

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Twombly, Chair (arrived at 6:47 pm)
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
Maggie Ollerhead, Secretary to the Superintendent

1.0 Call to Order

The School Committee meeting was called to order by Kyle Conley, Vice Chair at 6:38 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.

- 2.0 **Motion:** Liliana Hedrick **Second:** Ernest Minelli
Move to approve the Tuesday, October 10, 2023 agenda.
Vote: 4-0-0

- 3.0 Input from Public on Agenda Items
None

4.0 Student Representative Report

Mauve Mulvihill gave an update, which included the following:

- Guidance department hosted a Senior College Planning Night on September 27. The video of the presentation can be viewed “on-demand”
- Guidance department hosted a Freshman Parent Planning Night on October 4
- PSAT will be administered Thursday and Friday morning October 10 & 11 and 18 & 19
- Pirate Football is ranked 18 out of 48 in MIAA Division 5 power rankings
- Boys Soccer is ranked 35 out of 83 in MIAA Division 5 power ranking
- Girls Soccer is ranked 4 out of 78 in MIAA Division 5 power rankings
- Term 1 progress reports have been posted in the Aspen Portal
- Spirit Wee is coming up at the end of October and the Home Coming Dance is scheduled for October 28
- The second annual Fran-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, October 15 starting at 9 am at the Emma Ryan Memorial Track

- 5.0 Hull Teachers Association Representative Report
None

6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: Regan Yakubian

Move to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Monday, September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting

Vote: 4-0-0

7.0 Superintendents Business Items

7.1 School Resource Officer

Ms. Kuehn stated the HPS received a school safety grant and worked with nationwide consultants to update our practices. She then introduced School Resource Officer, Jake Mahoney and Officer Mike Sampson, of the Hull Police Department, who are working on the updates. Officer Mahoney stated he has been a full-time officer since 2018 and he is now replacing Officer Joe DelVecchio as School Resource Officer. He stated that he is a Hull Kid, graduated from Hull High School and is making connections today. SRO Mahoney said he played football with the kindergartener today and is always showing himself in the lunch room at Memorial School. He said he does not park his cruiser in the same spot and he goes to different schools at different times each day. He also checks in with the principals every day. Both officers told the Committee that updating the emergency plan and student safety is our top priority. Officer Sampson stated they received a grant thru Mass. Dot for speed limit signs. Ms. Kuehn said they have both been great to work with. Committee members commented on the new signage and traffic patterns and thanked the officers for what they have accomplished so far.

7.2 Summer Marine Program

Heather Weber, Memorial School science teacher, and Sheila Blair, Hull High School science teacher introduced Jack Buckley, head of the program from Cohasset Center for Student Coastal Research (CCSCR). Mr. Buckley spoke about the program as a meaningful watershed experience and that this was the third year together with Hull. He said the program is an educational program made possible by a grant from NOAA. There was a slideshow playing, showing the students in action, testing water and taking notes. Grade 8 student, Scarlett Arevalo and grade 11 student Rebecca Timins discussed what they learned from the program and it was really beneficial to both of them. Ms. Weber and Ms. Blair were excited about the program and its continuation.

7.3 Overview of New ELA PreK-7 Reading Curriculum

Ms. Christine Cappadona, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, gave an update on the new CKLA curriculum, saying she was extremely excited about the program. Ms. Cappadona gave kudos to the staff, as they are progressing with great success and embracing the curriculum. She then showed a video of the staff and students using the curriculum. Committee members asked questions and thanked Ms. Cappadona.

7.4 Memorial School Front Entrance Update

Ms. Kuehn stated that the flashing and portico on the front the middle school is coming away from the building and the schools received a positive vote from special town meeting to pay to stabilize the portico so it will be held back. Ms. Diane Saniuk, School Business Administrator, said she submitted an emergency waiver for the work, to bypass some bidding requirements. She said Gale Associates has a list of construction companies they use and a contractor will come out and stabilize it and hopefully at that point we can use the front doors again. She will then request bids for the final work. Ms. Kuehn stated we will go back to town meeting and request funds for the final work to hopefully be done in June or July.

7.5 FY25 Budget Manual

Ms. Kuehn stated that the FY25 Budget Manual is in your packet. She said she and Ms. Saniuk will meet with the new town manager to go over the budget process. They had a meeting today with her to do a walk-through of the Memorial School. Ms. Saniuk stated she anticipates same process as we have in the past, from now until December principals will be speaking to their staff. On December 12 there will be a hearing for all administrators. And on January 22 she will come to School Committee with the FY25 budget. In February and March budget will always be a topic. March 25 is Advisory Board Meeting, April 8 is public hearing and May 6 town meeting.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 NESDEC Superintendent Search Overview and Process – Dr. Frieswyk

Ms. Conley introduced Dr. Frieswyk, from NESDEC, who will be our consultant for the Superintendent search. Dr. Frieswyk held a School Committee workshop explaining everything that needs to be done from tonight until mid-January to pick the next Superintendent. She discussed how the process works, with the end result of offering a contract then negotiating a contract. Dr. Frieswyk went step-by-step through the process, using the timeline that was set. She also asked if there were any changes to the timeline and to the “Invitation to apply” letter.

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to approve the NESDEC Timeline/tasks for selecting a Superintendent, as presented:

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Kyle Conley

Second: Ernest Minelli

Move to approve the NESDEC Invitation to apply letter, with the following additions and deletions.

- *Add* - To better meet the needs of students, the configuration starting in the 2024-2025 year and beyond would reflect the following:
 - Lillian M. Jacobs School (Grades PreK-7)
 - Hull High School (Grades 8-12)
 - The South Shore Collaborative will be housed at the Memorial Middle School
- *Add* - Integrated full day four-year old preschool program
- *Delete* – Integrated preschool available to students with special needs and to typically developing peers

Vote: 5-0-0

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Liliana Hedrick

Second: Kyle Conley

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

BEDH – Public Comment at SC Meetings

Motion: Regan Yakubian

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to approve the following policy for second reading:

DD – Grant Funding Proposals and Applications

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

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: Kyle Conley

Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on November 13, 2023.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary
Hull School Committee