

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
HULL, MA 02045

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

David Twombly, Chair (present)  
Kyle Conley, Vice Chair (present)  
Liliana Hedrick, Secretary (absent)  
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 6:30 p.m. in the Hull High School Exhibition Room.
- 2.0 **Motion:** Ernest Minelli **Second:** Regan Yakubian  
Move to approve the Monday, November 27, 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:** Regan Yakubian **Second:** Ernest Minelli  
Move to approve the following minutes as presented:
  - Monday, November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting**Vote:** 3-0-1 Kyle Conley abstained
- 7.0 Superintendents Business Items
- 7.1 MASS 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 Cali Gibbons. Committee members congratulated Cali.

#### 7.2 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 Connor Hipp and Sean Walsh. 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. Committee members congratulated Connor and Sean.

#### 7.3 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. Victoria Dolan and Veronica Fleming have been named Commended Students in the 20204 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 2022.

Gabi Thomas and Ana Zalduondo were recognize by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program for Outstanding Achievement.

Jacob Smith was invited to join Bunker Hill's National Honor & Leadership Society, where he is taking a dual enrollment course.

Committee members congratulated Victoria, Veronica, Gabi Ana and Jacob.

#### 7.4 Student With Perfect MCAS Score

The three principals recognized the following students who received a perfect MCAS score.

Weston Edwards – Third Grade Mathematics

Audrey Lancaster – Fifth Grade Science

Nelleh Huxtable – Seventh Grade English Language Arts

Victor Healey – Ninth Grade Into to Physics

Boden Ciulla-Sestito – Tenth Grade English Language Arts

Marie Marois - Tenth Grade English Language Arts

Weston Edwards – Third Grade Mathematics

Audrey Lancaster – Fifth Grade Science

Nelleh Huxtable – Seventh Grade English Language Arts

Victor Healey – Ninth Grade Into to Physics

Boden Ciulla-Sestito – Tenth Grade English Language Arts

Marie Marois - Tenth Grade English Language Arts

Committee members congratulated Veronica.

#### 7.5 Hull High School AP Scholars

Mr. Michael Knybel, Hull High School Principal, presented a certificate of achievement to ten (10) Hull High School students. The College Board has named the following students AP Scholars in recognition of the scores they earned on the 2022 Advanced Placement examinations:

##### **AP Scholars**

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

Connor Hipp

Katherine Orpen

Ruby Schultz

Maeve White

##### **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.*

Melanie Bodley

Kallen Creed

Victoria Dolan

Sarah Duran

Veronica Fleming

##### **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.*

Cali Gibbons

Committee members congratulated all.

#### 7.6 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 Scarlett Arevalo, who was chosen as this year's Ambassador. Committee members congratulated both students.

#### 7.7 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:

- 2023 State Assessment and Accountability Results
- 2023 Accountability
- MCAS 2023
  - Achievements
  - Student Enrollment and Attendance
  - Target Strategies for Improvement
- Appendix
- Point Assignments for Non-High School Grades

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 and the principals.

#### 7.8 School Reconfiguration Update

Ms. Kuehn updated the Committee on the school reconfiguration, stating that there have been meetings with teachers and students. There is a survey people will be filling out. We will be looking at maintenance, such as painting, that will need to be completed. We will be trying to do as much work ahead of time for a smooth and quick transition. There is a scheduling committee, they are reimagining Hull High School, expanding some of our courses. We have put significant planning time into this. We recently had Brewing Conversations for parent input at MMS.

#### 7.9 Middle School Front Entrance Update

Ms. Saniuk said there were 4 bids for the stabilization work. She worked with Gale and a contracting specialist will perform the stabilization. They are hoping to mobilize this week and start in the next week or two, with substantial completion right at December vacation.

### 8.0 School Committee Business Items

#### 8.1 NESDEC Superintendent Search

Ms. Conley said that in just a few hours the window for application will close. She said there was a huge response with a good number of applicants. She said the screening committee has just received the packet which includes the profile. They will use that as criteria to move forward. She said we are confident that we will get a competent superintendent. Ms. Conley said the timeline has not changed, and the kickoff meeting is on for Thursday in executive session.

### 9.0 School Committee Policy Issues

None

### 10.0 Old Business Items

10.1 MOU between the town and schools is going well. Jen Constable, Jim Lampke, Ms. Hedrick, Ms. Yakubian and Ms. Kuehn are all on the same page.

10.2 Ms. Ollerhead stated that the PTO sent her a list of items purchased by the PTO to enhance the education that is provided to the students of Hull Public Schools. This is informational and the School Committee does not vote on these items because the schools did not receive the money.

### 11.0 New Business

None

### 12.0 Correspondence to and Comments from School Committee Members

None

### 13.0 Executive Session

The Committee is expected to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (superintendent). An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session. The Committee may also go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – Michael Devine v. Town of Hull, et. al, 1:21-cv-11230-DPW. An open meeting may have a detrimental effect. The Committee is not expected to reconvene in Open Session.

**Roll Call Vote:** David Twombly, Ernest Minelli, Kyle Conley, Regan Yakubian

### 14.0 Adjournment – 8:21 pm

**Attachments:**

1. 2023 State Assessment and Accountability Results

These Minutes of a meeting of the  
Hull School Committee were  
approved and adopted by the  
Committee on January 8, 2024.

Liliana Hedrick, Secretary  
Hull School Committee