

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Jennifer Fleming, Chair (present)
David Twombly, Vice Chair (arrived at 6:35 pm)
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 6:32 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 January 11, 2021 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative

None

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Lucas Patenaude

Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

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

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.1 HHS Students Selected for Southeastern District Senior Music Festival

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School music teacher, Band Director and Choral Music Director, discussed how this year's auditioning for the Southeastern District Senior Music Festival were held remotely. He introduced the three senior students that were selected to perform at the

remote festival. Maeve Donohue will play the trumpet in the All-State Virtual Festival in a couple of weeks. Two students, Bianca Foresta and Robert Hunter were picked as senior vocals, which breaks Hull's 30 dry spell. They will participate in this week's festival. They all spent 11 hours of virtual singing or playing instruments with hundreds of other students auditioning in the Southeastern District. Mauve, Bianca and Robert each spoke about their own experience of rehearsing and recording. They also talked about having master classes with professionals and composers. Committee members thanked the group for coming to the meeting and sharing their experiences with the community.

6.2 Wellspring Food Truck Partnership

Mr. Vinny Harte, Wellspring Director, started by thanking Ms. Kuehn, Mr. DeGennaro, Mr. Hrivnak and the Memorial School custodians for being able to get every student who needed it five breakfasts and lunches for several months, from March thru the summer. He continued saying the summer lunch program started many years ago and that, along with what we did in March to the end of summer, we have decided to put in a small kitchen. We bought a food truck. We will make the majority of food at the middle school and drive around on the food truck. We could make sure we get food thru summer, not only for students, but for families, rooming houses, etc. He said the truck has been purchased but waiting for delivery. He said he is looking for someone to work the truck and there are other positions open for programs that serve the community. Hunger and food insecurity will not be a thing in Hull, it will be a destination that people will look forward to, there will be a big screen TV on one side and people can also buy food or give donations. Committee members asked questions and thanked Mr. Harte for the partnership with the schools and community.

6.3 COVID-19 Update

EBT - Ms. Kuehn reminded the community that we still have meals pick-up at the Memorial School on Mondays and Wednesdays, which is free for everyone. She said for students that have received EBT benefits in the past please contact Maggie Ollerhead to update your information.

HHS Intramural's – Ms. Kuehn said high school intramurals started on day then the school went remote. Mr. Dan Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School assistant principal, gave a brief update on the opening of intramurals. He said although we only had one day due to the pause, on that day 17 students used the fitness center, 17 girls and boys played basketball. He said the fitness center will be open on Saturdays from 9-10:30 am. Batting cages will be open on Saturdays also. Mr. Paine is planning on having volleyball, kickball, floor hockey and outside activities too. He said Mr. Paine and Mr. O'Donnell are working on it and doing a great job. There will be outside basketball with 2 hoops in the parking lot and the coaches are involved too. He said the students will be back on January 21, 2021.

Health Metrics – Ms. Kuehn stated that we have the highest number of COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic. She said there were 8 cases from January 4th to 8th at the high school so she thought it best to take a pause at the high school until January 21st. She said we started consulting with Manet Health on COVID testing and starting this week, on Wednesdays, which is our remote days, they will offer testing in Hull. She also said the vaccine is coming, as the first responders will start being vaccinated tomorrow. The teachers are on phase 2, which should be here around February or March.

Increase In-person Learning Grades 6-12

Ms. Kuehn stated that we are looking at getting students in to the buildings at the middle school

and the high school. She said at the middle school we are going to bring the 8th grade back at the beginning of the next term, which is February 1st to start. Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School principal, said he and his staff are looking forward to bringing kids back. Ms. Peters said she thinks bringing all middle school grades back on February 1st is what should happen. She also said the high school seniors need to be back because they have been denied opportunities. She would like to get as many kids back as quickly as possible. Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that administrators are working on getting everyone back. The issue at the middle school is staffing. Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School principal, said she is looking at bringing back students with IEP's and 504's. The high school administration and Kristen Ryan, Director of Student Services, are planning in stages, zeroing in on those students and looking at the schedule and the capacity in classrooms. They are looking at students who are struggling the most in those sub-groups. She said we have offered 4 days a week in-person to students in the WAVES and TIDES programs. Ms. Kuehn added there are Remote Learning Centers at the middle school and high school and we are about to start after-school support at the high school. Ms. Nosek said a top priority is to get some of the senior milestones back. The other School Committee members agree with bringing students back but cautiously since we are still so slowly instead of all at once.

Technology – Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that 200 Chromebooks are on back order so we purchased 50 different ones and now all grades and students are 1 to 1. These new Chromebooks went to the Kindergarten.

6.4 Superintendent's Goals

Ms. Kuehn state that her goals are for July 2020 to July 2021. She said she worked with her coach, Scott Bostell. Goal 1 – Re-opening school in the fall during COVID. Goal 2 – Level service budget. Goal 3 – Partnering around 5 contracts we are negotiation. Goal 4 – Aligns with the Strategic Plan.

7.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Jennifer Fleming **Second:** David Twombly

Move to accept the following policies for second reading:

JLIAA Teacher-Student Relations

JLIAB Staff-Student Relations

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

Motion: Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the following policy for third reading/adoption:

FFA Memorials

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

Motion: Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Ernest Minelli

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

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, Ernest Minelli, Stephanie Peters, Lucas Patenaude and David Twombly

8.0 Old Business

None

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Approval of Warrants

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Mr. Patenaude said Hull's Clean Energy Action Committee has outlined Hull's energy consumption. They have a solar energy presentation they would like to share and if appropriate come to a future meeting.

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of
the Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on January 25, 2021

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee