

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 called to order by Jennifer Fleming, Chair at 6:31 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:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the November 16, 2020 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the following minutes, with the following change to October 19, 202 regular meeting minutes; page 2 last bullet change "*H will be holding*" to "*HPSTA will be holding*"

- October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting
- August 27, 2020 Executive Session
- September 8, 2020 Executive Session
- September 10, 2020 Executive Session

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

### 5.1 John and Abigail Adams Scholarships

Ms. Kuehn announced that twenty-one Hull High School seniors have received the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade 10 MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. This award makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School principal read the students names and congratulated them.

Jenna Canavan

Katie Clifford

Maeve Donohue

Carly Donovan

Bianca Foresta

Brody Foster

Alexandra Gampel

Hailey Grubbs

Shawna Hernandez-Larochelle

Robert Hunter

Maximillian Iorio

Fionn Krahforst

Kacee McKinney

John Meagher

Arieanna Miller

Benjamin Olivieri

Jacob Rickard

Victoria Rosado

Melissa Rymaszewski

Anthony Scalia

Nolan Tiani

### 5.2 COVID-19 Updates

Governor's Travel Order – reminder with holidays approaching

Ms. Kuehn reminded the community of the Governor's Travel Order, which applies to all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption. The travel order states that these people are required to complete the Massachusetts Travel Form prior to arrival and quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts. If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result. Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine per day.

Ms. Kuehn also reminded the community of the limit for indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor gatherings to 25 people and to be careful during the holidays.

### Snow Days

Ms. Kuehn stated the Commissioner has determined that for this school year only (2020-2021), if there are days when schools must close because of inclement weather or other emergency, districts may choose whether to treat those days as "snow days" to be made up later or provide all students with remote learning on those days in a manner that is consistent with the regulatory requirements and the decision will be made at the local level. If it is decided we do remote learning on any day we would use the Remote Wednesday model in each school. The middle school and high school use synchronous learning, while the elementary school uses synchronous and asynchronous learning. Ms. Kuehn said she is planning on taking each storm as an individual situation after consultation with the Fire Chief and DPW.

### Update on DPH Health Metrics

Ms. Kuehn said she is in ongoing communication with the Board of Health Nurses and the three school nurses, looking at transmission and the metrics. She said that if the BOH recommends going remote in a building or buildings we would do that. She also pointed out the new DPH Health Metrics chart, which is more in line with the number of community members that reside in

Hull and is glad the state refined the guidance.

#### Prioritizing In-person Learning

The Commissioner is prioritizing in-person learning and the Hull Leadership team agrees. Ms. Kuehn said the team wants to prioritize but still want 6 feet of social distancing in the classrooms. She said they agree that all special education students in all programs, including TBL, WAVES, TIDES, etc. should come in 4 days a week. She added the Engagement Committee 6-12 is looking into students who are not engaging and will be reaching out to those families for some in-person learning on the days they are normally at home and disengaged. We will invite them in to give them strategies to help engagement. Ms. Kuehn said she has also been talking to Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School principal and Ms. Nosek, Hull High School principal, about trying to get a whole grade level back 4 days a week in each building, but not sure if space allows. Dr. Merrigan, Instructional Coach/Out-of-district Coordinator, updated the Committee on Pirate Academy, saying there are 23 students returning to in-person learning and it is a solid transition. There was a parent forum with school nurses. Memorial students started back today and the Pirate Academy teachers spoke with the school based teachers to make for a smooth transition. The Jacobs students won't return until December but will work with their in-school class on remote Wednesdays. Parents will do a walk thru for returning students. Ms. Peters said she is struggling with bringing back only one grad level per school. She said she was a little concerned at the Memorial School and would move to have more students back. Getting the middle school back would be great for our district. Ms. Kuehn said we are having those discussions too but we had extra teachers at the Jacobs School. She said she and Mr. Hrivnak have been working together, it is complex but they are on the same page. Mr. DeGennaro and Mr. Hrivnak have been working to on moving furniture because when you bring back these students we still want to be 6 feet apart so we are trying to make sure we monitor virus counts.

#### Winter Sports

Ms. Kuehn said she is waiting for MIAA guidelines on hockey and basketball so no registration has been sent out. We currently are not allowing people, not part of the school community, to enter the buildings now so I can't see how we would allow visiting teams with coaches and officials to enter the building. She said she would know more next Monday.

#### 5.3 Memorandum of Agreement with School Secretaries

Ms. Kuehn asked the Committee to vote on the Secretaries receiving a one year contract with no language changes and a 1.5% COLA plus \$200 for COVID. Ms. Fleming said that technically she and Mr. Twombly were the School Committee members on the subcommittee but Ms. Kuehn did all the work.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with School Secretaries.

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

#### 6.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Mr. Patenaude suggested a few wording changes he made to policy FFA – Memorials and emailed to the Committee before the last meeting. Ms. Ollerhead researched the policy and checked with MASC for any other policy wording.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the following policy for first reading.

FFA Memorials

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

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the following policies for first reading.

JBB Educational Equity

JEB Entrance Age

JLA Student Insurance Program

JLC Student Health Services and Requirements

JLCA Physical Examinations of Students

JLCD Administering Medication to Students

JM Selection of Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian

JMB Scholarships

JP Student Gifts and Solicitations

JQ Student Fees, Fines and Charges

JRD Student Photographs

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

Ms. Fleming stated that the following policies have been removed from the MASC reference manual as they were found to be redundant or unnecessary. Ms. Ollerhead wrote an explanation for the reason each policy should be removed from our policy manual.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to delete the following policies from the Hull Public Schools Policy Manual.

JICI Weapons in School Policy

JLCCA Aids (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

JLCCA-RAides (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Resolution

JLCD-E Medication Error Report

JLCE First Aid, Emergency Medical Care and Accident Reports

JLD Guidance Program

JLD-E Guidance Program

JLF Reporting Child Abuse Policy

JLF-R Student Welfare Regulations

JLIA Supervision of Students

JLIB Student Dismissal Precautions

JLIE Student Automobile Use

JMA Student Awards

JN Student Volunteers for School and Community Service

JO Employment of Students

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

## 7.0 Old Business

### 7.1 Subcommittees

- Secretaries negotiations has been completed

7.2 Donations

**Motion:** Lucas Patenaude

**Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to accept the following donation:

- \$2,500 in memory of Audrey Connor to be used as needed for the Music and Arts departments at all three schools

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

8.0 New Business

None

9.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Mr. Minelli updated the Committee on the earlier Community Outreach Forum saying there was a small but vibrant discussion regarding Pirate Academy and special education, helping all of our learners to feel included. He stated that if everyone feels connected as a whole it is a benefit of a small district and can be responsive. He encouraged people on the forum call to reach out to promote connectivity and have a conversation.

10.0 Executive Session

Motion: Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Lucas Patenaude

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

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

11.0 Adjournment

These Minutes of a meeting of  
the Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on December 14,  
2020

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary  
Hull School Committee