

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Twombly, Chair (present)
Kyle Conley, Vice Chair (absent)
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 David Twombly, Chair at 6:35 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.
- 2.0 **Motion:** Ernest Minelli **Second:** Liliana Hedrick
Move to approve the Monday, November 13, 2023 agenda.
Vote: 4-0-0
- 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: Liliana Hedrick **Second:** Ernest Minelli
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
 - Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - Thursday, October 19, 2023 Regular Meeting**Vote:** 4-0-0
- 7.0 Superintendents Business Items
7.1 Theatre Arts Promotion of *“Urinetown” the Musical*
Ms. Kuehn introduced Ms. Emily O’Donnell, Theatre Arts Co-director, who then introduced students, Damien Lindsey, Finch Tanner, Estella Conley and Ace Jeffries-Ranger. The students were in their costumes and each told the Committee what their roles are in the show. Ms. O’Donnell then gave a quick synopsis of the show.

7.2 HHS PHI Field Trip to Italy

Mr. Daniel O'Donnell, high school guidance counselor and PHI Advisor, along with two students, Veronica Fleming and Luke McDonnell, discussed the PHI trip to Italy. Mr. O'Donnell said the students picked where they wanted to go but there was not a service component to the Italy trip, so the service part will be separate. They will do their service at the Italian Children's Home. There are currently 10 to 15 students interested in the trip, which would take place during April vacation, from April 12 to April 20, 2024. When asked, Mr. O'Donnell said he would come back to a future School Committee meeting with students, when they get back from the trip and Italian Children's Home.

Motion: Regan Yakubian

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to approve the PHI trip to Italy on April 12 to April 20, 2024.

Vote: 4-0-0

7.3 John & Abigail Adams Scholarships

Mr. Knybel announced the name of the fifteen (15) 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:

Matthew Angellis

Melanie Bodley

Finn Carragher

Kallen Creed

Victoria Dolan

Sarah Duran

Veronica Fleming

James Frady

Cali Gibbons

Connor Hipp

Katherine Orpen

Sean Reilly

Gabriella Thomas

London Von Tungeln

Sean Walsh

7.4 SMS Messaging with SchoolMessenger

Ms. Kuehn informed Committee members about the new texting feature using SchoolMessenger. She said that Maggie Ollerhead headed the campaign to have all staff and parents sign up for text messaging, so if there is an emergency or a school closing a text would be sent, which is usually a quicker way to get a message to people. Over 700 phone numbers have been entered into the SMS Messaging system.

8.0 School Committee Business Items

8.1 NESDEC Superintendent Search

Mr. Twombly stated that Ms. Conley could not be in attendance at this meeting for an update. He said that, since the Superintendent Search Screening Committee is meeting the week of December 11 – 15 and Ms. Conley is on that committee, we would need to move the School Committee meeting from December 11 to December 18, which is the approximate date of announcing finalists.

9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: Regan Yakubian

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

DD – Grant Funding Proposals and Applications

Vote: 4-0-0

10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 *The Economic Development Committee will meet in December

*There is a draft MOU with the Town. They will meet again on November 20 and will have feedback

10.2 Donation of \$500 from the Emma Ryan Memorial Fund to be used for the chess club tournaments

Motion: Liliana Hedrick

Second: Regan Yakubian

Move to accept the donation.

Vote: 4-0-0

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

Ms. Saniuk said the bids for the stabilization work at the middle school came a little higher than expected but all the work will take place within the timeline.

Ms. Kuehn said the MCAS presentation will take place at the November 27, 2023 School Committee meeting.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: Ernest Minelli

Second: Liliana Hedrick

Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Vote: 4-0-0

Attachments:

1. EF International Travel Program Proposal

These Minutes of a meeting of the
Hull School Committee were
approved and adopted by the
Committee on November 27, 2023.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary
Hull School Committee