

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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 6:32 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 Octboer 19, 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

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** David Twombly **Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following minutes, as presented.

- September 30, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

5.1 Charting the Course Together to Reopen School - Update

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that the Charting the Course Together to Reopen School document was updated to reflect changes in the remote learning schedule at the high school and elementary school. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School principal, explained the change to the remote learning schedule for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, stating that students will

follow a schedule similar to a block model and have set times for each period. She stated that Wednesdays will continue to follow the rotating remote Wednesday schedule and will rotate between blue and gold days. Ms. Kuehn stated that the Memorial School will keep the same remote learning schedule Monday thru Friday. Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School principal, explained the changes in the remote learning schedule template for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday schedule and the template for the remote Wednesday schedule.

Ms. Kuehn stated she would like to update the Committee and community on a few things before moving into agenda items. The following items were mentioned:

- Kathe Keegan, Head Nurse, was asked to go over the COVID numbers. Ms. Keegan stated that she is in close contact with the Board of Health and there have been a few cases in Hull but no clusters and the measures we are taking at school is really working well.
- The free meals program has been extended thru the remainder of the school year and there is still meals pickup at the Memorial School on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Daddy's Beach Club will be hosting free Thanksgiving dinners for families with take out, delivery and dine-in options.
- A parent forum coming up called "Where we are now" will be held virtually
- If there are "snow days" and if we have power the day will be a remote learning day.
- There is a survey for Pirate Academy if students want to opt-out and come back to school. October 31 is the deadline.
- Jim Sullivan, Theatre Arts Director, had to resign due to family issues. Charles Jodoin, current Technical Director, will step up and present a remote "Christmas Carol", live streamed or pre-recorded. H will be holding a Zoom informational meeting then Zoom auditions. Ms. Nosek said it will be great, especially for seniors, who thought they would miss out on their final year of theater.

Mr. Twombly asked about space if students do come back from Pirate Academy. Ms. Kuehn said that down the road it could become a problem if more students come back after the second term or trimester so they may have to move some classes to bigger rooms in the buildings.

## 6.0 School Committee Business Items

### 6.1 Walking Track Naming

Ms. Fleming said the process of naming the track is consistent with the policy. She continued stating that the Ryan family submitted their request thru the principal level, School Council level, Boosters level, Superintendent and now School Committee. She then said she would make a motion to name the track facility the Emma Ryan Community Walking Track. She then said that the Ryan family is making a very generous donation of \$75,000, which is \$5,000 per year for 15 years. She said she asked the Ryan family if they had a preference for how the funds will be used and they said to pay down the bond.

Committee members thanked the Ryan's for the great donation and all the fundraising and scholarships they have made possible. Ms. Peters did not comment, as she is good friends with the Ryan family.

Mr. Patenaude sent an email to Committee members asking to change the language on policy FFA, which states facilities should never name anything after someone. Since the email was just sent, Committee members suggested waiting and discussing it under School Committee Policy Issues later on the agenda.

**Motion:** Ernest Minelli

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to name the new high school track the Emma Ryan Community Walking Track.

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

**Abstain:** Stephanie Peters

#### 7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Mr. Patenaude said he would like the Committee to adopt the edits he made to policy FFA – Memorials and emailed to the Committee. Other members thought, in terms of timing, they can wait on this policy and to go thru the regular process of three readings and adoption. This will also give Maggie a chance to check with MASC like any other policy.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption.

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:** Jennifer Fleming, Lucas Patenaude, David Twombly, Ernest Minelli and Stephanie Peters

#### 8.0 Old Business

##### 8.1 Subcommittees

- Paraprofessionals and Secretaries are in ongoing negotiations
- The Budget Manual for the FY22 was sent to School Committee members, Mr. DeGennaro said he would discuss it under new business.

##### 8.2 Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the following donation:

- Samsung Chromebook 3 (estimated value \$220) from John Mathers to use as needed

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

#### 9.0 New Business

Mr. DeGennaro said he emailed the FY22 Budget Manual today. He said the dates are a little late this year because of what has been going on. He said the first School Committee presentation will be held in January. It will be condensed and a quick turnaround.

#### 10.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Ms. Peters asked about sporting events. Ms. Kuehn said parents are traveling to away games but we are sticking to what we agreed upon, which is 2 passes for families but no out-of-townners admitted to the games. We will reach out to the Patriot League.

#### 11.0 Executive Session

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Paraprofessionals). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

**Roll call vote: Ayes:** David Twombly, Lucas Patenaude, Stephanie Peters, Ernest Minelli and Jennifer Fleming

12.0 Adjournment

Attachment

1. Charting the Course Together to Re-Open School

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

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary  
Hull School Committee