SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 (present)

OTHERS PRESENT
Judy Kuehn, Superintendent of Schools
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair, at 6:33 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

2.0 Re-opening of Schools 2021-2022
Ms. Kuehn updated the Committee on the mitigating strategies for the opening of school. She stated the Mass Board of Education authorized Commissioner Riley to make a universal mandate for student, at least until October 1, 2021, to wear masks. This will be reviewed by School Committee on or about October 1, 2021 and in consultation with the Hull Board of Health, school nurses, HTA co-presidents, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will evaluate local data and vaccination rates for students and staff to determine if mask mandate requirement will be removed upon approval of DESE in buildings where 80% vaccination rate has been reached for both students and staff by building.

Safety and Cleaning Practices
- Opportunities for hand washing and hand sanitizer at building entrances and in classrooms
- Maintain a supply of classroom cleaning and disinfectant supplies, including but not limited to, disinfectant spray, paper towels, hand soap for sinks and hand sanitizer.
- Students will wash desks
- All classrooms and offices will be disinfected using electrostatic gun one time a week

Building and Operating Plan
- Run classroom unit ventilators at a 50% minimum outside air setting (until the risk of freezing when weather gets colder)
- Run large HVAC units also at a 50% minimum outside air setting
- Occupancy schedule turned on before and after hours by 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening
- Exhaust fans run continuously to flush and purge buildings completely. Occupancy schedule ono Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

- Change filters during winter vacation and summer vacation. (2 times per year instead of 1) Using MERV8 filters.
- Staff has the option to open classroom windows
- Keep filtered water dispensers turned on and disposable cups in each classroom for drinking water
- Staff and students are encourage to stay home if sick
- We will be following DESE/DPH protocols for responding to COVID-19 scenarios

PCR Testing through South Shore Hospital

- The traditional protocol B2 outlined in the COVID-19 DESE/DPH will be followed and testing provided for students/staff considered a close contact free of charge.

Mr. Minelli stated he had comments that parents shared with him and that he has himself regarding masks, which include the following: state wide a reduction in cases, average age of Covid is 76 years old, of the 25 cases in Hull none have been hospitalized, masks are not effective, this age group has the lowest rate, wearing masks for a long period of time creates anxiety. He said he advocates for mask optional.

Universal Mask Policy
Motion: Stephanie Peters   **Second:** Kyle Conley
Move to accept the following policy as presented and waive the three readings:
EECFA   Face Coverings
Vote: 4-1-0

3.0   Executive Session
Motion: Stephanie Peters   **Second:** Kyle Conley
Move to enter Executive Session at 7:13 pm to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the hair so declares. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Ernest Minelli, Jennifer Fleming, David Twombly and Kyle Conley.

4.0   Adjournment

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