SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 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:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the October 4, 2021 agenda.

**Vote**: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

None

5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report

None

Ms. Ollerhead told the Committee that she sent the list of upcoming School Committee meetings for the year to the HTA Co-presidents and told them that this would be a standard item on every agenda if members would like to speak about good news at meetings.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Ernest Minelli **Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

* Monday, August 9, 2021 Retreat
* Monday, August 9, 2021 Executive Session
* Wednesday, September 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Vote**: 4-0-0

7.0 Superintendent’s Business Items

7.1 Commended Students in the 2022 National merit Scholarship Program

Ms. Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal, presented certificates to two Hull High School student named in the National Merit Scholarship Program by the College Board. Parry Harper and Troy Healey were named commended students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Ms. Nosek stated that this is an honored distinction for an outstanding score on their junior PSATs. This is a recognition of placing among the 50,000 highest scoring participants nationwide of all juniors who took the PSAT in the fall of 2020.

7.2 N.S.D.C. Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Award

Ms. Kuehn presented the National School Development Council (NSDC) Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Award to Hull High School seniors Stella Gianadda and Troy Healey. The NSDC award is presented to high school seniors who, in our opinion, have consistently pursued a high level of academic effort and who have also served as positive role models for the student body. Recipients of the award exemplify admirable character and accomplishment.

7.3 M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award

Ms. Kuehn presented the M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award to Parry Harper. This award goes to a senior from every school district in the Commonwealth. The criteria for the selection of this include class standing, cumulative average, class rank and leadership.

7.4 MCAS Testing Presentation

Dr. Mary Merrigan, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, along with the three school principals, Nicole Nosek, Hull High School Principal; Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal; and Christine Cappadona, Jacobs School Principal; gave an overview of the MCAS results, which included the following:

* Context of 2021 MCAS assessments
* MCAS Spring 2021
* Massachusetts participation rates
* Marking the moment
* Tiered assessment practices
* Hull High School results and recovery plan
* Memorial School results and recovery plan
* Jacobs School results and recovery plan
* District-wide initiatives to support student growth and achievement
* Problem analysis
* Understand the issue(s)
* The Learner
* Targeted instruction – Galileo and CHALK
* Learning walks

Committee members expressed disappointment in some of the scores, mostly due to the pandemic, but are glad Dr. Merrigan is using Galileo and other methods to try to improve the scores.

7.5 Extension of DESE Mask Requirement

Ms. Kuehn stated that the original mask requirement, which was originally authorized by the Commissioner to require masks for public school students and staff in all grades through at least October 1, 2021, was extended on September 27, 2021 through at least November 1, 2021. She said the Commissioner will revisit the requirement in the near future to revise it as warranted by public health data. Ms. Kuehn said the vaccination threshold rate needs to be at 80% vaccinated to consider having no masks for each individual school, with unvaccinated people still wearing masks. She said we are looking at the Test and Stay Program and are encouraging people to get vaccinated, and planning a Pop Up vaccine clinic through Manet Health. Mr. Minelli questioned the wearing of masks. Mr. Twombly suggested he go to the next DESE conference.

7.6 Mr. David DeGennaro, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities, explained the FY23 budget planning timeline. Ms. Fleming added that it is an open process.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Ernest Minelli

Move to delete the following policies as presented (per MASC manual):

KBD Communications with Parents

KE-R Public Complaints

KFCA Use of School Grounds for Motor Vehicles

KHC Promotional Materials in the Schools

**Vote**: 4-0-0

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to accept the following policies for first reading, as presented:

KA School/Community Relations Goals

KBA School/Parent Relations Goals

KBBA Non-Custodial Parents’ Rights

KBE Relations with Parent Organizations

KCB Community Involvement in Decision-Making

KCD Public Gifts to the Schools

KDB Public’s Right to Know

KDD News Media Relations/News Releases

KE Public Complaints

KHA Public Solicitations in the Schools

KHB Advertising in the Schools

KI Visitors to the Schools

KIA Observations of Education Programs By Parents and/or Designees for Evaluation Purposes

KIA-E Observations of Education Programs by Parents and/or Designees for Evaluation Purposes Confidentiality Agreement

KLG Relations with Police Authorities

KLH Relations with the Fire Department

KLJ Relations with Planning Authorities

KLK Relations with Local Governmental Authorities

**Vote**: 4-0-0

**Motion:** Jennifer Fleming **Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to accept the following policies for first reading, as presented:

LA Education Agency Relations Goals

LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts

LDA Student Teaching and Internships

**Vote**: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

* The Economic Development Committee has been meeting and coming up with a unified work plan. Diving Deeper into parking issues, traffic flow, outdoor dining, long range strategies for State DCR to address any issues about safety, efforts to paint utility boxes and create community spaces and planters.
* Best Educational Use of School Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee will have community based focus groups coming up. The timeline is on the school and town website. The first meeting is a week from Wednesday. There will be a presentation at each focus group with a facilitator, a survey will be sent out, a flyer going out in light bill and the meetings will be recorded.

9.2 Donations

Motion: Kyle Conley **Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the following donation.

* $6,000 from Hull Youth Soccer for us of HHS field

**Vote:** 4-0-0

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Ernest Minelli **Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

**Vote:** 4-0-0

Attachments

1. MCAS Presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on October 18, 2021

Ernest Minelli, Secretary

Hull School Committee