SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present)
Ernest Minelli, Secretary (present)
Kyle Conley, Member (present)
Stephanie Peters, Member (absent)

OTHERS PRESENT

Judy Kuehn, Superintendent of Schools David DeGennaro, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair, at 6:34 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

Mr. Twombly officially welcomed Kyle Conley as new School Committee member.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jennifer Fleming Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the Monday, June 21, 2021 agenda.

Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report

Ms. Kuehn stated that Briana Parsons couldn't be here this evening and sent something to be read at the meeting. Ms. Kuehn read the document, which included the following:

- Jenny Sheflin received her LICSW license.
- Scott Russell and Katy Holden are expecting their second child.
- Liz Wescott is expecting first child.
- Stephanie Hillner and Samantha Kaplan received their master's degree.
- Emily Rosado received her master's degree 27 years after getting her bachelor's degree.
- All 4 kindergarten classes raised butterflies, named them and then released them. Thanks to the PTO for purchasing the butterfly kits.

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5.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Fleming Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote: 3-0-1

6.0 Superintendents Business Items

6.1 Hull High School Career Exploration Day

Mr. Daniel Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, said 12 students participated in Career Exploration Day on May 12, 2021. Multiple students came out with internships or potential jobs. The enthusiasm was awesome. He said there were 6 companies represented and the students went around and spoke to the different companies to find out about jobs. When asked, Mr. Mastrogiacomo said most of the companies where construction related, he thinks this day will continue and he would like to see design and architecture companies next time.

6.2 Jacobs School Handbook

Ms. Cappadona, Jacobs Elementary School Principal, discussed the summary of changes to the Jacobs School Student Handbook, which includes the following:

- Title Page (back) Updated for current School Committee membership and administration job titles
- p. 1 Entrance Age: Section edited to accurately reflect approved School Committee Guidelines
- p. 3 Cancellations, Delayed Openings and Emergency Dismissals: Section edited for uniformity with Preschool Handbook
- p. 5 Transportation: Edited to better reflect current practices regarding Bus Safety Reviews and Drills
- p. 17 Title I: Edited for accuracy
- p. 28 Procedures for Expulsion: Subtopic Title corrected
- pp. 33-40 Notices of Civil Rights; Notice of Non-Discrimination; Discrimination and Harassment: Language throughout these sections was edited for uniformity among the three schools
- p. 47 Internet Use Policy: This entire section has been edited for uniformity among the three schools.
- p. 69 Before and After School Programs: We are exploring childcare opportunities and will revise the language in this section after further evaluation.
- p. 73 Student Handbook Signature Page: Updated due date, will update page # upon approval of handbook

Motion: Kyle Conley Second: Jennifer Fleming Move to approve the Jacobs School Handbook with summary of changes presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.3 Memorial School Handbook

Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, was unable to be at the meeting so the Memorial School Handbook agenda item will be placed on the August 9, 2021 School Committee Retreat agenda.

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6.4 Hull High School Handbook

Mr. Daniel Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, discussed the summary of changes to the Hull High School Student Handbook, which includes the following:

- Pg. 1 Update to 2021-2022
- Pg. 4 Current Bell Schedules
- Pg. 6 Staff changes
- Pg. 12 Updates to Graduation Requirements to align with 2021-2022 Program of Studies
- Updated course requirements as outlined in the Program of Studies for students with a YOG of 2022 and beyond
- Pg. 20 Addition of "Failure to send complaint" to align with SC policy
- Pg. 24 Level 5 Add "harassment of protected groups" as an offense
- Pg. 34 Addition of language to breathalyze students attending school-sponsored events
- Pg. 45 Deletion of iPads as devices as all students in Gr 9-12 are provided Chromebooks
- Pg. 48 Renaming of TALK to PRISM
- Pg. 48 Updating Mission Statement of TALK to PRISM
- Pg. 50 Updated School Cancellation & Delay announcements
- Pg. 64 Update Harassment Complaint Officer
- Pg. 72 Religious holidays updated

Motion: Kyle Conley Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the Hull High School Handbook with summary of changes presented.

Vote: 4-0-0

6.5 Use of ESSER 3 Grant Funds – Input from Stakeholders

Ms. Kuehn stated that the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) 3 Grant Funds runs until 2024, and is complicated to apply for. To receive these funds, which came about to help with COVID-19 expenses, we need input from stakeholders and we need to prove that this is happening. Things that ESSER 1 & 2 funds will be used for include; small class size at Jacobs, adding two teacher leaders at the high school, part of the guidance position at the high school for MyCap, 10 Smart Panels, teacher desktops, new audio system at café in Jacobs, increased athletic trainer at high school, expand 8-9 grade summer program, scholarships to summer recreation, summer fitness and new floor and equipment in the fitness room, HVAC at the middle school, Galileo to grade 9, Edtech workshops, access to counseling, purchase digital 2nd steps, exploring after school band 6 & 7 grades, looking at band at Jacobs next year, picture books for toolbox program, swings at Jacobs, shed at high school and football sled.

Ms. Kuehn asked if anyone had input for ESSER use of funds. Committee members discussed the importance of mental health and making sure students and parents know who to reach out to and for what.

6.6 2021-2022 School Calendar Revision

Ms. Kuehn stated that due to the addition of Juneteenth as a state holiday the calendar needs to be revised.

Motion: Jennifer Fleming Second: Kyle Conley

Move to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar, which includes Monday, June 20, 2021 as a holiday to observe Juneteenth.

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Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Kuehn said she would like to add another agenda item to introduce Connor Duhaime, the new Director of Athletics & Intramurals and Athletic Facilities Coordinator. Mr. Duhaime will also receive a stipend for running the Hull Park and Recreation Summer Program, he is also planning the expansion of track to have a grade 6 and 7 intermural track program. Mr. Mastrogiacomo, Hull High School Assistant Principal, introduced Mr. Duhaime, saying how pleased the interview committee was with Mr. Duhaime and made the recommendation to the Superintendent. Mr. Duhaime said it was almost unrealistic for me to be standing here. He said he has a true passion for this community. He said he is very confident and can make an impact in the student's lives.

7.1 Best Educational Use of School Facilities – Liaison Committee Update
Ms. Kuehn updated the Committee on the Liaison Committee, stating the committee consists of
Town Manager, Phil Lemnios; Board of Selectmen member, John Reilly, School Committee
member, Ernest Minelli and Ms. Kuehn, who met on June 8' 2021. She also said the Ad Hoc
Committee will consist of the following members: Town Manager, Superintendent, two School
Committee members (Ernest and Jennifer), one Select Board Member (John Riley), one Advisory
Board Member and one member of the Parent Teacher Organization. The Assistant Superintendent
will act in the role of support staff to the Ad Hoc Committee. Debbe Bennett will act as secretary to
the AD Hoc Committee.

Ms. Kuehn explained the role of Ad Hoc Committee

- Part I Gather community input from stakeholders on the 4 options through surveys, inperson focus groups K 12 (20 or fewer people in each session)
- Part II Vet each option and present one final recommendation to School Committee (staffing, cost, architecture, transportation, etc.)
- Anticipated completion date May 2022 (one year of work)

Motion: Ernest Minelli **Second:** David Twombly

Moved to approve the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee with the names of the Advisory Board member and Parent Teacher Organization member added going forward.

Vote: 4-0-0

8.1 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Jennifer Fleming Move to accept the following policies as presented and waive the three readings:

IKC Determination of Class RankIKF Graduation Requirements

JHA Student Tardiness

Vote: 4-0-0

- 9.0 Old Business Items
 - 9.1 Sub-committees

None

- 9.2 Acceptance of Donations
- \$3,229 to Athletic Department Track Coach From Boosters
- \$4,000 to JES Playground Equipment

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From PTO

• \$1,639 to JES Playground Equipment From Jacobs Student Activity

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
Two letters from 8th grade civics class. Kenny Autio wrote about mental health and Emily
Sinkiewicz project is working on funding for the theatre program.

12.0 Executive Session

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Move to enter Executive Session at 7:51 pm to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (HTA Teacher) negotiation strategy with non-union personnel including the Superintendent of Schools. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ernest Minelli, Jennifer Fleming, David Twombly and Kyle Conley.

13.0 Adjournment

Attachments:

- 1. Jacobs School Student Handbook
- 2. Hull High School Student Handbook

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

Ernest Minelli, Secretary Hull School Committee