SCHOOL COMMITTEE HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

David Twombly, Chair (present) Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present – arrived at 6:34 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 6:33 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
 Motion: Stephanie Peters
 Move to approve the December 13, 2021 agenda.
 Vote: 4-0-0
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items None

4.0 Student Representative Report Victoria Dolan, a sophomore at Hull High School, discussed the following happenings at Hull High School:

- The Hull Pirates went to Gillette Stadium to play in the division 8 Super Bowl. There was a fan bus. The energy was very high and the fans were very, very loud. The Football players and cheerleaders were amazing.
- This past week the South Shore Taco Guy came to Hull High with his taco truck and gave out free delicious tacos to the entire school.
- The upcoming ugly sweater contest and door decorating contest will be taking place shortly.
- There will be a full school day on the day before Christmas Eve, the school will be back in session on the 3rd.
- 5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report None

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- 6.0 Approval of Minutes None
- 7.0 Superintendent's Business Items
 - 7.1 Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK)

The founders of Raising Multicultural Kids (RMK), Denise Lane and Kelly Lamb presented RMK's Diverse Classroom Leadership Program for grades K - 5 through literature which is currently being implemented at the Jacobs School during the 2021 - 2022 school year. Raising Multicultural Kids is an educational based non-profit organization dedicated to increasing racial and cultural competency in local communities through deep engagement with schools, educational experts, and local citizens. Earlier in December, two parent orientation sessions were held at the Jacobs Schools for parents facilitated by RMK.

7.2 International Field Trips

Ms. Kuehn said, after speaking with many people, including colleagues, representatives for both organizations providing the field trips, and to the teacher advisors, she feels comfortable supporting their plan to keep moving forward with the field trip plans. She said she would like to stay the course and see what happens. Ms. Sheila Blair, Advisor for Costa Rica trip said that they did purchase additional liability insurance of \$25000 per student for any injury, which will kick in before their own medical insurance. Ms. Blair encouraged the parents to buy travel insurance. All students must be vaccinated. When discussion protocol if COVID struck, Ms. Nosek stated that there have been hundreds of students who have gone since COVID and only one student had to stay behind and that student was not vaccinated, but there are plans for someone to stay behind. Ms. Kuehn said the Dominican Republic is doing the same thing but they have the option to either change to next year or change to go somewhere else. Also parents can opt out now and delay their rip till next year. Ms. Kuehn told the Committee she would speak with our attorney and come back to the next meeting with a liability form that parents will need to sign before going on any trip.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Kyle Conley

Move to make sure all students and chaperones are vaccinated before going on any overnight, out-ofstate field trips.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Safe Schools

Ms. Kuehn said that due to recent incidences such as the Yik Yak incident where students can post unanimously, and the Snap Chat post threatening high schools on the South Shore and what happened in Michigan recently, she is working closely with the SRO reviewing procedures because safety is our top priority. With the Yik Yak incident the principal and SRO talked to students, spoke to staff at a faculty meeting and they were able to shut it down quickly. Regarding the South Shore incident, we got a call at 8:15 am and had to call around to make sure Hull High School was not mentioned. We needed to put accurate information out there. We are on it and safety is our top priority.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 Memorandum of Agreement with School Secretaries
Ms. Kuehn said that the school secretaries' negotiations have settled and a vote is necessary to accept the Memorandum of Agreement.
Motion: Stephanie Peters Second: Kyle Conley
Move to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with School Secretaries
Vote: 5-0-0

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9.0 School Committee Policy Issues None

10.0 Old Business Items

- 10.1 Sub-committees
- Nurses' negotiations will begin on December 16.
- Economic Development Committee held an information event. They are trying to see if they should throw their hats in the ring for business climate and support. Promoting a business community year round. Mr. Minelli is on a subcommittee and will be following up to see if we will be a business improvement district.
- The Best Educational Use update. Finished their last focus group. They are working on a survey. The next meeting will be held in January. Judy and Gary will put data collected and present that to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Mr. Twombly stated that he went to a meeting then spoke to Jen Constable, Select Board Chair, about possibly having a joint meeting to share our vision of the town moving forward. And we should meet with them every 6 months.
- Mr. DeGennaro gave an update on the Memorial School repair project, which included, last week slate roof was added, they are tearing down the planter in front of the school for a nice flat surface, doing brick work. He thanked Mr. Hrivnak, Memorial School principal, for keeping an eye on all that work.

10.2 Donations None

- 11.0 New Business None
- 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members Ms. Kuehn said this was Mr. DeGennaro last meeting as Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Facilities and she and the Committee members each said a few words about him. Mr. DeGennaro said it has been an honor and a privilege to have worked here. He went on to thank the Committee and staff of Hull Public Schools.
- 14.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 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 January 10, 2022

Ernest Minelli, Secretary Hull School Committee