

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Jennifer Fleming, Vice Chair (present - arrived at 6:33 pm)
Ernest Minelli, Secretary (present)
Kyle Conley, Member (present)
Stephanie Peters, Member (present)

- 1.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair, at 6:31 p.m.
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda
Motion: Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the January 24, 2022 agenda.
Vote: 4-0-0
Second: Ernest Minelli
- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None
- 4.0 Student Representative Report
Hull High School Sophomore, Victoria Dolan, gave the student representative report, which included the following:
 - National Honor Society Bake Sale raised \$188, which will be donated to the Scituate Animal Shelter
 - The fundraiser Candygrams for Valentine’s Day sold over 195 candygrams and raised \$300 between the 4 grades
 - Mock Trial lost only one trial but can’t move on to the next round
 - New core values using the anagram PIRATE
 - Advisory project posters will be presented tomorrow
 - In sports, the boys and girls basketball teams and the hockey team are all positioned to win
 - Indoor track is doing well
- 5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report
None
- 6.0 Approval of Minutes
Motion: Stephanie Peters
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
Second: Jennifer Fleming

- Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Budget Subcommittee Meeting
- Monday, January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 COVID-19 Update

Mask requirement

Ms. Kuehn stated that the Commissioner will not extend the mask requirement after it expires on February 28, 2022. She said she is recommending that Hull Public Schools follow the recommendation of medical experts, state health officials and Commissioner Riley and lift the mask requirement for students and employees of Hull Public Schools as of February 28, 2022. Conditions that remain in place are as follows: masks still required on buses, that is a federal mandate. Masks still required in nurse's offices. It is strongly recommended that the unvaccinated wear masks. Staff and students that return to school after quarantining for 5 days need to wear a mask for an additional 5 days. Any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk of COVID-19 should be supported in their choice. Show support for mask wearers by creating a culture of acceptance. There are many reasons people are wearing their mask. She added that we will continue mitigation strategies, which include: strongly urge COVID-19 vaccine and booster, symptomatic testing, antigen Home Testing Program, maintain good handwashing practice and stay home when sick. Ms. Kuehn recommended accepting a flexible mask policy on February 28th.

Committee members gave their thoughts on the matter and then community members had a chance to have their thoughts heard. Most were in favor of flexible masking but there were concerns about potential bullying if some people were masked and some were not. The school principals said they would address that concern with students.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move for all Hull Public Schools to be mask flexible beginning February 28, 2022.

Vote: 4-0-1 - Kyle Conley abstained

7.2 FY23 Budget Discussion

Ms. Saniuk presented a combined Revolving Funds and Facilities Maintenance budget presentation, which included the following:

- Revolving Funds
- Annual Inspections and Preventative Maintenance
- Custodial, Maintenance, and HVAC Staff Duties
- Recent Projects
- Upcoming Projects

7.3 Superintendents Goals

Ms. Kuehn set her goals, which School Committee has a copy of, which includes the goals and the timeline it should take to complete the goals.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

8.1 EBCFA – Face Covering Policy

Ms. Kuehn said this policy is the updated policy from MASC that is being used for districts who have voted to have a flexible mask wearing in their schools.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to approve policy EBCFA – Face Covering Policy and waive the three readings, effective February 28, 2022.

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

10.1 Sub-committees

None

9.2 Donations

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to accept the following donations:

- \$400 from Matthew and Chelsea Accetta for students to purchase water & snacks during lunch periods.
- \$304.33 from Wellspring (Denis Zaia's Snack Program) for purchasing snacks for student to have during activities and after school..

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Adjournment

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: Jennifer Fleming

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on February 28, 2022

Ernest Minelli, Secretary
Hull School Committee