

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

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 Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The School Committee meeting was called to order by Stephanie Peters, Chair at 6:31 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: David Twombly **Second:** Kyle Conley
Move to approve the Monday, June 12, 2023 agenda.
Vote: 5-0-0

3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items

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:

- Friday, January 13, 2023 Budget Subcommittee
- Friday, March 10, 2023 Budget Subcommittee
- Monday, April 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

7.0 Superintendent's Business Items

7.1 HHS Band Trip to New York – Ian Barkon

Mr. Ian Barkon, Hull High School music teacher and band director, gave a quick synopsis of the band trip to New York and introduced three students, to share a memory or two. Clarinetist Stevie Ryan, percussionist Leah Frady and clarinetist Teddy Hipp shared parts of the trip, which included going to the Top of the Rock, seeing a Broadway show, going to the 911 Museum, walking around China Town and Little Italy, cruising around Staten Island and being close to the Statue of Liberty. Mr. Barkon stated we are more than just musicians, the trip was meant to get the tam together and to have fun together. Committee members made comments and thanked Mr. Barkon and the students.

7.2 PHI Dominican Republic Service Trip – Dan O'Donnell

Mr. Daniel O'Donnell, Hull High School Guidance Counselor and PHI Advisor, said Project Humanitarian Involvement said the club focuses on service and giving back, helping out doing manual labor. He introduced two students that went on the trip, Connor Hipp and Luke MacDonnell who shared some memories of the trip as Mr. O'Donnell showed a slideshow. Parts of the trip included playing with the kids, painting a couple of murals, making tire pads, took a tour of the city and walked and learned the history. They said it was all about making memories, meeting new people and experiencing new things. They said the food was very good and an awesome part was they went in as a random group at the beginning and are now friends. Mr. O'Donnell said Connor and Luke have been leading meetings to find and finding out who wants to do what in the future. They have made a Google doc for signups and suggestions. School Committee members made comments and thanked Mr. O'Donnell and the students. Mr. Minelli suggested making a montage and adding some videos to present at the beginning of the school year, and to make it bilingual and send it to your friends in the DR.

7.3 Woodshop Boat Building with Hull Lifesaving Museum with grant from Mass Cultural Council

Ms. Kuehn explained that she met Mr. Michael McGurl, Executive Director of the Hull Lifesaving Museum when Senator Warren came to town for an event. They started talking about a maritime program and a boat-building program. Ms. Kuehn introduced Mr. Derik Skapars, Hull High School woodshop teacher, who introduced Hull High School student Jamie Frady. Mr. Skypars said it was exciting and amazing working in collaboration with the Hull Lifesaving Museum. He said he is project-oriented and if you build a boat they will come, and they did. The boat is waiting for paint and about a week away from launching. Mr. Skypars said, together if you can build a boat what else can you do? Mr. McGurl talked about specifics of the boat itself, and complimented the students on their good work ethic, saying they came in and started working. He said he has already applied for money for future projects in boat building. He then spoke about the 7th grade rowing, saying when he started working at the museum the mandate was to work with youths. When asked, Jamie Frady said it is pretty crazy to build a boat, but doing it piece by piece, after a while you have something tangible to show and have a nice project. Jamie said that, because of this experience, he picked up a boat on the side of the road to work on. Mr. Skapars introduced Patrick Dwyer, a recent Hull High School graduate, who helped build the boat, who said it resonates with what I have grown up with, it puts it all into prospective building a boat. School Committee members, Mr. Kuehn and an audience member made comments and thanked Mr. Skypars, Mr. McGurl and the students.

7.4 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, along with Jacobs School teachers, Jessica Bounigurio, Emily Rosado, Jessica Scott and Lindsey Rajan, presented on the ELA curriculum selection process and their recommendation for a new ELA curriculum. Ms. Cappadona stated that the Literacy Committee recommended adopting the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum published by Amplify, for grades Prek-7. Committee members commented and asked follow-up questions.

Motion: Stephanie Peters

Second: David Twombly

Move to adopt the Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) presented by the Literacy Committee.

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 First Student planted a tree on behalf of HPS

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that our bus company, First Student, planted a tree on behalf of Hull Public Schools in celebration of Earth Day 2023. Committee members thanked First Student.

7.6 School Committee Meeting Dates 2023-2024

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to adopt the School Committee Meeting Dates 2023-2024 as proposed.

Vote: 5-0-0

8.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

9.0 Old Business Items
None

10.0 New Business
None

11.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members
None

12.0 Executive Session

Motion: David Twombly

Second: Stephanie Peters

Move to enter into Executive Session at 7:31 pm to discuss litigation strategy with respect to collective bargaining. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Kyle Conley, David Twombly, Stephanie Peters, Liliana Hedrick and Ernest Minelli

Attachments:

1. Amplify – Curriculum Presentation

These Minutes of a meeting of the Hull School Committee were approved and adopted by the Committee on September 11, 2023.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary
Hull School Committee