

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

David Twombly, Chair (present)  
Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present)  
Ernest Minelli, Secretary (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 Judy Kuehn, Superintendent at 6:01 p.m. remotely, via Go-To-Meeting.

Ms. Kuehn explained remote participation protocols for this meeting. She said that Kyle Conley was elected to the Committee but she has not been sworn in so cannot vote at this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** David Twombly **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve the Tuesday, May 25, 2021 agenda.

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

3.0 Superintendents Business Items

3.1 Reorganization

Ms. Kuehn opened nominations for chair. Ms. Fleming nominated David Twombly for chair.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve David Twombly as chair of the School Committee.

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

Mr. Twombly thanked School Committee members for voting for him as chair.

Mr. Twombly nominated Jennifer Fleming as vice chair.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve Jennifer Fleming as vice chair of the School Committee.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: David Twombly, Stephanie Peters and Ernest Minelli.

Ms. Fleming nominated Ernest Minelli as secretary.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Stephanie Peters

Move to approve Ernest Minelli as secretary of the School Committee.

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: David Twombly, Jennifer Fleming and Stephanie Peters.

### 3.2 School Choice

Ms. Kuehn stated that she recommends the Committee to vote against school choice this year. She said the pandemic and the Best Educational Use of School Facilities study are two reasons for her recommendation.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve Ernest Minelli as secretary of the School Committee.

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

### 3.3 Face Coverings Policy Change

Ms. Kuehn explained the changes to the face covering policy since the CDC guidelines have changed. The changes related mostly to the high school and people on school grounds when school is not in session. Grades preschool – 8 will continue to wear masks during recess and outside activities until the end of the school year. Students in grades 9 thru 12 will no longer have to wear masks when outdoors, even if social distancing cannot be maintained. Ms.

Keegan, Jacobs School nurse, said that students are doing so well in school since September 16 with no problems wearing masks and being so close to the end of the year, she doesn't think there should be a change now. She said no parents or staffs have questioned it since the guideline changed on May 17<sup>th</sup>. She said to change it now, with only 15 school days left, would just be confusing and it is working so well.

Committee members spoke of pros and cons of wearing the masks for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Peters said she disagreed with the students wearing the mask outdoors. Other members said they have been listening to the advice from the nurses since this started and will support the decision now.

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming

**Second:** Ernie Minelli

Moved to accept the changes and adopt the following policy.

EBCFA – Face Coverings

**Roll Call Vote:** Ayes: Jennifer Fleming, Ernie Minelli and David Twombly

Nays: Stephanie Peters

Mr. Twombly introduced Ms. Conley, newly elected Committee member, who talked about her background in education.

### 11.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm.

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

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