

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 6:33 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 30, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes, as presented.

- March 30, 2020 Open Session before Executive Session
- April 28, 2020 Open Session before Executive Session
- July 22, 2020 Regular Meeting
- August 5, 2020 Regular Meeting
- August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting
- September 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
- September 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
- June 15, 2020 Executive Session
- July 13, 2020 Executive Session
- January 29, 2020 Executive Session

- February 5, 2020 Executive Session
- March 12, 2020 Executive Session
- March 23, 2020 Executive Session
- March 30, 2020 Executive Session
- April 16, 2020 Executive Session
- April 28, 2020 Executive Session
- May 8, 2020 Executive Session
- August 3, 2020 Executive Session

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

5.1 Education on CO₂ Readings – Deputy Frazier

Hull Fire Deputy, William Frazier, explained what measure he takes for CO₂ Readings. He said he went thru the whole process on Monday with Mr. DeGennaro. Someone from the fire department will do this every week. He started looking at OSHA and other standards and found that 1000 parts per million is not dangerous to anyone. The meter will measure indoor air quality and a measurement of 1000 is 100% safe. We didn't get any reading even close to that and we measured every room in every school. He said as he went into each classroom he introduced himself to the students and told them what he was doing. He said it only takes 1 minute or so for the meter to level out so it took 6 hours with Mr. DeGennaro to do all schools. Ms. Kuehn added there is a binder in each school's nurses office with the weekly readings. School Committee members asked questions, including what would happen if elevated levels, is there a plan of action? Deputy Frazier stated the best thing to do is open the windows and re-meter the space. He said the amount of pupils and adults in the room, humidity level, temperature and increased activity can all raise the CO₂ levels. The readings are not currently taking place in the locker rooms, auditorium, gymnasium or bathrooms. These rooms are either not being used on a regular basis at this time and people are in and out, one at a time in bathrooms. Deputy Frazier also stated that the heating and HVAC systems that are in these schools are not old and were designed to handle these buildings. He said currently no other town buildings are being monitored for CO₂. He has also reached out to other towns and no one else that he has spoken to is doing this in their school or town buildings. The schools purchased 4 meters at \$400 each.

Ms. Kuehn asked Mr. DeGennaro to talk about the vents. Mr. DeGennaro met with the HVAC specialist and maintenance person to talk about how we can tell if all vents are working, we will try tying a ribbon on the exhaust vent which will show the ribbon being sucked in and to the air conditioning vents where the ribbon should flap around, instead of staff walking around with a broomstick and a Kleenex attached to it.

Ms. Kuehn also wanted to take this time to discuss the health data and what happens when we are in red or yellow. She spoke to the three school nurses and Board of Health Director, Joyce Sullivan, who said they feel safe to have the school open at this time. Ms. Kuehn was also on a call with the school nurses and the 3 HTA co-presidents to discuss this and the data shows we are in a good place to stay open. Ms. Peters asked that parents and community members please be careful of what you are putting out on social media. Call the schools if you have questions. It is already tough enough so don't go on social media and discuss people's issues. Ms. Kuehn added that it is great to parents report to us. Mr. Twombly added, if people are not comfortable

seeing others on Facebook they will not come forward and be ridiculed, so think twice before posting on Facebook, it is harmful to the district. Ms. Fleming agreed with everyone else and added, be good and kind and please reach out directly with questions. Ms. Kuehn reminded people that those students have to return to school too.

5.2 BLW Engineering HVAC System Evaluation Reports

Mr. DeGennaro discussed the BLW Engineering HVAC System Evaluation performed by Ken Beck. He explained that all schools are safe to occupy even when windows are closed. He said Mr. Beck made some recommendations including, continue to maintain HVAC system, (the existing HVAC system exceeds ventilation requirements per occupant.) Replace Merv 5 filters with Merv 8 filters. Plan for filter changes quarterly. Run exhaust vents all day. Keep system on occupied mode (which we are doing). The MTA suggested rooftop units at maximum outdoor air for ventilation at 20 CFM per occupant, our units are above that with the capability of providing 32 CFM per occupant. We are monitoring CO₂ levels weekly, open windows when conditions allow, maintain air conditioners. Do not use fans. Monitoring heat and air on a regular basis. System analysis was used as is. Windows can be opened but not necessary. Tier II heating season. Portable Hepa filters where necessary (office around the gym, in boys and girls locker rooms). Our 32 cubic feet per minute exceeds recommendation. Relocate theatre arts office because it does not have windows. Mr. DeGennaro reiterated Mr. Beck's comment that all schools are safe to occupy even with windows closed. Ms. Kuehn said the evaluations will be added to the district website.

5.3 Update on Athletics

Mr. Paine gave an update on athletics, which included the following: tryouts took place and he was surprised at the number of student athletes that registered for soccer. There were 70 students for soccer and 2 for golf. Golf is a co-op with Rockland. Also, one student was grandfathered in on the co-op cross country team with Cohasset, and that is Robert Hunter. There will be a varsity and junior varsity girls and boys soccer teams. The games will be restricted to 9 games within our league then 2 division post season games. There is no playing outside of the league at all. Zoom meetings were held with great participation and attendance. The game of soccer will be very different this year so we had to go thru the accommodations and rules. The meetings lasted 1 ½ hours total over two days. Right now no spectators at scrimmages. The first scrimmages are tomorrow at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Mr. Paine also said he just found out Hull TV will not be able to film so we need to come up with a plan B. The Snack Shack will not be open but if we get the go ahead at any time it is clean and ready to open, we just need provisions. Mr. Paine was asked what happens if we go red metrics but our school nurses say it is safe do we have the ability to still have athletics, and he responded, ultimately if the Board of Health, school nurses, School Committee and Superintendent say it is OK whether students are still in school or out they can still play sports.

5.4 Remote Learning – Wednesdays at Jacobs

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee and the community that after meeting with parents and teachers it was decided that the Wednesday's will be remote for all students so the Jacobs staff and students can practice being remote in case we have to go remote in the future and it makes sense to align with the other two schools. The Wednesday dismissal time will be 1:15 pm. Ms. Cappadona, Jacobs School principal will update the schedule in the Charting the Course Together to Re-open Schools and Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School principal, will also update her Wednesday schedule at that time. This will start on October 7th and the updated document will need to be voted on at the next School Committee meeting. Mr. Twombly asked about high needs

students and Ms. Kuehn said they will come to school all 4 days a week when school is in session. She also stated that the Jacobs School dismissal time will start on Monday and go back to regular dismissal at 3:15 pm. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

5.5 Home Internet Access

Ms. Kuehn said she sent out notices to families to contact Maggie Ollerhead if they need assistance with home internet access. They must fill out a free and reduced lunch application to see if they qualify to receive internet from us. She also told the principals to ask their staff to let them know if they think someone may need help.

6.0 School Committee Business Items

6.1 Walking Track Naming

Ms. Fleming explained that the updated policy FF – Naming New Facilities, shows the process for new facility naming, which is to submit a request to the Superintendent and School Committee Chair, who will specify the reasons why the facility should be named and the School Committee will then deliberate. The requesters in this case are Mr. Derek and Mrs. Kerrie Ryan, who stated, in a letter, their reasons why they believe the walking track at Hull High School should be named after their daughter Emma, was a student athlete at Hull High School and volunteered and supported the Field4Hull, which was the group that helped get the word out and raise money for the new Hull Community Walking Track and Turf Field. Ms. Fleming set a period of 2 weeks as the deliberation period. Mr. DeGennaro spoke to someone at the office of the inspector general who told him that naming the track is exempt from procurement under Chapter 30B so we are free to accept this offer. The Ryans will make a donation of \$75,000 over a period of 15 years, which will be \$5,000 per year. The money will go towards paying down the debt.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the following policies for second 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, Ernest Minelli, Stephanie Peters, Lucas Patenaude and Jennifer Fleming

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption

ACAA Sexual harassment

ACAB Title IX policy

KE Public complaints

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

8.0 Old Business

- Paraprofessional negotiations will be held tomorrow
- Secretaries met for ground rules last week

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Virtual Open Houses
 - Memorial School will be held tonight
 - Jacobs School held last night, teachers in the building with virtual classroom tours, participation rate was high.
 - Hull High School will hold theirs tomorrow night, teachers sending out links for parents, 10 minutes each class, move thru the student's classes.
- Someone reached out to Mr. Patenaude regarding energy efficiencies.

11.0 **Adjournment**

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of
the Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on October 19, 2020

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee