

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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  
David DeGennaro, Assistant Superintendent for 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 6:33 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the September 8, 2021 agenda.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Student Body President, Matt McCluskey, reported on the following:

- Opening of school was great having everyone back full time with full schedules
- Activities and clubs are starting back.
- Home games this week football and girls and boys soccer.
- Our fall production will be The Tempest.
- Homecoming game will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and the dance will be the day after.

When asked how the culture felt, Matt commented saying we are really inviting and can have a bigger turn out at sporting events, in every other aspect we do a great job.

5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Thursday, May 6, 2021 Budget Subcommittee Meeting
- Monday, June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Monday, June 21, 2021 Executive Session Meeting
- Monday, June 21, 2021 Open Session after Executive Session
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 Shipwreck'd Update

Adrian Muir, Owner of Shipwreck'd Restaurant, said he is back at School Committee to touch base as a good neighbor, after finishing their third year. He brought forward his thoughts for next year if everything goes well. He said their plan is to ask the Selectboard and the ACC that our patio be permanent. They were allowed to use the patio during the pandemic. If approved they will be updating the fencing to give a cleaner and better look and possibly add heaters in April and the fall. They also want approval for the back refilling areas. Mr. Muir said the hours would stay the same, or less, the did get approval to stay open until sunset. He said they haven't even been open for breakfast at 6:00 am since the pandemic, they have been opening at 10:00 am. When questioned about the umbrellas having alcohol logos Mr. Muir said he ordered a Pepsi machining and will be receiving Pepsi umbrellas for free. He said he will get rid of the umbrellas once they get approval for the patio.

Committee members commented on the umbrellas but mostly said that they don't see a conflict since the hours of operation won't interfere with school being in session and night games at the turf field and it is an eating establishment that happens to serve alcohol. Ms. Peters made comments about the owners saying it wouldn't be a bar, when the Committee fully supported the opening on Shipwreck'd. She stated that parents are worried because it is a bar and there is a state law stating that a bar cannot be this close to a school. She said she is supportive of it but does not want to see a full-fledged bar. She said they have been very diligent coming forward to us and have always obliged our request. Ms. Fleming suggested the town could add seating outside the restaurant for citizens who come to the pier. Mr. Muir said he has asked for seating and trash cans for the past two years and has not seen anything. Mr. Muir said we are good neighbors and hired a lot of people from town, including students, parents and teachers. He asked for the Committees blessing to start the permanent process.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to support Shipwreck'd going forward to the Selectboard to make the patio more of a permanent structure.

**Vote:** 4-1-0

Mr. Twombly stated that he received a letter from a resident, Nancy Sullivan, in support of Shipwreck'd.

7.2 Opening Day for Staff

Ms. Kuehn stated that the first day for teachers was held on Monday, August 30, 2021 outside at the high school turf field. She said it was a great celebration. She said the day started out with a welcome then School Committee Vice Chair, Jennifer Fleming, spoke. Next was HTA Co-president, Brian Mullin. Ms. Kuehn shared some good news on expanded families, marriages, degrees, etc. She

said the teachers, paraprofessionals and leadership team or all reading the book *We Got This* as a group. She said chapter one of the book talked about getting to know your students so Ms. Kuehn was able to get 7 students to come to the opening day and speak about the impact one of their teachers had on them. At that time students Victoria Fleming, Lucy Peters and Tim O'Hare went to the podium and read their essays from opening day. Ms. Kuehn said she then introduced new staff and new teachers introduced themselves. At the end of the meeting the staff took a victory lap around the field on the walking track.

### 7.3 Opening of School by Building

Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal; Tony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal; and Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal; spoke about the opening of their schools and what to expect for the coming school year at each building. Mr. DeGennaro mentioned that all school are serving breakfasts and lunches free of charge again this year. He said he hopes that students will take advantage of this. He added that snacks will be on sale and he is asking that parents put money on their student's accounts for snacks.

### 7.4 Raising Multicultural Kids

Ms. Kristen Ryan, Director of Student Services and Dr. Mary Merrigan, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, introduced the District's new partnership with Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK). Ms. Ryan said the discussions that occurred within the Anti-Racism Committee prompted her to contact (RMK) and explore the possibility of implementing the program in Hull. RMK roots began in the Easton Public Schools and we are thrilled to launch this program at Jacobs School during the 2021-2022 school year with the goal of increasing racial and cultural competency through diversity in classroom leadership and literature.

## 8.0 School Committee Business Items

### 8.1 Superintendent Evaluation Final

Mr. Twombly informed the community that each year the superintendent gets evaluated. He said School Committee members rate each goal and standards and there are 4 steps to the process. He said Ms. Kuehn received 4 Proficient and 1 Exemplary rating in the overall summative performance. He said he was not going to read all the Committee comments but that they are all really good. The four Committee members that were on the board last year spoke very highly of Ms. Kuehn saying she did a great job, especially during a pandemic. Mr. Patenaude, who was also on the board last year, read his final comments he wrote regarding Ms. Kuehn's evaluation.

## 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

## 10.0 Old Business Items

None

## 11.0 New Business

None

## 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

These Minutes of a meeting of  
the Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on October 4, 2021

Ernest Minelli, Secretary  
Hull School Committee