

SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

David Twombly, Chair (present)  
Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present)  
Ernest Minelli, Secretary (present)  
Kyle Conley, Member (present)  
Stephanie Peters, Member (present)

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Judy Kuehn, Superintendent of Schools  
Diane Saniuk, School Business Administrator  
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair, at 6:03 p.m. remotely.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the January 10, 2022 agenda.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stephanie Peters, Ernest Minelli, Kyle Conley, Jennifer Fleming and David Twombly

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Santiago Andrews-Mundo, Hull High School Junior, gave an update on what is going on at the high school, which included the following:

- Ms. Kaplan won the door decoration contest
- With help from Mr. Duhaime the basketball team are doing really good
- Varsity and JV are playing tonight
- Track team is doing good and as a member the experience is great
- The school mission statement and vision have changed as a result of NEASC coming
- Junior parent night is January 19
- First term ends on January 18

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:

- Monday, November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
- Monday, November 22, 2021 Executive Session
- Monday, December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

**Roll Call Vote:** Stephanie Peters, Kyle Conley, Ernest Minelli, Jennifer Fleming and David Twombly

## 7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

### 7.1 Solidarity Project

Matthew Shaffer, Mickey Casagrande and TD Doty, PRISM Club members, discussed their solidarity project and how students responded to the project. They said that during Solidarity Week, which was November 1 -5, 2021, they showed a presentation during advisory. They also did an Ally Pledge, where they had markers out for people to stop by and sign the pledge and a lot of students did sign. The three students explained what went on during the week and Committee members asked questions and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

The presentation included the following:

- What is Solidarity?
- What is privilege?
- How can I be an Ally?
- And Solidarity is....

Students wrote what they see solidarity as. The posters were displayed on the windows by the office. They showed a video of all the posters that were displayed.

### 7.2 COVID-19 Update

Ms. Kuehn stated that the three school nurses are in attendance and they can answer any questions the Committee may have. She said that last Friday was a snow day and was the perfect storm to take a pause. She said it looks like we are on a downward path with the number of COVID cases. She said there was a lot of staff out sick and the student attendance was lower since coming back from the holiday vacation but we are starting to tick down. There were 76 cases over holiday break and last week, which is more than we had all of last year. There are 311 people in Test and Stay. The nurses explained that as students become close contacts and their parents are called to pick them up they sign up for Test and Stay so their student can stay in school. She continued her update by saying the electrostatic guns are used every Wednesday and Friday. The nurses sent out another notice to parents and staff as a reminder to keep vigilant in cleaning, washing their hands, mask use and staying 3 feet away. She also told the percentage of students and staff eligible for vaccinations by school and/or grade. Ms. Kuehn also stated the mask requirement has been pushed to February 22.

Committee members thanked the nurses. Ms. Peters asked the principals to comment on how the academics are doing. The three principals gave an update, all saying it is better than last year.

### 7.2 International Travel Permission Slip

Ms. Kuehn said that School Committee ask her to look into an international travel permission slip with Mike Maccaro. She said the trip to the Dominican Republic has been postponed. There were only 4 seniors left but the rest will go on the 203 trip. She said this permission slip will only apply to 12 students going to Costa Rica. This permission slip will not replace the one Town Counsel, Jim Lampke, wrote for a policy. This is a temporary extra permission slip. The families would have to sign both the policy and this slip that is 2 weeks before going on the field trip.

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve the International Permission Slip

**Roll Call Vote:** Stephanie Peters, Jennifer Fleming, Ernest Minelli, Kyle Conley and David Twombly

Ms. Kuehn welcomed Diane Saniuk, the new business manager since Dave DeGennaro has retired. This is Diane's first meeting in her new role.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Sub-committees

- The Best Educational Use survey is being circulated now. 234 people have already filled it out.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will meet on Wednesday. Mr. DeGennaro will be working on that. The Ad Hoc Committee will come back to the School Committee for the final decision. This is a listening tour to make a very informed decision.
- The Paraprofessional Negotiations Committee has gone over ground rules. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24.

9.2 Donations

- \$2,500 in memory of Audrey Connor to used as needed for the Music Departments at all schools

10.0 New Business

Ms. Peters brought up the turf field stating that she believed the field is open 24/7. She said wants to talk about giving some discretion to the Athletic Director and Facilities Maintenance person to turn off the lights when there is inclement weather. She said she sees the lights on during snow storms and horrible weather. She wants to be able to let people at the school use their discretion to turn them off. Committee members were in agreement and fully support this.

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Fleming said a community member reached out thinking of academic program they saw from NASA. She said that it may not be a good fit but it is always good for people to send us things.

When asked about remote or in-person meetings in the Chat, Mr. Twombly answered that the next few meetings will be remote. He said he thinks it is better to be remote at this time.

12.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Stephanie Peters

**Second:** Ernest Minelli

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stephanie Peters, Ernest Minelli, Kyle Conley, Jennifer Fleming and David Twombly

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on January 24, 2022

Ernest Minelli, Secretary  
Hull School Committee