: 9th graders came in on Monday and Tuesday. Freshman met faculty advisors on Monday and met with National Honor Society to walk to classes and meet teachers. The first remote day was remote with Advisory homeroom ½ hour each class and icebreaker activities. Tomorrow is first in-person day with cohort A and Friday will be cohort B's first in-person day. On remote Wednesdays students will be working on A,B,C,D classes and the next week will be E,F,G and Advisory and cohort days will be check in days, gradually overtime will be independent work.

Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, said it was wonderful to be here. He said Monday was orientation for grade 6 students. Cohort A and B came in on Tuesday to meet with teacher to get iPads, learn to use technology. iPad pick up in the afternoon. The free lunch program is starting at the Memorial School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:00 am for any Hull Public Schools students. The program is for all students regardless of income requirements. There is Monday pick-up for students in cohort B or remote and Wednesday pick-up for students in cohort A or remote. He said this afternoon they held grade level Zoom meetings. Cohort A starts in-person tomorrow and cohort B starts in –person on Friday. On remote Wednesdays students will be logging in with teachers and on A or B student will be checking in with their first period teacher and over time will do more.

Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal, said that today was an awesome, emotional day. She said everyone was a bit nervous but had their masks on, used sanitizer and other safety protocols. She said everything leading up to today really showed how successful this is. Monday and Tuesday kindergarten teachers held a meet and greet. Tuesday staff met with new families and we handed out devices for grades 1 – 5. There were a few challenges with arrival and dismissal. Tomorrow the buses will come earlier with routes early and on time so cars don't jam up. She thanked teachers and families for their understanding. In the past we only had 5 car riders so we need to tweak it because it is best to teach students in person.

Mary Merrigan, Pirate Academy Coordinator, said they did a per-assessment of where students are with learning. They dispatched 80 devices. Tara Grosso, Hull High School Librarian and now Pirate Academy Coordinator for the high school, has written a resource guide updating everything parents need to know.

Ms. Kuehn thanked the IT department by name, for all the work they did getting devices ready and deployed.

5.3 Face Coverings

Ms. Kuehn said this item is for clarification on face coverings that are not allowed at this time because they are not effective, which include wearing Gaiters.

5.4 Lunch Program

Mr. DeGennaro said that the USDA approved free breakfasts and lunch for all students. Any time they want to have lunch it is free. Menus are on the web. There will be grab-n-go breakfasts and lunch. We will have to charge your account if you just want milk or juice and not a full meal. Pay on-line only, no cash, so register on-line. While students are on hybrid or remote they will be able to pick up lunch at the Memorial School between 10:00 and 11:00 am. Pirate Academy can pick up on Monday and Wednesday and cohorts can pick up either Monday or Wednesday when they are not in-person. We ask that you fill out the form on the website to ensure we have enough meals ready. Homeschoolers are also eligible for free lunch as well as all students who reside in the town.

5.5 Athletics Update

Scott Paine, Athletic Director/Community Outreach Coordinator, informed the Committee and the community that he has been working with the MIAA. He said there will be four athletic seasons this year: fall 1, fall 2 (February – April) sports including football, volleyball, cheerleading and any sport that can't play at another time. Fall 1 will allow golf and soccer. Golf is a co-op with Rockland and will be co-ed and restricted to 16 players. There will be tryouts and unfortunately only 16 players can play. The Soccer season will include 9 regular season games and will play everyone in the league one time, then have a double elimination tournament, with winners of both divisions. JV has enough girls for a team but not sure about a boys' team. If there are 24-26 boys we could schedule some games with neighboring towns for local experience. Registration is open. Next Wednesday is a meeting with all potential soccer players and go thru MIAA guidelines since there are quite a few differences with safety. The meeting will take place on the field and he will use the new cordless microphone. As for the team room, when cohort A is in school they will use the team room and students on remote will dress at home. No storing items. 7 kids at a time with own bag and team rooms will be relocked so no access to any locker rooms. We have outdoor bathrooms, which is good. There is a limitation of 50 spectators at any game. Other students are not allowed to attend games and each player can only have 2 fans. We will have to hold spots if people drive visiting how many fans will be tracked and sign in. Kids are very excited. Ms. Kuehn added that Mr. Paine has spent a lot of hours on the MIAA committee. Mr. Paine discussed transporting players to game using buses and/or carpooling with waivers. There will be fewer games and some on weekends so parent or student drivers. We will figure out how to transport remote students to games.

5.6 Memorandum of Agreement with Hull Teachers Association

Ms. Kuehn stated that the Hull Teachers Association ratified the MOA regarding Reopening School this afternoon. It is ready to be ratified by School Committee to accept the MOA.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the September 16, 2020 as presented.

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

Ms. Kuehn said one of the items in the MOA is that the HTA agreed to weekly meetings with 3 representatives from the Hull Teachers Association and 3 representatives from the Hull School Committee. Ms. Kuehn told the Committee she would like to be on the committee. Mr. DeGennaro also stated that he would like to be on the committee. Ms. Peters added we can figure out a third person at another time.

6.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for first reading.

JFABD Homeless students: enrollment rights and services

JFABDA Homeless students: rights and services for students enrolling from out-state during COVID-19

JLCB Immunizations of students

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

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for second reading with one change: ACAA, change “it can be reported” to “in shall be reported”.

ACAA Sexual harassment

ACAB Title IX policy

KE Public complaints

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

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policy for third reading/adoption

EBCFB COVID-19 employee policy update: recreational travel & mandatory self-quarantine

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

7.0 Old Business

None

8.0 New Business

Ms. Peters wants administration to think about band, theatre, etc. getting up and running. Ms. Nosek said that she spoke to Jim Sullivan, Theatre Director, and he is getting the theatre kids involved to put on a virtual play. She also stated that clubs will be held virtually. Mr. Minelli added that Mr. Sullivan has put up posters and has sent out a survey to interested theatre students.

9.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Next Wednesday will be the first PTO meeting of the year and they are looking for more parents to join.
- The PTO is selling signs.

10.0 Executive Session

No need for executive session

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 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