

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stephanie Peters, Chair (present)
David Twombly, Vice Chair (present)
Kyle Conley, Secretary (present)
Liliana Hedrick, Member (present)
Ernest Minelli, Member (absent)

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.0 Call to Order

The School Committee meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters, Chair at 6:30 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

2.0 **Motion:** Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to change the agenda to hold the Executive Session at 6:40 pm to accommodate the HTA and to return to Open Session at approximately 7:00 pm.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to close the Open Session and enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Hull Teachers Association Grievance Hearing. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee will reconvene in Open Session

Vote: 4-0-0

Open Session was reconvened at 7:15 pm.

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

4.0 Student Representative Report

None

5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report

None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Kyle Conley

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Tuesday, June 21, 2022 - Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – Executive Session
- Monday, August 8, 2022 – Retreat
- Monday, September 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Peters referred community members to the September 12, 2022 School Committee meeting minutes to see what actually happened with the Best Educational Use of School Facilities agenda item because there is some confusion.

7.0 Superintendents Business Items

7.1 Opportunities for School Committee Members

Ms. Kuehn stated that the School Committee discussed opportunities at their summer retreat and would like to be informed of events and activities going on in the classrooms and schools so that they could attend these events on occasion. They also discussed walk thru's of each school. It was discussed and decided that Ms. Kuehn would ask the principals for a few days each month and Committee members could find a day and time that works with their schedule, realizing that only two members could go at a time. Committee members also liked the idea of knowing what events and activities are going on so they could get back into the schools and see activities happening.

Ms. Kuehn said that she and Ms. Cappadona, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, are starting "Brewing Conversations", which will be a series of informal meetings for community members to share their thoughts and suggestions to support the continuous improvement of the Hull Public Schools. These meetings will be once a month at different times and at different schools.

7.2 Best Educational Use of School Facilities

Ms. Kuehn said that this agenda item will be on each meeting going forward. She rehashed the process we went thru with the Best Educational Use of School Facilities and how the MARS Group and the Ad Hoc Committee came to the same recommendation of option #4. Ms. Kuehn stated that the School Committee discussed it briefly at the summer retreat and in the short-term they agree on option #4 prek-7 at Jacobs and 8-12 at Hull High School and at the last meeting they decided to go forward with other facets of the recommendation. She wanted to make it clear that the middle school will not be closing in the 2023-2024 school year with the same staffing in place. Ms. Kuehn stated that at the last meeting it was also discussed that the next step will be to clean up the MSBA letter, which needs to be sent 6 months before doing anything different with the middle school. Ms. Peters had some edits to the letter that mostly included tense changes. She said the letter would be ready to go once changes were made. Mr. Twombly added that the September 12, 2022 meeting minutes including the vote on option #4 should be enclosed with the letter.

Ms. Peters stated that it is important that the Committee be transparent and are covering all the basis so the public knows it is built in confidence. She reminded the Committee that at the last meeting it was asked that members send any questions to Ms. Kuehn, who will put them all together. Ms. Kuehn read the questions and her responses that she had received from Ms. Peters. The Committee discussed how to move forward with getting all information out to the community. There were several suggestions made and members said they want the process to be thorough and transparent and they will vet each issue. They want to go over the MARS Report and the Ad Hoc Committee Report. It was suggested that Mr. Knybel, Hull High School Principal, and Mr. Shaw, Jacobs School Principal, attend a meeting to discuss safety and other issues with two buildings.

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the following policies for second reading:

IJOA-E Field Trip Permission Form/Medical Information

IJOA-E1 Delegation of Prescription Medications

IJOAA-E Consent of Parent/Guardian/Student Release from Liability and Indemnity Agreement

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the following policies for third reading/adoption:

GBA Equal Employment Opportunity

GCBB Employment of Principals and Administrators

GCF Professional Staff Hiring

Vote: 4-0-0

9.0 Old Business Items

9.1 Custodian negotiations – custodians have the MOA but have not ratified yet. Maybe by next meeting.

Ms. Kuehn directed the Committee's attention to pictures the Ryan's sent, regarding signage for the Emma Ryan Community Walking Track, which was an agenda item at the April 11, 2022 School Committee meeting. At that meeting the Ryan's asked that signage be displayed at different locations at the turf field and walking track. At that meeting they were asked to come back to the Committee when they had actual signage. Ms. Peters asked Ms. Saniuk if she could ask the Ryan's to change some of the language on the rules sign so there are less "no's" on the sign. Members also suggested adding the name of the field, which is the Finlayson Field to the scoreboard sign, as this was discussed at the April meeting. Ms. Saniuk will speak to the Ryan's.

10.0 New Business

Ms. Saniuk told the Committee that the turf field was repaired. She said a representative from Gale and another turf group came and they all commented on how good the field looks.

Ms. Peters said a group of parents put up the cross bars. Members commented on homecoming. Ms. Kuehn said there will be a student rep at the next meeting to go over the homecoming events.

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Executive Session

See agenda item 2.0.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Liliana Hedrick

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on October 11, 2022.

Kyle Conley, Secretary
Hull School Committee