

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS REPRESENTATIVES

Judith Kuehn, Superintendent of Schools
Diane Saniuk, School Business Administrator

1.0 Call to Order

The School Committee meeting was called to order by David Twombly, Chair at 6:42 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

There was a moment of silence for former music and band teacher at Hull High School – Mr, Bob Ziegner and a moment of silence for the 911 Remembrance.

- 2.0 **Motion:** Ernest Minelli **Second:** Liliana Hedrick
Move to approve the Monday, September 11, 2023 agenda.
Vote: 5-0-0

- 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: Kyle Conley **Second:** Liliana Hedrick
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
- Monday, June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Monday, June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Monday, August 7, 2023 Retreat
- Vote:** 5-0-0

- 7.0 Superintendents Business Items
7.1 Summer Marine Program
This item was postponed until the September 25, 2023 Meeting

7.2 Attendance – Chronically absent (Awareness)

Ms. Kuehn the impact of chronic absenteeism on accountability and listed a number of things the principals are doing to improve attendance at each school.

7.3 Reconfiguration – Phase 1 and Phase 2

Ms. Kuehn showed a short video the Jacobs School Student Council recorded and sent to parent's right before the first day of school. The video showed all the changes that have taken place at the Jacobs School to prepare for the student's arrival. She then explained some of the changes that have taken place. Ms. Kuehn stated that the kickoff meeting of Phase 2 took place the same morning as this School Committee meeting.

7.4 School Safety & Assessment (9/18 and 9/19)

Ms. Kuehn informed the Committee that she received a grant from a company called National School Safety and Security Services who have already gone thru our website and many documents, including policies and procedures and our Building Emergency Manuals, to help improve our school safety and security. The two founders of the company will present a parent, teacher, community forum on September 18, 2023 and then come back on September 19 to speak to leadership.

7.5 Opening of Schools

Ms. Kuehn introduced the leadership team. Mr. Kyle Shaw, Jacobs School Principal; Mr. Anthony Hrivnak, Memorial School Principal; Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School Principal who each gave updates of the first week of school in each building. Each principal said they were doing things this year to help with the transition of going from 3 schools to 2 schools and making the students in each school feel comfortable and a part of the process.

7.6 Fresh Picks – New Food Service Company

Ms. Saniuk introduced the new food service company – Fresh Picks, who have started the year off in a great place. She said they are a company from New Hampshire and won the food service bid. They supplied the food for the teachers first day, which was better than last year's first day. They also have more of a selection of food choices in each building.

7.7 Update – MMS Structure

Ms. Kuehn gave an update on the part of the front of the Memorial School that is currently not structurally safe. The front section of the building is blocked off so students, staff and others are using other doors to come and go from the building. The architect is working to sure up the structure until the spring, when a permanent fix can take place.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 NESDEC Superintendent Search

Ms. Conley asked the Committee to review the advertisement and timeline NESDEC put together concerning the Superintendent search. She said Dr. Margaret Frieswyk will be attending the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 School Committee meeting to explain the search process and finalize the timeline.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Regan Yakubian

Move to approve the following policy for first reading:

BEDH – Public Comment at SC Meetings

Vote: 5-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

None

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

12.0 Executive Session

Move to enter into Executive session at 7:46 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Devine v. Town of Hull, et al, Case 1:21-cv-11230-PBS. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on September 25, 2023.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary
Hull School Committee