

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present – arrived at 6:35 pm)
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 6:32 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: Stephanie Peters **Second:** Kyle Conley
Move to approve the November 22, 2021 agenda.
Vote: 4-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Grace Grosso, senior, discussed the following happenings at Hull High School:

- The Powderpuff game will be held tomorrow.
- The Thanksgiving game will be held on Thanksgiving morning
- The Hull Pirates will play in the division 8 Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium on December 1
- The rally will be held the day before Thanksgiving and includes a link challenge where half the money goes to charity and the rest goes to the winning class. The students will vote on class Banners. There will be a Pie in The Face at the end.

Ms. Kuehn proposed an early release at Hull High School on December 1st for the Super Bowl game. Student will be dismissed at 12:00 noon and can take the bus to the game.

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the 12:00 pm early dismissal on December 1, 2021 for Hull High School only.
Vote: 5-0-0

5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 PHI Service Trip to the Dominican Republic FY23

Sarah Murphy, Hull High School history teacher, said that she was here instead of Mr. MacKenzie, who is the PHI Advisor. She said that Mr. MacKenzie asked her if she wanted to be in the PHI club and if I would like to go on this years' service trip, because she is hoping to be the PHI Advisor next year when Mr. MacKenzie steps away from that role. Ms. Murphy said the FY22 trip that was approved last year will have our students going to an elementary school and going to classrooms to do activities with the students. She said this trip will be the exact same so when she runs her own trip next year she will know what she is doing. Ms. Kuehn said that right now the Dominican Republic is at a level 3 travel warning and we need to be mindful of this. The Committee discussed COVID issues with the trip this school year to the Dominican Republic and one to Costa Rica, which included, vaccination status, ability to back out of trip, possibility of purchasing school or individual insurance, possibility of extended stay if positive for COVID, ability to reschedule, pick another date or location or even cancel if necessary. Mr. Twombly said make sure students understand that we are going to approve it but things could change. He added that he is concerned with the two trips this coming April.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kyle Conley

Move to approve the FY23 PHI Field Trip to Dominican Republic in April 2023.

Vote: 5-0-0

Ms. Kuehn stated that item 7.6 will be moved up because Ms. Nosek, Hull High School Principal, will be going to Gillette with the captains of the football and cheer tomorrow morning for breakfast.

7.6 Hull High School New Core Values and Mission Statement

Ms. Nosek told the Committee that due to NEASC coming we need to look at our core values and mission statement. She said the old core values and mission statement are about 11 or 12 years old. Because we say "Pirates persevere" every morning during the morning announcements we decided to change the core values from CIRCLS to PIRATE for the vision of a graduate. She said they went thru the same process to update the mission statement. Since this is in the high school handbook there needs to be a vote of the School Committee.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the updated high school core values and mission statement as presented.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Sensory Path and Motor Path at Jacobs School

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

7.3 Curriculum and Assessment Update

Dr. Mary Merrigan, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, said this topic will be added to the agenda at least once a month. She gave an update on what she is working on with teachers and how the assessments are helping to determine where there may be cracks. This work will help guide what the students know and what they need to work on. She said we contracted with a company called Chalk, which will house all our curriculum maps. The platforms are directly connected to DESE. Dr. Merrigan answered questions from the Committee.

7.4 Test and Stay Update

Ms. Kuehn told the Committee that the nurses and Maggie Ollerhead were trained by the company that is working with us in the Test and Stay program. The supplies have come in and the program will be up and running by Thanksgiving. Ms. Kuehn said that parents need to fill out a consent form to participate in the program. This will allow our students, who may be close contacts, to stay in school. Ms. Kuehn added that the mask mandate is in effect until January 2022.

7.5 U.S. News and World Report Ranked Memorial School #54

Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal, announced that U.S. News and World Report recently ranked the Memorial School at #54 Best Middle Schools in Massachusetts. He explained how the rankings are calculated. He added that this is the first time U.S. News has done K-8 rankings and it came out on October 11, 2021 using 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 data. Committee members congratulated Mr. Hrivnak and the middle school staff.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 Appointment of School Business Administrator

Mr. Twombly said, as we know, unfortunately Mr. DeGennaro is retiring. He said when he first broke into this field Mr. DeGennaro was his mentor. He said that Mr. DeGennaro has been mentoring Ms. Diane Saniuk, the current Finance Coordinator. Ms. Kuehn said Mr. DeGennaro's departure will be huge loss for the Central Office and across the district. She added that he will be coming back to help her with the best educational use and middle school project. She stated that we used to be a stepping stone for people but now we are promoting from within and she is recommending Diane Saniuk for the position of School Business Administrator. Ms. Saniuk introduced herself and Committee members asked questions and congratulated her.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kyle Conley

Move to accept the following policies for third reading/adoption, 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

KLK Relations with Police Authorities

KLH Relations with the Fire Department

KLJ Relations with Planning Authorities

KLK Relations with Local Governmental Authorities

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the following policies for third reading/adoption, as presented:

LA Education Agency Relations Goals

LB Relations with Other Schools and School Districts

LDA Student Teaching and Internships

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committees

- Best Educational Use of School Buildings focus groups have been well attended. Staff, parents and students groups, elected officials and last Saturday was community at large with 32 people in attendance. There will be one virtual focus group on December 7th. Ms. Kuehn stated that we have all the data and will be sending out a survey so people will be able to weigh the pros and cons. She said the reoccurring theme is what is the overall plan for the town?
- Ms. Conley said she had the opportunity to meet again with the HTA leadership and things are moving forward and hopefully we can do classroom visits during the spring. She said she will have more to come.

10.2 Donations

None

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Kuehn said that we had a horrific storm but Hull did not lose power. She said on Wednesday we got a call from Cohasset, who had lost power, asking if they could use some space in our freezers thru the following Monday. They sent a thank you letter, which is in your packet.

13.0 Executive Session

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to enter Executive Session at 8:18 pm to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Secretaries). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

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

14.0 Adjournment

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on January 10, 2022

Ernest Minelli, Secretary
Hull School Committee