

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

## 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 6:33 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

**2.0 Motion:** David Twombly **Second:** Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the Monday, November 14, 2022 agenda.

**Vote: 5-0-0**

### 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

None

## 4.0 Student Representative Report

Matthew Sullivan, senior at Hull High School reported on the following upcoming high school events:

- Seniors painted their parking spaces
- PRISM painted the crosswalk in front of the school with the assistance of paint from Hull Pride
- On October 25 the Corona Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 13 new members
- Boys soccer finished the season in the preliminary round of the state playoffs on 11-4-22
- Girls soccer finished their season in the round of 32 of the state playoffs on 11-6-22
- On Wednesday, November 9, the HHS guidance department hosted a College Panel Night, students and parents/guardians had a chance to have college questions answered by 8 different college admission representatives. The video of the night can be viewed on demand on HullTV
- Term one report cards were issued today
- Parent/Teacher conferences take place Wednesday & Thursday of this week, sign-ups is online

- The high school musical “Grease” will be performed at the HHS Auditorium this Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Football continues to be undefeated and will play Old Colony RVT at Brockton HS this Saturday at noon as part of the state’s final four tournament
- HHS Football will play Cohasset on Thanksgiving Day in Hingham at 10AM

5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report  
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Ernest Minelli

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, August 8, 2022 Retreat

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, September 26, 2022 Executive Session
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

**Vote:** 4-0-1 Ernest Minelli abstained on September 26, 2022 Executive Session

**Vote:** 5-0-0 on October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

7.0 Superintendents Business Items

7.1 Theatre Arts Promotion of *Grease!*

Co-Theatre Directors, Emily and Erin O’Donnell, introduced Grease leads, Sandy – played by Estella Conley; and Danny – played by Austin Strong; to sing the closing song of the show “All Shook Up”. They then shared how to purchase tickets on-line or at the door, using the QR Code on the posters, which are spread around the high school and on the Theatre Arts webpage. The shows are on November 18, 19 and 20. All tickets are \$10 and seating is general admission.

7.2 MMS Over-Night Field Trip to Natures Classroom

Memorial School grade 6 science teacher, Heather Weber, requested permission for the grade six students to attend an overnight field trip to Natures Classroom in Charlton, MA, leaving from MMS on Monday, June 12 and returning on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. Handouts were in the School Committee packet and the trip will be funded using ESSER funds.

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Kyle Conley

Move to approve the over-night field trip to Natures Classroom in Charlton, MA, leaving from MMS on Monday, June 12 and returning on Wednesday, June 14, 2023

**Vote:** 5-0-0

7.3 Project 351 Ambassador Announcement and Introduction

Ms. Sharon Striglio, MMS nurse and Project 351 Advisor, read a document from Project 351 that explained what the program is all about. She then introduced Emily Irby, who was the Ambassador last year and then introduced Bruno Andrews Mundo, who was chosen as this year’s Ambassador. Emily told the Committee what she did last year and said she will be continuing this year in high school. Committee members congratulated both students.

#### 7.4 M.A.S.S. Academic Excellence Award

Ms. Kuehn explained that each year the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents provides an award to a senior from every school district in the Commonwealth. The criteria for the selection of this include class standing, cumulative average, class rank, and leadership. Ms. Kuehn presented this year's award to Bridget Fleming. Committee members congratulated Bridget.

#### 7.5 N.S.D.C. Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Award

Ms. Kuehn announced the *National School Development Council (NSDC) Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Award* recipients, who are seniors TD Doty and Brennan Minucci. The NSDC award is presented to high school seniors who, in our opinion, have consistently pursued a high level of academic effort and who have also served as positive role models for the student body. Recipients of the award exemplify admirable character and accomplishment. Brennan received his award. TD was not in attendance at the meeting. Committee members congratulated TD and Brennan.

#### 7.6 National Merit Scholarship Program

Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School principal presented certificates to the two Hull High School students named in the *National Merit Scholarship Program* by the College Board. Matthew Sullivan has been named commended student recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. This is an honored distinction for an outstanding score on their junior PSATs. This is in recognition of placing among the 50,000 highest scoring participants nationwide of all juniors who took the PSAT in the fall of 2021. Austin Bongo has been awarded with Academic Honors from the College Board National Recognition Program. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT or earn a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Matthew received his certificate. Austin was not present at the meeting. Committee members congratulated Matthew and Austin.

#### 7.7 Student With Perfect MCAS Score

Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School principal, recognized Veronica Fleming, who received a perfect MCAS score in grade 10 mathematics. Committee members congratulated Veronica.

#### 7.8 Hull High School AP Scholars

Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to fourteen (14) past and present Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2021 Advanced Placement examinations:

##### **AP Scholars**

*Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.*

**Current Seniors** Sasha Green and Matthew Sullivan

**Graduated Students** Petra Bechtold, Alexis Her, Faye Lofgren and Jillian Reppucci

##### **AP Scholar with Honors**

*Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.*

**Current Seniors** Bridget Fleming and Lucia Foresta

**Graduated Students** Sara Rickard and Larkin Tanner

**AP Scholars with Distinction**

*Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.*

**Graduated Students** Parry Harper, Troy Healey, Elizabeth Luggelle and Nina Tiani  
Committee members congratulated all.

**7.9 John & Abigail Adams Scholarships**

Ms. Kuehn announced the name of the twenty (20) students awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on individual performance on grade 10 MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. This award makes them eligible for free tuition at the University of Massachusetts (any campus) or any of the Massachusetts state colleges, community colleges, or universities. The following students received the scholarship:

Austin Bongo	Hailey Gould	Ethan Rickard
John Burke	Sasha Green	Josephine Saide
Amelia Donovan	Sam McDonnell	Matthew Sullivan
TD Doty	Peter Menice	Alessandra Truglia
Patrick Dwyer	Riley More	Caleb Whelan
Bridget Fleming	Aidan Murphy	Katelyn Whelan
Lucia Foresta	Maria Polito	

Committee members congratulated all.

Ms. Peters announced there would be a 2 minute recess before moving on to the MCAS presentation.

**7.10 MCAS Presentation**

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an introduction of the District MCAS results before turning the meeting over to the three principals. The following was presented:

- Presentation agenda
  - Spring 2022 District Data Overview
    - Comparison to the State's Achievement
    - Comparison to the DART Districts
    - Comparison to Surrounding Districts
  - Individual School Data Results with Target Strategies for Improvement
    - Jacobs – Mr. Kyle Shaw
    - Memorial – Mr. Anthony Hrivnak
    - High School – Mr. Michael Knybel
  - District Target Focus Areas for Improvement

Each principal presented slides pertaining to the MCAS results in their building and showed action steps for targeted strategies for improvement. Ms. Cappadona finished the presentation by showing focus areas for district-wide targeted strategies for improvement. Committee members asked questions and made comments related to the presentation. Ms. Kuehn thanked Ms. Cappadona, the principals and Jacobs School interim assistant principal, Elaine Menice and Director of Student Services, Kristen Ryan, who were also in attendance for the presentation. She also thanked the teachers and told them if there is something they need, please reach out to your principal. We are committed to every student.

7.11 Best Educational Use of School Facilities Update

Ms. Kuehn said high school principal, Michael Knybel and elementary school principal, Kyle Shaw, are working on a presentation for the December 12 School Committee meeting, showing a Pre-K-7 and 8-12 school configuration model. Ms. Peters said she has spoken to our attorney exploring options like getting in touch with DESE, if we keep control of the building. Audience member, Mary Shultz, asked when will you be talking about the middle school and when the kids will be moved? Ms. Kuehn answered by stating if we were to do it in the fall the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders would stay and Memorial would just have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Then the following year, 7 and 8 would move up together to the high school. She said the next Brewing Conversations will be that day before the meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

7.12 Vote to Ratify the Custodians' Memorandum of Agreement

Time was allotted to ratify the Custodians' Memorandum of Agreement

**Motion:** Ernest Minelli

**Second:** Kyle Conlkey

Move to ratify the Custodians' Memorandum of Agreement for the 2022-2025 school years.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

9.0 Old Business Items

9.2 Acceptance of Donations

**Motion:** David Twombly

**Second:** Liliana Hedrick

Move to accept the following donation:

\$1,200 from John & Monica Giffin, to pay for E-Sport user fees for 12 students

**Vote:** 5-0-0

10.0 New Business

None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Peters stated that there is a letter in the packet from the owners of Shipwreck'd with an end of year recap of the season.

Ms. Hedrick said, she and Ms. Conley, along with there families, joined in at "Stand in the Sand". She stated that she and Ms. Conley are on the Antiracism subcommittee and it was nice for them to represent the School Committee with the partnership they are building and it was a nice thing to do for the community. Many people came out to the beach to spell out the words "HULL FOR ALL".

12.0 Adjournment

**Motion:** Kyle Conley

**Second:** David Twombly

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Attachments:

1. MCAS Presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on December 12, 2022.

Kyle Conley, Secretary  
Hull School Committee