

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

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 6:32 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: Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the February 22, 2021 as presented.

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

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- October 19, 2020 Executive Session
- January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

5.0 Superintendent's Business Items

5.1 Robotics Video

Ms. Kuehn showed the robotics video that Mr. Brandon Sullivan, Memorial School Technology Teacher, produced, which is a mix between student interviews and robot footage. Mr. Sullivan said the smaller class sizes helped out with one robot per student and with programming

experience. He said it was a lot of fun.

5.2 Hull High School Program of Studies

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented the proposed changes to the high school program of studies, which included the following categories:

- Graduation Requirements
- Promotion Requirements
- English
- Science
- Social Studies

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Program of Studies as presented.

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

5.3 Technology Update

Ms. Judi Saide, Director of Technology, updated the Committee on what has been going on since COVID hit on March 12, 2020:

- Setup and rolled out Go-to-Meeting and Google Meet accounts
- Upgraded or replaced staff PCs that were outdated for purposes of synchronized teaching
- Procured webcams, wired headsets and wireless headsets for all admin and staff
- Ensured that every student, K-12, had a device for Remote Learning
- Put into place a process to swap out damaged or lost devices so that students can continue learning while the devices are fixed or replaced
- Configured and rolled out VPN solution to all administrative for remote access
- Ensured that all students and staff had G-Suite for Education (hullpublicschools.us) accounts
- Setup Galileo for grades 1-8
- Setup Waggle Math for Grades 1-5
- Setup and rolled out Classlink (Single Sign On) and continue to expand upon it's utility
- Expand the Accounts tab in Aspen on the student detail page so that teachers can help students log in to their various services
- Add Wireless Access Points (WAPs) wherever needed to expand wireless coverage
- Upgraded both Comcast and Verizon internet services to the schools to the highest level available (Gigabit access)
- Expanded upon upgraded the UPS emergency systems for vital equipment in case of power outage
- Provide tips, training and assistance to teachers to aid them in remote, hybrid and synchronous learning
- Continue to attend to district wide technology needs and issues as they arise.

The Committee thanked Ms. Saide and her team for all that they have done to keep the Hull Public Schools going during the pandemic.

5.4 COVID-19 Update

COVID-19 Testing – Pooled and Individual– Ms. Kuehn started out by saying we are in the yellow and have not had a positive COVID case for staff or students in two weeks. She said individual PCR testing has begun and as of today all tests have come back negative. She said there will be a parent forum about pooled testing on Thursday, March 25th at 6:30 pm. She also stated the three school nurses will be going to Watertown to watch how they do pooled testing

and we will begin a pilot program of pooled testing on Monday, March 8th in grade 8 and 9. If a pooled test comes back positive individual PCR tests will be administered. Staff and students in the positive pool will then be sent home to quarantine until the results of the PCR tests come back. If negative they can come back to school.

Return of High School Students – Ms. Nosek presented her phased in plan to bring back students, which included bringing back grade 9 students to four days in-person beginning March 8th. She added that to keep the 6 feet distance some classes will have to be moved to different rooms. She is also looking at ways to bring back additional students but not sure if 6 feet will work. There was a comment about maybe reopening the MOA if students can't come back at 6 feet. Committee members and community members discussed having the seniors come back or at least having social events for the seniors. Ms. Nosek stated that she is looking into a tent and speaking to other principals to come up with socially distanced activities where the seniors can get together. The Committee and community members also discussed other ways to get students back in the building.

5.5 FY22 Administration Preliminary Budget

Athletics – Mr. Scott Paine and Mr. David DeGennaro presented the FY22 athletic budget, which included the following:

- Funding sources
- Current participation fees
- Town appropriation
- FY20 breakdown of funding sources
- Total cost to run our athletic program

Mr. Paine answered questions.

Revolving Funds – Mr. DeGennaro presented the FY22 revolving funds, which included the following:

- Integrated pre-school
- School lunch program
- Lost book fund
- KidsCare/Adult Ed
- JASPER after school program
- Jacobs math league
- HHS activity fees
- Summer music program
- Summer fitness program
- HHS turf field – rental
- HHS turf field – advertising
- Theatre arts program

Maintenance of Facilities – Mr. DeGennaro presented the FY22 maintenance of facilities, which included the following:

- Expenditure history and FY22 proposed budget
- Use of property revolving fund – expenditure history
- Protecting Town of Hull's assets

- Memorial Middle School repair project
- FY20 maintenance expenditures by cost category

5.6 School Calendar 2021-2022

Ms. Kuehn stated the first day of school for students will be Wednesday, September 1st and the last day at this time will be Wednesday, June 15th. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th.

6.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

7.0 Old Business

8.1 Sub-committees – vote to change member on HTA Negotiations sub-committees

Ms. Fleming said she is not able to continue on HTA negotiations and suggested that all members of the Committee would want to be on HTA negotiations if scheduling permits. Mr. Twombly said that if all members of the School Committee were on negotiations then the HTA would want all their members on it too. It was not decided who would be on HTA negotiations.

8.2 Donations

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to accept the following donation:

- \$450 from Robert Bird (w/The Center Hull Gang) to pay down all outstanding negative student meal balances.

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

8.0 New Business

None

10.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of
the Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on March 8, 2021

Lucas Patenaude, Secretary
Hull School Committee