

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 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: David Twombly

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to approve the April 5, 2021 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

The student representatives were not on the call yet so the Chair moved on to the next agenda item.

5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Fleming

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- March 8, 2021 Executive Session
- April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting
- April 7, 2021 Meeting with MARS Group

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

6.0 Superintendent's Business Items

6.2 Superintendent Evaluation

Ms. Kuehn described the procedure for Step 5 of the Superintendent Evaluation, which is the last step in the process. She told the Committee that each member will go thru the paperwork and rate her on each goal and Maggie will collect them, compile them and report out at a future

meeting. She said, this way Lucas will have an opportunity to rate each goal before he ends his term on the School Committee. Committee members would like to see the evaluation schedule moved earlier but understand that due to COVID everything was different this year.

2.0 Student Representative Report

Seniors, Nolan Tiani and Ben Olivieri, listed the final events of the school year for seniors, which included a food truck day, pizza party, spirit day, senior breakfast with motivational speaker, field day on the turf, scholarship and awards on June 2, graduation rehearsal and walk outside Jacobs School on June 3, graduation on June 5 and prom on June 18.

6.1 MARS – Best Educational Use of School Facilities Discussion

Ms. Kuehn stated that we need to do two more MARS presentations to the community. One meeting will be to parents and community and the other to staff on the professional development day on June 17th during the day, which is the last day of school. MARS Consulting Group representative, Jay Barry, suggested having pre-organized questions at these meetings. Ms. Kuehn said the next step would be to set up a liaison group, which would include a member of the School Committee, the Superintendent, the Town Manager and a member of the Board of Selectmen. That committee would then set up an ad hoc committee, which would include the Superintendent, a School Committee member, the Town Manager, the Assistant Superintendent, a member of the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Advisory Board, 3 parents and 3 teachers, to look over the recommendations and vet the next steps. Jay Barry confirmed that the liaison committee would be a smaller group and the ad hoc would have more people. The ad hoc committee would meet on a regular basis. There was a discussion of what the ad hoc committee would do. The MARS Group envisions them discussing the 4 options and see the pros and cons of each then come up with the best option and go into a deep dive. They also need a timeline, go thru the bid process if hiring a consultant. Ms. Fleming asked if the Committee wanted to pick a representative from the School Committee to be the liaison. Mr. Minelli asked if the Committee could resolve the liaison role until after the reorganization. Ms. Fleming said her only reservation is that we are here now. Ms. Peters made a motion to have Ms. Fleming, Mr. Minelli and Ms. Kuehn on the ad hoc committee. Mr. Minelli will be the liaison. Ms. Kuehn will set up meetings and timeline. Mr. Barry recommended doing a press release before the meeting with parents and community members and also recommended having an agenda to structure the meeting. Ms. Peters suggested that Ms. Kuehn update the Strategic Plan with her own take on it.

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 SSEC Board Member

Ms. Kuehn asked the Committee if any of them would like to represent Hull Public Schools on the SSEC Board of Directors. She stated that the representative from each town can either be the Superintendent or a School Committee member and that all other towns in the SSEC are currently represented by Superintendents.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Moved to appoint Ms. Kuehn to serve on the South Shore Educational Collaborative as a Board Member representing Hull for FY22.

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

7.2 Memorandum of Agreement with School Nurses

Ms. Kuehn told the Committee that the school nurse have ratified and signed the MOA and the Committee has the one year contract in their packets. She said she cannot say enough of these

nurses through this pandemic. They have been wonderful. Nurses Appreciation Day is June 7th.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with School Custodians.

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

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Sub-committees

- Starting negotiations with HTA on Wednesday.
- Settled all other contracts for 2020-2021.
- Anti-Racism Committee has met a few times.

8.2 Donations

None

9.0 New Business

None

10.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

- Mr. Pat Finn said that Ai3 were our architects on the school buildings and we should get them involved. Mr. Minelli said that he wants the public to know that we are going to be thoughtful with the best education use and we need to reassure everyone. We are only going to do what is the best educational use and include you in the process.
- When asked if the guidelines have come out for spring sports Mr. Paine stated that all have been lifted but we will look at spectator guidelines. He said he is waiting for guidance from the MIAA. He also said, the Fall 2 coached had a great season and deserve a lot of credit. We are one of the only towns that have not quarantined. We are following protocol. Mr. Twombly said our field looks so beautiful on TV, to which Mr. Paine replied, Best field in the state, if not the country. The press is very impressed with the field.
- Ms. Kuehn and School Committee members all thanked Lucas for his time on the Committee, since this is his last formal School Committee meeting. They thanked him for serving and wished him well.

11.0 Executive Session

No need for executive session

11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Lucas Patenaude

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

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

These Minutes of a meeting of
the Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on June 21, 2021

Ernest Minelli, Secretary
Hull School Committee